

# **Williams Family Collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History
<b>Title</b>	Williams Family Collection
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	Bulk, 1910-1940
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1890-2000
<b>Extent</b>	2.2 Cubic feet 1 Oversize Box, 1 Halfsize Archives Box
<b>Language</b>	English

## Scope and Contents note

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The Williams Family Collection is a collection of family photographs, articles surrounding the death of family member Curtis Williams at the Ford Hunger Strick in 1932, and various other articles and clippings about Black Bottom, Paradise Valley and the African American Community in Detroit. Family members of note include, Curtis Williams, Dorothy Ashby (Thompson) American Jazz harpist and composer, and her brother Wiley Thompson the first African American in Michigan to be certified as a Charter Property and Casulty Underwriter.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Geographic Name(s)

- Black Bottom

### Personal Name(s)

- Ashby, Dorothy
- Hunt, Pearl
- Hunt, Thelma
- Jackson, Harvey C. -- History
- Roxborough, John Walter, 1892-1975

**Subject(s)**

- Hunger Strikes.
- Photography
- The Black Labor Movement -- Detroit, MI

## Family Photographs

## Collection Inventory

Family Photographs		
Leek Family		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	1

## Williams Family Photograph

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	2

## Williams, Alice &amp; Frank

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	3

## Williams, Ellen &amp; Lon

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
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## Family Photographs

Graphic materials	1	4
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Williams, Raymond

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	5

Williams, Stanford &amp; Marie

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	6

Williams, Verda

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	7

Williams, Walter

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	8

Thompson, Julia Ann (Williams)

**Wiley Vernon Thompson Jr.**

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	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	9

Ashby, Dorothy (Thompson)

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	10

Unidentified Photographs

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	11

**Wiley Vernon Thompson Jr.**

Kappa Alpha Psi Certificate

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	12

Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter, C.P.C.U. Certificate

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Object</b>
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## Curtis Williams and the Ford Hunger March

Graphic materials	2	1
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Wiley Thompson Obituary

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	13

## Curtis Williams and the Ford Hunger March

Williams, Curtis Death Certificate

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	14

Williams, Curtis Obituary & Funeral Notice

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	15

60th Anniversary Booklet of the Ford Hunger March

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	16

## Articles and Clippings

## 60th Anniversary Poster

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Object</b>
Graphic materials	2	2

## Ford Hunger March Article

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	17

## Account &amp; Memorandum Books belonging to E. M. Williams

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	18

## Articles and Clippings

## 606 Horse Shoe Lounge Article

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	19

## Articles and Clippings

## Black Bottom Exhibition &amp; Retrospective

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	20

## Black Bottom Film Review

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	21

## Brewster Old Times- 14th Annual Re-union Dinner Program

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	22

## Berta Hansbury School

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	23

## Friends of Hasting Street Museum

Articles and Clippings

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	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	24

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## 'Juke Joint' Exhibition

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	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	25

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## Ella Fitzgerald

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	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	26

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## John Walter Roxborough Obituary &amp; Clippings

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	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Graphic materials	1	27

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