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**Language**

English Spanish; Castilian

**Summary**

This scrapbook contains correspondence between Lenora Little, an African American typist, and her boyfriend and later husband Bill, an African American man serving in the Army in the D.C.-Metro area.

**Creator**

Little, Lenora

**Extent**

0.25 Linear Feet 1 scrapbook

**Physical Location**

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## Historical Note

Lenora Little Jackson was born in 1918, likely in Baja, California Mexico, and passed away in Los Angeles in 1966. She was married to William "Bill" Jackson until her death.

During the Second World War, women were thrust into the workforce worldwide with varying degrees of involvement, whether it was commercial sewing or making war materials in factories and homes. In the United States, jobs for women trended towards the former. Lenora Little, an African American woman, worked as a typist in Washington, D.C. while her boyfriend, and later husband, Bill was drafted into the Army in 1943. African Americans in the military were largely assigned to noncombat roles in segregated units prior to D-Day, performing duties then deemed "menial," such as logistics. African American military members would enter into combat in places like the Battle of the Bulge, and the Army would be desegregated in 1948.

## Scope and Content

This scrapbook contains correspondence from Lenora Little to her boyfriend, and later husband, William "Bill" Jackson, an African American couple, dated September 1943-December 1944. During this time Bill was a soldier serving in the army during World War II. The scrapbook also includes letters written to friends and family and ephemera like newsclippings and event programs. It also includes one photograph of Lenora. Some parts of Lenora's letters are written in Spanish.

All letters within the scrapbook were authored by Lenora, who wrote to Bill consistently while he was stationed at Fort Lee in Prince George County, Virginia and she resided in Washinton, D.C. Due to censorship requiring all information about Army activity to be kept out of correspondence from servicemen, information about Bill, his rank, and his life in the Army are left undiscussed. Lenora mostly discusses their relationship and her life during the war. The scrapbook flows chronologically in two parts: the first part contains letters from January-December 1944, and the second contains letters from September-December 1943.

## Keywords

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## **Bibliography**

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## **Arrangement**

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