

LUCIUS HOLSEY PITTS.
Lucius Holsey Pitts, File, 1958-1974

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Pitts, Lucius Holsey
Title: Lucius Holsey Pitts File, 1958-1974
Dates: 1958-1974
Number: Box 81
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Abstract: The Lucius Holsey Pitts File includes newspaper clippings, news releases, programs, memos, letters, papers, bibliography, and magazines.

Usage Information

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Biographical and Historical Note

Dr. Lucius H. Pitts, Sr., the first black president of Paine College was born February 28, 1915, in James, Georgia, the son of Eugene Pitts, tenant farmer, and Katherine Daniels. He died on February 25, 1974, in Augusta, Georgia. Named and christened Bishop Lucius Holsey Pitts by his father who had a great love for Bishop L. H. Holsey, the presiding Prelate of Georgia at the time of his birth, was licensed and ordained at the age of 16. He received his undergraduate degree

from Paine College in 1941, graduate degree from Fisk University in 1945, and further graduate studies at Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, Peabody College, Nashville , Tennessee, and Western Reserve, Cleveland, Ohio. Pitts served as president of Miles College, Birmingham, Alabama from 1961 until 1970; as vice president for the Board of Directors, Southern Regional Council, Atlanta, Ga., and as vice president for Commission on Cooperation and Council between The United Methodist and The Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches. Dr. Pitts was buried on the Paine College campus. His grave site is located next to the Gilbert-Lambuth Memorial Chapel.

(Excerpt from Pitts Obituary, 1974)

Scope and Content

The Lucius Holsey Pitts File includes newspaper clippings, news releases, programs, memos, letters, papers, bibliography, and magazines which highlight his contributions and accomplishments. Material spans 1958-1974.

General Note

Subjects

Paine College--Presidents
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Newspaper clippings
News Releases
Programs

Container List

Box 81

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| Folder 1 | The Augusta News Review – “Dr. Pitts Late Day” February 28, 1974 |
| Folder 2 | “A Black College President Asks For Advice” by L.H. Pitts, 1971 |
| Folder 3 | Biographical Data [n. d.] |
| Folder 4 | <i>Bulletin of Black Literature and History</i> , 1978 |
| Folder 5 | “I Came to Paine College With A Great Deal of Pride...Faith and Hope,” <u>Paineite</u> 1987 |
| Folder 6 | Consults, Workshops and Institutes Statement, 1971 |
| Folder 7 | Invitation – Winter Convocation, 1972 |
| Folder 8 | Inauguration Pictures, n.d. |
| Folder 9 | Inauguration of Lucius Holsey Pitts, April 14, 1973 |
| Folder 10 | Newsletter – Paine College Reports, January 1973 |

- Folder 11 News Release – Death of Paine College President, February 27, 1974
- Folder 12 Newspaper Clippings, 1971-1974
- Folder 13 Obituary – L. H. Pitts, Sr., March 1, 1974
- Folder 14 Paine College Our 90th Year, 1972
- Folder 15 Memorandum, 1972
- Folder 16 Paine College 1970-1973, November 30, 1973 - (Includes highlight of riot, May 11, 1973)
- Folder 17 The Paineite 1974
- Folder 18 Program – The Diamond Jubilee, The Responsibilities of the Christian College In An Age of Transition, January 22-24, 1958
- Folder 19 Photograph of President Lucius H. Pitts
- Folder 20 The Paine Alumnus 1973
- Folder 21 Suggested Rationale for Role, Goal and Scope Study [n.d]
- Folder 22 A Tentative State of the College, 1973
- Folder 23 Photograph of Lucius Pitts and President Jimmy Carter, [n.d]
- Folder 24 Inauguration, Special Events Committee, 1973