

Record Series #: 1121-121

Name: Stoney Family papers
Dates: 1879, 1904-1915, 1926, 1952, no date
Extent/Size: 0.5 oversized box and 1.0 folder (0.5 cubic feet)
Language: English

Name of Creator(s):

Elizabeth King Stoney
Ellen Gertrude Stoney
Francis Bryan Stoney, Jr.
Marie Allen Stoney
Pauline E. Allen Stoney (1863-1950)
Pauline Allen Stoney (1889-1995)
Robert Lorraine Stoney

Biographical History:

The Stoney family was a large Black family enmeshed into the Savannah, Georgia community as laborers and teachers.

Francis “Frank” Bryan Stoney, Sr. (1862-1913) was born in South Carolina and worked as a laborer for W. W. Gordon and Company. He married Pauline E. Allen Stoney (1863-1950) in 1884 in Savannah, Georgia. Pauline was born to Elizabeth Simpson and William James Allen in Savannah, Georgia. She attended West Broad Street school for her education and graduated in 1879. Pauline and Frank Stoney had ten children together.

Marie Stoney (1885-1951) was the first born to the couple. Marie graduated from the Beach Institute in 1904 and worked as a teacher at West Broad Street school. The second born into the family was Anna Stoney (1886-unknown) who worked as a teacher and seamstress. Delphine Stoney Willis (1888-1956) was a teacher at Maple Street School and the third bon in the family. The fourth child born into the Stoney family was Pauline Stoney (1889-1995). Pauline attended West Broad Street School and the Harlem School of Nursing, then worked as a registered nurse.

The first boy born to Frank and Pauline Stoney was Francis “Frank” Bryan Stoney, Jr. (1890-1973). Frank, Jr. graduated from Georgia State Industrial School (presently known as Savannah State University) in 1910. He graduated from Atlanta University in 1915, served in both World Wars and worked as a bricklayer. Elizabeth “Lizzie” King Stoney (1894-1918) was the next child born in the family. Elizabeth graduated from the Beach Institute in 1912 and worked as a bookkeeper. The second and youngest boy, Robert Stoney (1896-1965), graduated from the Beach Institute in 1912 and was the Class Prophet. Robert worked as a porter and married Lillian Stoney. They had one child together, Robert Stoney, Jr. Ellen Gertrude Stoney (1897-unknown) was the third to last child in the family. Ellen graduated from West Broad Street School in 1911. The last two children born into the family were Jennette Stoney (1901-unknown) and Rita Stoney Spencer (1904-2003).

The Stoney family is buried in Laurel Grove South Cemetery, Savannah, Georgia.

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Scope & Content:

The Stoney Family papers document the education and professional accomplishments of various members of the Stoney family. The papers included in this collection are diplomas from elementary schools and college, and a proficiency certificate. Other significant documents are the Class Prophecy written by Robert Stoney and an attendance report filled out by Pauline Stoney, a teacher at that time. These family papers demonstrate the importance of early education for the Stoney family. A significant document in this collection is Frank B. Stoney, Jr.'s Georgia State Industrial College diploma with an attached news article that details that Stoney presented the current and first President of Georgia State Industrial College, Richard R. Wright, Sr., with a special gift.

System of Arrangement & Ordering:

The Stoney Family papers are arranged alphabetically by subject.

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Harlem Hospital (New York, N.Y.) School of Nursing
Savannah State University (Ga.)
West Broad Street School (Savannah, Ga.)
World War, 1939-1945
World War, 1939-1945--Participation, African American

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Inventory:

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Folder Number **Folder Title, Date (s) [quantity]**

Oversized Box 1121-000-0004

Folder 1121-121-0001	Elizabeth Stoney diplomas, 1908-1912 [2 items]
Folder 1121-121-0002	Ellen Gertrude Stoney diploma, 1911 [1 item]
Folder 1121-121-0003	Francis “Frank” B. Stoney, Jr. diplomas, 1905-1915 [5 items]
Folder 1121-121-0004	Marie Allen Stoney diploma, 1904 [1 item]
Folder 1121-121-0005	Pauline Allen Stoney diploma, 1879 [1 item]
Folder 1121-121-0006	Pauline Allen Stoney diplomas, 1905, 1926 [2 items]
Folder 1121-121-0007	Robert Stoney diplomas, 1909, 1912 [2 items]

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Folder 1121-121-0008	Robert Stoney’s class prophecy for Beach Institute’s Class of 1912 and Pauline Stoney teacher’s attendance report, 1952, no date [2 items]
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