Selected Archival Collections:

**MS 179 African American Museum & Library at Oakland Vertical File Collection**

The African American Museum & Library at Oakland Vertical File Collection consists of programs, flyers, correspondence, posters, pamphlets, and ephemera collected by the African American Museum & Library at Oakland.

- Box 41:1
  - Oakland history / "Oakland? A very short memoir," by Stephen Vincent
  - 2005-04-23

- Box 42:31
  - Pioneers / Memoirs of William R. Calvert circa 1908

**MS 152 Black Women Stirring the Waters Collection**

The Black Women Stirring the Waters Collection includes contributing authors’ manuscripts and correspondence, history and records of the group, and audio recordings. The collection documents the creation of the organization’s 1997 publication, *Black Women Stirring the Waters*.

**MS 131 Thomas C. Fleming Papers**

The Thomas C. Fleming papers include photographs, certificates, programs, manuscripts, and newspaper clippings documenting his life and career as a journalist.

- **Writings**
  - Physical Description: 4 folders

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

Includes an untitled autobiography, three copies of Fleming’s *Reflections on Black History*, a draft of his newspaper column, "Weekly report," and assorted newspaper clippings by and about Thomas C. Fleming.

**MS 186 Proverb Jacobs Papers**

Proverb Jacobs (1935-2016), professional football player from 1958-1964 and Laney College Athletics Director, was born Proverb Jacobs Jr. in Marksville, Louisiana, on May 25, 1935. The Proverb Jacobs Papers include newspaper clippings, souvenir programs, correspondence, curriculum vitae, handwritten notes, pamphlets, photographs, ephemera, and assorted material documenting Jacob's football and teaching career.

- **Autobiography of an Unknown Football Player**
  - Physical Description: 1 folder

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

Includes a 94 pp. handwritten manuscript describing her life in Rosston, Arkansas between 1929-1937. She describes her family’s move from Idabel, Oklahoma to Rosston, Arkansas following her father’s stroke and subsequent death, their financial struggles in Arkansas, her intermittent schooling and work picking cotton and as a domestic in a boardinghouse, and her later academic success in high school.

**MS 55 Bernice Middleton Papers**

The Bernice Middleton papers include certificates, correspondence, photographs, meeting minutes, funeral programs, newspaper clippings, and a handwritten autobiography documenting the life and career of Bernice Middleton.

- Box 1:14
  - Autobiography, handwritten manuscript, 94 pp. undated

- **Physical Description**: 1 folder

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

Includes handwritten notes, chronologies and assorted research material collected and produced during the writing of Jacobs’ 2014 self-published autobiography, *Autobiography of an Unknown Football Player*. 
Selected Books from the African American Museum & Library at Oakland:

One breast to love and living life victoriously / Tina Maria Scott
362.19699 SCOTT

The earth, the city, and the hidden narrative of race / Carl C. Anthony
720.92 ANTHONY

Dancing in blackness : a memoir / Halifu Osumare
792.8092 OSUMARE

Savannah ... unexpected turns / Savannah A. Van Dyke Bello
BIO BELLO

A taste of power : a Black woman's story / Elaine Brown
BIO BROWN

This side of glory : the autobiography of David Hilliard and the story of the Black Panther Party / by David Hilliard and Lewis Cole
BIO HILLIARD

Sign my name to freedom : a memoir of a pioneering life / Betty Reid Soskin ; edited by J. Douglas Allen-Taylor
BIO SOSKIN

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