

The Pratt Family Collection

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Biographical note:

The Pratt family's impact on Bloomington-Normal includes the Pratt Music Foundation (<http://prattmusicfoundation.com/>), established in the memory of T.A.E.C. Pratt in 1996, that provides scholarships for lessons at Illinois Wesleyan University's Music Preparatory Program. In addition, Dr. Mildred Pratt established the Mildred Pratt Student Assistance Fund at Illinois State University.

Scope and Content:

The Pratt Family Collection consists of clippings and news articles, concert programs, personal and professional correspondence, and other materials related to award-winning pianist Awadagin Pratt. A number of files relating to Awadagin's father, Dr. Theodore A.E.C. Pratt, contain items from his early education and life in Sierra Leone, personal research and published papers, and materials spanning his extensive career as a Physics professor and consultant. There are a few files related to Theodore's wife, Dr. Mildred Pratt, also a professor at Illinois State University, containing biographical information, clippings and news articles, her involvement with the Bloomington-Normal Black History project, and personal correspondence with the White House. A small amount of material is related to Theodore and Mildred's daughter, Dr. Menah Pratt-Clarke. The collection is arranged in the following series:

- I. Awadagin Pratt
- II. T.A.E.C. Pratt
- III. Mildred Pratt
- IV. Menah Pratt
- V. Oversized material, memorabilia & media

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I : Awadagin Pratt

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- 1 – 1/1 : Clippings & News Articles, Undated
 - 1 – 1/2 : Clippings & News Articles, 1979 - 1990
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- 1 – 2 : Concert Programs 1983-2011**
- 1 – 2/1: Concert Programs: Undated; 1983-1990
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- 1 – 2/9: Concert Programs: 2001-2002
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 - 1 – 2/11: Performance Schedules

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1 – 3 : Agents

5 1 – 4 : Biographical Information

1 – 5 : Correspondence

II : Theodore A.E. Cyril Pratt

2 – 1 : Biographical

2 – 1/1 : Theodore Pratt: CV, personal and historical information

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2 – 4/1 : Prince of Wales School - Freetown, Sierra Leone, 1949 - 54

2 – 4/2 : B.S. in Physics – Durham University, 1956 - 62

2 – 4/3 : M.S. in Physics – Carnegie Institute of Technology, 1963 - 65 (3 folders)

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2 – 5 : Awards & Honors

2 – 6 : Publications, 1962 – 73

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2 – 6/2 : Publication Requests / Correspondence, 1969 - 87

2 – 7 : Professional work

2 – 7/1 : Teacher – Prince of Wales School, Freetown, Sierra Leone, 1961

- 7 2 – 7/2 : Teaching Assistant – Hampton Institute, 1962 – 63 – Coursework & Correspondence (2 folders)
- 2 – 7/3 : Teaching Assistant & Project Physicist – Carnegie Institute, 1963 – 65 – Correspondence & Cornell International Conference of Students
- 2 – 7/4 : Assistant Professor – Hampton Institute, 1968 – 69 – Solid State Physics Coursework
- 2 – 7/5 : Assistant Professor – Illinois State University, 1969 – 74 – Coursework & Correspondence (5 folders)
- 8 2 – 7/6 : Professor – Universidad Federal Do Rio De Janeiro, 1971 – 73 – Coursework & Correspondence (3 folders)

2 – 8 : Correspondence

- 2 – 8/1 : Personal Correspondence – Undated & 1958 – 99
- 2 – 8/2 : Correspondence with the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone, 1960 – 93
- 2 – 8/3 : Correspondence with the Department of State, Agency for International Development, 1962

III : Mildred Pratt

3 – 1 : Biographical Information

3 – 2 : Clippings & News Articles

3 – 3 : Honors & Awards

3 – 4 : Bloomington-Normal Black History Project (see also Black History project collection at McLean County Museum of History)

3 – 5 : Correspondence

- 3 – 5/1 : Correspondence, Unknown dates & 1992 – 98 (2 folders)
- 3 – 5/2 : Correspondence w/ White House, 1994 & 2002

IV : Menah Pratt

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V : Oversized Materials, Memorabilia & Mixed Media

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5 – 2 / 1 : Mildred Pratt plaques and awards

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5 – 3/1: Audio Tapes (5) 1993-2000

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