The Mabel Keaton Staupers Papers, spanning 1937-1970, consist primarily of information documenting her efforts to integrate Negro nurses into the national nursing profession. Correspondence and reports document Mabel Staupers' activities that led to the dissolution of the National Association of
Colored Graduate Nurses and absorption of this organization into the American Nursing Association. Another outstanding contribution of Mabel Staupers to the nursing profession was her efforts to have Negro nurses integrated into the military.

The original gift of the Mabel Staupers Papers, received in 1963, was accompanied by books which were transferred to the Library Division of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center. The Mabel Stauper Papers measure 1 linear foot in size.

Biographical Data

1890  Mabel Eloise Doyle born, Barbados B.W.I.

1903  Came to New York.

1917  Graduated with honors, from the Training School for Nurses, Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D.C.

          Married Dr. James Max Keaton (marriage ended in divorce).

1920  Established the Booker T. Washington Sanitorium, New York City.

          Director of Nurses at Mudget Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

          Resident nurse at Home of St. Michael and All Angels, Philadelphia, Pa.

          Appointed as Medical Social Worker in the Chest Clinic of Jefferson Medical College Hospital - Philadelphia, Pa.

1922  Organized and was the first Executive Secretary of the Harlem Committee for the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association.

1931  Married Mr. Fritz C. Staupers.

1934-1946  First Executive Secretary of The National
Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, Inc.

1949-1951  President of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, Inc.

1951  Received the Spingarn Award for integrating American Negro Nurses into American Nursing Association.


1967  Received certificate of appreciation from New York City - Hotel Plaza.

1970  Received Howard University Alumni Award at Charter Day Anniversary-Dinner - March 2, 1970.

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