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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Claude Williams Papers
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0909
Date:	1920-2005
Extent:	1 electronic_discs_cd 13 Cassette tapes 4.66 Cubic feet (14 boxes, 3 map- folders)
Creator:	Williams, Claude, 1908-2004 Fouse-Williams, Blanche Y.
Language:	Collection is in English. Some materials are in French.
Summary:	Business and personal papers, photographs, and audio recordings of Claude "Fiddler" Williams, an award-winning jazz fiddler. Although Williams played music for almost a century the materials in this collection date largely from 1970 to 2005.
Container:	Map-folder 1
Container:	Map-folder 3

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This collection was donated by Claude Williams's widow, Blanche Y. Fouse-Williams, in 2005.

Separated Materials

Artifacts donated to the Museum's Division of Culture and the Arts include a suit and violin. See accession numbers: 2005.3105 and 2007.3020.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Claude "Fiddler" Williams, 1908-2004, was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma, the son of a blacksmith. His musical gifts developed at a very early age, and he quickly became adept at the guitar, banjo, mandolin and cello, learning mostly by ear, without formal training. After hearing the jazz violinist Joe Venuti, the violin became his instrument of choice, and it remained so for the rest of his life. He migrated to Kansas City in 1927 and toured with several territory bands. Additionally Williams toured with the Twelve Clouds of Joy and the Cole Brothers, and in 1936, joined Count Basie's band as the first guitarist. After he was fired from Count Basie's band because John Hammond thought Williams's guitar solos were taking too much attention away from Basie, he went back to the violin (or "fiddle" as he preferred to call it) and focused exclusively on it for the rest of his life. Later he started his own band and toured with several jazz groups working for a short time with the Works Progress Administration (WPA). His band appeared at the Monterey Jazz Festival, the Nice Jazz Festival, and the Smithsonian Institution's Festival of American Folk Life. Williams received numerous honors and awards, including induction into the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame, a proclamation from the city of Kansas City, and a 1998 National Heritage Fellowship which included a \$10,000 award. President Bill Clinton invited him to perform at one of the parties celebrating his first inauguration. Williams continued to tour and perform until well into his nineties. He also gave instruction at Mark O'Connor's annual fiddle camp to young violinists. Mr. Williams died in April 2004.

Scope and Contents

This collection documents the later life and career of jazz violinist Claude "Fiddler" Williams. Materials include correspondence, photographs, unpublished writings, awards, business records, financial records, programs and a few music manuscripts. There is one scrapbook and several audio recordings. There are also an autographed poster from 1997 honoring five inductees to the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame, including Claude Williams, Merle Haggard, Patti Page, Woody Guthrie and Eddie Burris. While there are some materials from Williams's youth, the vast majority of the collection dates from 1970. Williams's second wife, Blanche Y. Fouse-Williams, was vigilant about saving his papers. She also managed his career for the last few years of his life. This accounts for the increased volume of materials documenting his later years. Materials generally are arranged in chronological order within series and subseries.

Series 1, Business Records, 1973-2005, undated, is divided into seven subseries and includes business records, information relating to tours and performances, awards and certificates, business and personal correspondence, financial papers, articles and newspaper clippings, and biographical information.

Subseries 1, Events, 1977-2004, undated, includes contracts, copies of newspaper clippings, performance programs, brochures, ticket stubs, travel itineraries, travel receipts, correspondence, materials regarding his work as a fiddle teacher, advertisements for performances, a certificate of recognition, and napkins saved from a Washington Education Television Association (WETA) performance at the White House in 1998. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

Subseries 2, Itineraries, 1990-2001, includes lists and correspondence detailing locations, musicians, travel and lodging plans, and financial compensation for William's performances. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

Subseries 3, Awards and Certificates, 1978-2002, contains awards and certificates of appreciation from the Steamboat Delta Queen, Annual Black Musicians Conference, Kansas City Chapter of the International Association of Jazz Record Collectors, and the Manhattan School of Music, as well as an invitation to a reception honoring Kansas City Jazz musicians from the Consul General of Japan. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

Subseries 4, Correspondence, 1975-2004, consists of information relating to travel arrangements, tours, remuneration, music recordings, press kits, contracts, public television performances, involvement with the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities, as well as Williams's Smithsonian Folkways recording. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

Subseries 5, Financial Papers, 1990-2005, includes information about travel and payment, hotel bills and receipts, invoices for performances, music recordings sales, royalty statements and copies of checks. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

Subseries 6, Press, 1973--005, undated, includes magazines, newspaper clippings and articles, about Williams's performances and music, appearances and jazz festivals, as well as the Kansas City Jazz scene. Magazine titles include *Kansas City Magazine*, *Missouri Alumnus*, *The Masters Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program*, *Jazz Ambassador Magazine*, *Kansas City Ambassador to Jazz*, *The Mississippi Rag*, *Fiddler Magazine*, *Jazz News*, *Jazz Times*, *Living Blues*, *Blues Access*, and *Kansas City*. Materials are arranged by type and then in chronological order.

