

Geneva Southall Collection (SMC 66)

Biographical Note

Geneva Southall was born in New Orleans, the daughter of a United Methodist minister. She graduated from Dillard University in 1945 as a music major. At the age of 27, a young widow with a six year old daughter, she began work on a master's degree at the American Conservatory of Music. In 1966 she became the first woman to receive a PhD in music literature and piano performance from the University of Iowa. She began her researches into the life and work of Thomas Greene Wiggins Bethune, known as Blind Tom (1849-1906). She became a professor at the University of Minnesota in 1970

Scope and Content

The collection consists of several articles about Dr. Southall, and an article she wrote on Blind Tom in 1975. There is reference to a cassette of Dr. Southall performing some of Blind Tom's compositions, but that has not been found.

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Folder List

Folder 1 - Blind Tom article and biographical information on Dr. Geneva Southall, 1970s