

**Institution:** Bronzeville Historical Society

**Collection Title:** Ruby Banks Diploma Collection

**Date Span:** 1916-1920

**Extent:** \_\_ linear feet

**Provenance:** Donated by Oyekunle Oyebemi

**Processors:** Processed by CLIR funded Black Metropolis Research Consortium "Color Curtain Processing Project." By Angelique Schuler, May 31, 2013.

**Restrictions:** The diplomas are in fragile condition and must be handled with care.

**Abstract:**

The Ruby Banks diploma collection was donated to the Bronzeville Historical Society by Oyekunle Oyebemi, who worked for the Chicago Public School System. The diploma collection was entrusted to Oyebemi and he later donated it to Sherry Williams.

Ruby Banks received the majority of her education was received in Jackson, Mississippi. All of the diplomas and certificates indicate Mississippi as the location that the diplomas were received. Among Ruby's diploma collection is a grammar school diploma for Giles Banks Jr.

The collection is organized in a container list. The diplomas and certificates are stored in a flat oversized archival box. The diplomas were rolled for a time and the paper is brittle due to age. Two of the document tore due to acidity but are intact in two pieces and must be handled with care. The collection is organized by date with the exception of the Sunday school letter which is undated and listed under the Sunday School Diploma.

**Access Headings:**

**Container List:**

Ruby Banks Diploma Collection		
Box	Title	Date
1	The Jackson Colored Public School Diploma (Ruby Banks)	June 2, 1916
1	The Jackson Colored Public School Diploma (Giles Banks Jr.)	June 2, 1916
1	Southern Baptist Convention Diploma : Sunday School Board	April 14, 1919
1	Letter to the Sunday School Board: Re Graduate	undated
1	Jackson College Oversized Diploma (still rolled)	May 19, 1920
1	Jackson College - Certification in Cooking	May 19, 1920
1	Jackson College - Certification in Sewing	May 19, 1920