Subseries 7, Music, 1989-1995, undated, contains thirteen audio tape recordings, one CD, sheet music and set lists of music performed by Williams. There is an audio recording of *Black and Blue: A Musical Revue*, a Folk Master performance at Carnegie Hall. Williams's work with James Chirillo, an appearance on *Birdflight*, as well as recordings of live and studio performances are also included among these materials. There is a copy of Williams's CD *Swingtime in New York* and an interview from 1992. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

Series 2, Personal Papers, 1978--005, undated, is divided into two subseries and contains letters, cards, postcards, invitations, copies of email, and requests for information and interviews. Most of the correspondence was addressed to Williams but there are materials that were sent to Blanche Williams. The correspondence is generally from fans, friends and family.

Subseries 1, Correspondence, 1978-2005, undated, consists of birthday cards from school age children, postcards, copies of newspaper clippings, White House and other government correspondence, congratulations or birthday wishes, as well as personal correspondence from friends inquiring about Williams's health and well-being. Also included is a draft for a chapter in a book on Claude Williams's contributions to jazz. Requests relating to research about Williams are also included. Materials are arranged in chronological order. Materials are arranged first by type followed by general correspondence in chronological order.

Subseries 2, Miscellaneous, undated, contains ephemera, autographs, affiliates list, well-wishes to Blanche Williams, a funeral program, mailing lists, lists of affiliated organizations, and a Count Basie autograph.

Series 3, Photographs, 1977-2004, undated, includes personal and professional photographic prints and negatives of Williams. Subjects include performances and festivals, headshots and publicity, images of other musicians, family, friends, and posters with photographs created for his funeral. The majority of these photographs are of performances. Materials are arranged by subject.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into three series.

Series 1, Business Records, 1973-2005, undated

Subseries 1.1, Events, 1977-2004, undated

Subseries 1.2, Itineraries, 1990-2001

Subseries 1.3, Awards and Certificates, 1978-2002

Subseries 1.4, Correspondence, 1975-2004

Subseries 1.5, Financial Papers, 1990-2005

Subseries 1.6, Press, 1973-2005, undated

Subseries 1.7, Music; 1989-1995, undated

Series 2, Personal Papers, 1978-2005, undated

Subseries 2.1, Correspondence, 1978-2005, undated

Subseries 2.2, Miscellaneous, undated

Series 3, Photographs, 1977-2004, undated

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Jazz -- 20th century -- United States
Jazz musicians -- United States
Music -- 20th century -- United States
Musicians -- United States
Violinists

Types of Materials:

Articles
Audiotapes
Awards
Business records -- 20th century
Financial records
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century.

Manuscripts -- Music -- 20th century
Photographs -- 2000-2010
Photographs -- 20th century
Posters -- 1950-2000
Programs
Scrapbooks

Container Listing

Series 1: Business Records, 1973-2005, undated

Subseries 1.1: Itineraries, 1990-2001

Box 5, Folder 6 1990 - 1997

Box 5, Folder 7 1998 - 2001

[Image\(s\)](#)

Claude Williams tour itinerary, 2001. [black ink on white paper]
1 Item (Black ink on paper.; SIZE)

[Image\(s\): Claude Williams tour itinerary, 2001. \[black ink on white paper\].](#)

Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector

English.

2001 tour.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000016.tif (AC Scan No.)

Topic: African American musicians

Genre/ Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints

Form:

Culture: African Americans

Subseries 1.2: Awards and Certificates, 1978-2002

Box 5, Folder 8; 1978-2002

Box 15, Folder 1-2

Subseries 1.3: Correspondence, 1975-2004

Box 5, Folder 9 1975-1989

Box 5, Folder 10 1990-1994

Box 6, Folder 1 1995-1999

Box 6, Folder 2 2000-2002

Box 6, Folder 3 2003-2004

Box 15, Folder 3 Happy Birthday Card from Students at Oyster Bilingual School, undated

Subseries 1.4: Financial Papers, 1990s-2005

Box 6, Folder 4 1990s

Box 6, Folder 5 2000-2005

Subseries 1.5: Press, 1973-2005, undated

Box 6, Folder 6 Jazz Magazines, 1981-1991

Box 6, Folder 7 Jazz Magazines, 1992-1996
[Image\(s\)](#)

Claude Williams on the cover of "Jazz Ambassador" Magazine, 1992.

[Black, white and blue]

1 Item (Ink on paper.; SIZE)[Image\(s\): Claude Williams on the cover of "Jazz Ambassador" Magazine, 1992. \[Black, white and blue\].](#)

Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector

English.

June/July, 1992 issue.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000015.tif (AC Scan No.)

