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# **Collection Inventory for the Pauli Murray Papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University
<b>Creator</b>	Murray, Pauli, 1910-1985
<b>Title</b>	Pauli Murray Papers
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1943-1944
<b>Extent</b>	0.5 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English

## Biographical Sketch

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<b>Pauli Murray</b>	
1910 Nov. 21	Born in Baltimore, Md.
1933	Received A.B., Hunter College, New York.
1933-1934	Field representative, National Urban League.
1935-1939	Teacher, Works Project Administration.
1938	Applied unsuccessfully for admission to the University of North Carolina Graduate School.
1943-1944	Student leader of student sit-ins at Howard University, Washington, D.C.
1944	Received L.L.B., cum laude, Howard University, Washington, D.C.
1945	Received L.L.M., University of California at Berkeley.
1946	Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, Sacramento, California.
1948	Admitted to New York Bar and admitted to practice in the Supreme Court.
1948-1960	Engaged in private law practice.
1951	Published State Laws on Race and Color.
1956	Published Proud Shoes.
1960-1961	Senior lecturer, Ghana Law School, Acra.
1961	Published Government of Ghana.
1962-1963	Member of the Civil and Political Rights Committee of the President's Committee on the Status of Women.
1962-1965	Member of faculty of Yale Law School.
1965	Received J.S.D. degree from Yale University Law School.
1966-1967	Consultant, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

1967-1968	Vice President for Educational Plans and Programs and Professor of Political Science, Benedict College, S. C.
1968-Present	Professor of Law and Politics, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts.
1970	Published Dark Testament and other Poems.

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## Scope Note

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The papers of Pauli Murray, consist of 50 items and are contained in one box measuring linear foot. They grew out of her role as tactician and advisor to undergraduate activists during a sit-in-demonstration of the Civil Rights Committee at Howard University, Washington D.C. during the years 1943 and 1944.

Included in the papers are biographical data, letters, reports, minutes, notes on tactics, addresses, lists, press releases, newspaper clippings, and notes relating to the activities of the Civil Rights Committee. The papers are primarily photocopies.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University June 1980

## Series A: Articles by Pauli Murray

## Collection Inventory

## Series A: Articles by Pauli Murray

## Series Description

Published works written by Pauli Murray.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
An American Credo, Common Ground v.5 no. 2. Winter 1945	1	1
An American Girl Works Out A Way of Life August 20, 1944	1	2
A Blueprint for First Class Citizenship, The Crisis Nov. 1944	1	3

## Series B: Correspondence

## Series Description

Letter relating to her involvement with Howard University and the NAACP

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Correspondence - General	1	4

## Series C: Civil Rights Committee - H.U. Chapter

## Series Description

## Series C: Civil Rights Committee - H.U. Chapter

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Includes announcements, bulletins, clippings, correspondence, minutes, proposals, reports, and press releases		
Announcements, bulletins, etc.	1	5
Clippings	1	6
Correspondence	1	7
Minutes	1	8
Pledge	1	9
Proposals, plans, etc.	1	10
Some suggestions on the Civil Rights Campaign	1	11
Statements...	1	12
Statement of facts - Virginia bus incident Friday, May 14, 1944	1	13
Things Students Should Know About Their University (HU) 5/8/44	1	14
Confidential Report on Howard chapter NAACP and civil Rights Committee May 5, 1944	1	15
NAACP Negro Youth Week April 23-29, 1944	1	16



**Series D: Howard University Administration**

Press Release re: Controversy over activities of Civil Rights Committee ... May 10, 1944	1	17
Printed Material - Drawing	1	18
Printed Material - Publication - "Erasing the Color Line" by George M. Houser	1	19
Printed Material Questionnaire	1	20
Printed Material Stationary	1	21
<b>Series D: Howard University Administration</b>		
<b>Series Description</b>		
An analysis of income of H.U. for the year 1943 and summary of policy making organizations within the division of H.U.		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Analysis of Current Income of H.U. Year Ended, June 30, 1943	1	22
Summary of Types of Policy Making Organization in Effect in the Various Divisions of H.U.	1	23