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## **Mattox family collection**

**Title:** Mattox family collection  
**Collection No:** MSS.464  
**Extent:** 0.25 cubic feet  
**Inclusive Dates:** 1907-1963 and undated.

**Abstract:** The collection consists primarily of photographs of African Americans from the late nineteenth century to the twentieth century. Subjects include members of the Mattox and Ried families.

**Provenance:** Purchased from Dan Handwerker, Memphis, Tennessee, 1977.  
**Processed by:** Gerald Chaudron, January 2015.  
**Access:** Open to all researchers.  
**Language:** English  
**Preferred Citation:** Mattox family collection, Preservation and Special Collections Department, University Libraries, University of Memphis.

**Publication date:** January 2015

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## **Biographical information**

The following individuals are identified in the collection. Some information requires confirmation.

William Mattox was born circa 1899, possibly near Newnan, Coweta County, Georgia. He served in the military during World War I. By 1920 he was married to Anna. Between 1927 and 1929 he worked as a street vendor selling coal and ice in Detroit, Michigan. In 1932 he is registered to vote in Nankin Township, Wayne County, Michigan. William died circa 1963 when Anna was living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Carrie Ried was born circa 1888 and married Scott Ried, born circa 1869. In 1920, they were living in Hurricane District, Coweta County, Georgia, and in 1935 they were living in Newnan, Coweta County.

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## **Scope and contents**

The collection consists primarily of photographs of African Americans from the late nineteenth century to the twentieth century, some of which are in poor condition. A few documents, including a voter registration card from Nankin Township, Michigan, and a street vendor's license from Detroit, Michigan, identify William Mattox. A Veterans Administration memorial certificate from 1963 is in William's name and it is addressed to Annie Mattox, presumably his wife. There are also photographs of Annie Mattox. A younger man also named William Mattox is represented in some photographs.

There are also photographs of Carrie Ried and possibly her children taken in the first decades of the twentieth century. Some were photographed in Newnan, Coweta County, Georgia, and in Griffin, Georgia. The only linkage between the Mattox and Ried families discovered is the possibility that they lived in Coweta County.

Other names include Ivory Flagg, who may have lived in Memphis, Tennessee; Willis Smith, photographed circa 1907; and Mrs. H.E. Lynch, photographed in the 1940s.

Also included in the collection is a dues book of the masonic Royal Arch Chapter, Peoples chapter No. 7, in the name of Robert Greham, dated 1924.

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## **Subject terms**

African Americans—Photographs.  
Flagg, Ivory—Photographs.

Mattox, Annie.  
Mattox, William.  
Ried, Carrie—Photographs.

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## Inventory

### Box 1

#### Folder

- 1 Mattox family: documents, 1927-1963. Includes: Veterans Administration memorial certificate issued for deceased veteran, William Mattox; voter registration card, Nankin Township, Wayne County, Michigan, for William Mattox, 1932 July 30; street vendor's License, Detroit, Michigan, for William Mattox, 1927-1929, with tintype photograph; Peach Sweet Snuff address book, belonged to Annie Mattox.
- 2 Mattox family photographs. Images of Annie Mattox, William Mattox, Jr.(?).
- 3 Photographs: Carrie Ried and family. Images from first three decades of the twentieth century of Carrie Ried and possibly family members, including a group dated 1936. Photographers include S.L. Fowler, Newnan, Ga., and J.B. Gray, Griffin, Ga.
- 4 Photographs: Unidentified, 1. Late nineteenth century images of women, men, a group and a child. Carte de visite of woman photographed by Bingham J. Carver, 241-245 Main Street, Memphis, Tenn.
- 5 Photographs: Unidentified, 2. Early twentieth century images of women, men, children.
- 6 Photographs: Unidentified, 3. Twentieth century images of woman and children.
- 7 Photographs: Identified/partially identified. Willis Smith, circa 1907; baby, Birmingham, Ala.; Mary May, 242 William Street; Ivory Flagg; 2 others which may or may not be related to Flagg.
- 8 Other materials, 1924, 1953 and undated. Includes: "Prayers in War Time", Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life, New York, undated; *Jet*, 1953 April 23, pp.5-64; Royal Arch Chapter, Peoples chapter No. 7, dues book: Robert Greham, 1924.