

PAINE COLLEGE.
African Artifacts Collection, 1933

Paine College
Collins-Callaway Library Archives and Special Collections

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Paine College

Title: African Artifacts Collection, 1933

Dates: 1933

Number: Box 91

Size: .5 linear ft. (1 box).

Abstract: The African Artifacts Collection consists of newspaper clippings, inventory list, and photo album.

Usage Information

Access

Unrestricted access.

Citation

African Artifacts. Collection, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections, Collins-Callaway Library, Paine College.

Collection Description

Biographical and Historical Note

William Elmo Tabb was born on November 17, 1903 in Colquitt, Georgia to John L. Tabb and Mintoria (Tarpley) Tabb. He died on October 29, 1937 at the age of 33. As a student at Emory University, he was active in several organizations serving as president of the *Georgia Student Volunteer Union*, representative to the *Theological Conference at Detroit*, and a member of the

Sledd Literary Society. After college, Tabb served in Liberia and Belgian Congo as a Methodist missionary.

The African Artifacts Collection was donated by Mrs. Tabb, the wife of William Elmo Tabb, a Methodist missionary to Africa. The collection was housed in Haygood Hall on the second and fourth floors before the building was destroyed by fire in 1968. The original collection consisted of approximately 1,500 pieces. Metal pieces survived the fire and were salvaged.

According to a statement made by Dr. Colin M. Turnbull, assistant curator of African Ethnology at New York's Museum of Natural History, "The academic value is inestimable." *Augusta Herald*, Thursday, December 21, 1961.

Scope and Content Note

The African Artifacts Collection consists of newspaper clippings, inventory list, appraisal letter, photo album, and artifacts. Materials span: 1961-2009, n.d.

General Note

Additional Materials

Inventoried/not cataloged: Fire damaged metal artifacts.

Subjects

Paine College—History
Artifacts

Container List

Box 91

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| Folder 1 | Appraisal Letter and Inventory – African Artifacts – Paine College, 1968 |
| Folder 2 | Memo and Photographs – African Artifacts – Paine College, [n.d.] |
| Folder 3 | Newspaper Clippings – "African Artifacts" – Paine College, 1961-1962 |
| Folder 4 | Photographs – African Artifacts – Paine College, [n.d.] |
| Folder 5 | Program – <i>The Congo Treasure Ritual of Disclosure</i> , September 17, 2009 |
| Album 1 | Photo Album of the Congo Treasure Artifacts, [n.d.] |