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TOUGALOO COLLEGE ARCHIVES, JACKSON

Tougaloo College Archives, located in the L. Zenobia Coleman Library, was designated as the official college repository in 1991, to preserve and access records of the college, offices, departmental files, individual papers and collections that are significant to the evolution and growth of the college's development.

The mission of the Tougaloo College Archives is to support the goals of Tougaloo College by identifying, collecting, organizing preserving and making available valuable records of the institution. The archives also serves as a research and reference center for the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement.

Tougaloo College Archives consists of two major subjects: Tougaloo College History and the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi. Some of the official college documents that are deposited in the Tougaloo College History series include, but are not limited to the following:

- Official College Documents
- Bulletins, Newsletters, Class Schedules
- College Publications
- Newspaper Clippings related to College
- Publications of College Personnel and Students
- Audio-Visuals of Tougaloo College Contributors
- Student government and organization records
- College sponsored events
- External reports concerning Tougaloo College
- Writings and correspondence of College personnel
- Historic memorabilia

The College Archives does not hold personnel or student records. Records of students from Southern Christian Institute and the Tougaloo College Preparatory High School are available. Student records prior to 1889 are archived at the Amistad Research Center, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Mississippi Civil Rights Collection contains personal papers, oral histories, photographs, artifacts, memorabilia, the Medgar Evers House and other important tokens of civil rights activists in Mississippi. The collection includes:

- Gladys Noel Bates
- Aaron Edd Henry
- Robert L. T. Smith
- Ernst Borinski
- Fannie Lou Hamer
- Edwin King
- James F. McRee
- Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP)
- Annie Rankin
- Republic of New Africa (RNA)

The Medgar Evers House, donated to Tougaloo College by his widow, Myrlie Williams Evers, is available for group tours by appointment. Call 601-977-7710 to schedule a visit. For more information contact the archivist Alma Fisher at the above number or via e-mail at alma.fisher@smtp.tougaloo.edu