Names: Williams, Claude, 1908-2004

Topic: African American musicians

Genre/ Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints

Form:

Culture: African Americans

Box 7, Folder 1 Jazz Magazines, 1997-1999

Box 7, Folder 2 Jazz Magazines, 2000-2005

Box 9, Folder 5 Newspaper clippings and articles, 1973-1984

Box 9, Folder 6 Newspaper clippings and articles, 1985-1989

Box 7, Folder 3 Newspaper clippings and articles, 1990-1998

Box 7, Folder 4 Newspaper clippings and articles, 1999-2002

Box 7, Folder 5 Newspaper clippings and articles, 2003-2004

Box 9, Folder 9 Newspaper clippings and articles, undated

Box 7, Folder 6 Press releases, press kits, and related items, 1979-1998

Subseries 1.6: Music, 1989-1995, undated

Box 12, Folder 1 *Black and Blue* musical revue recorded in New York, 1989 November and 1989 December

Box 12, Folder 2 Folk Masters at Carnegie Hall, 1990 December 11

Box 12, Folder 3 Duet with James Chirillo including interviews and advertisement, Zoo Bar, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1991 November

Box 12, Folder 4 Interview for the public radio production *George Morrison: Colorado Jazz Pioneer* 1992 April 20

Box 12, Folder 5 Live recording with Frank Smith, Byran Hicks and Gayland Prince, Zoo Bar, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1992 May 29

Box 12, Folder 6 Live recording with Frank Smith, Byran Hicks and Gayland Prince, Zoo Bar, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1992 May 29

Box 12, Folder 7 Live recording with Frank Smith, Byran Hicks and Gayland Prince, Zoo Bar, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1992 May 30

Box 12, Folder 8 Studio recording, tape one, 1994 September 5

Box 12, Folder 9 Studio recording, tape two, 1994 September 5

Box 12, Folder 10 Recording with Phil Schaap, *Birdflight Radio Show*, WKCR, 1994 September 8

Box 12, Folder 11 Fiddle camp sessions, 1995 June

Box 9, Folder 10 *Swing Time in New York*, 1995

Box 12, Folder 12 Recording with Warren Chaisson, Dmitry Shapko and Gail Allen, undated

Box 12, Folder 13 Recording of various songs, undated

Box 7, Folder 7 Set and song lists, undated

Box 7, Folder 8 Sheet music, undated

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Series 2: Personal Papers, 1978-2005, undated

Subseries 2.1: Correspondence, 1978-2005, undated

- Box 14, Folder 1 Christmas card from Blanche Y. Fouse-Williams, 1979
- Box 8, Folder 1 Fan mail, 2001 - 2002
- Box 8, Folder 2 Greeting cards from elementary school children, 1997
- Box 8, Folder 41702 Thank you cards from junior high school children, 1997

[Image\(s\)](#)

Thank you note for Claude Williams from school children after he visited their school, undated, ca. 1990's. [color drawing]
1 Item (Crayons on paper.; SIZE)

[Image\(s\): Thank you note for Claude Williams from school children after he visited their school, undated, ca. 1990's. \[color drawing\].](#)

Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector

English.

Event took place ca. 1990's.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000018.tif(AC Scan No.)

Topic: African American musicians
Genre/ Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints
Form:
Culture: African Americans

- Box 8, Folder 5 Correspondence, 1978-1997
- Box 8, Folder 6 Correspondence, 1998
- Box 8, Folder 7 Correspondence, 1999
- Box 8, Folder 8 Correspondence, 1999
- Box 9, Folder 1 Correspondence, 2000-2001
- Box 9, Folder 2 Correspondence, 2002-2005
- Box 9, Folder 3 Correspondence, undated

Subseries 2.2: Miscellaneous, undated

Box 9, Folder 4

Ephemera and list of affiliates

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Series 3: Photographs, 1920-2004, undated

Box 10; Events and performances, 1977-2004, 1977 - 2004
Map-folder 2 [Image\(s\)](#)

Box 10 Claude Williams at Mark O'Conner's fiddle camp in Tennessee, 1998. [color photoprint]
1 Item (unmounted; Silver gelatin on paper.; SIZE)
[Image\(s\): Claude Williams at Mark O'Conner's fiddle camp in Tennessee, 1998. \[color photoprint\].](#)
Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector
English.
This picture taken in 1998.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000008.tif (AC Scan No.)

Names: Williams, Claude, 1908-2004
Topic: African American musicians
Genre/ Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints
Form:
Culture: African Americans

Box 10 Claude Williams in concert, Folly Theater, Kansas City, Missouri, ca. 1998. [Color photoprint]
1 Item (unmounted; Silver gelatin on paper.; SIZE)
[Image\(s\): Claude Williams in concert, Folly Theater, Kansas City, Missouri, ca. 1998. \[Color photoprint\].](#)
Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector
English.
Concert took place ca. 1998.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000019.tif (AC Scan No.)

Names: Williams, Claude, 1908-2004
Topic: African American musicians
Genre/ Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints
Form:
Culture: African Americans

Box 10 Headshots and publicity photos, undated

Box 11, Folder 1 Negatives, undated

Box 11 Events and performances, undated

[Image\(s\)](#)

[Claude Williams on the guitar. [black and white photoprint]
1 Item (unmounted; Silver gelatin on paper.)

[Image\(s\): \[Claude Williams on the guitar. \[black and white photoprint\].](#)

Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector

English.

Photo from Kansas City Museum, undated, ca. 1930's-1940's.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000001.tif(AC Scan No.)

Names: Williams, Claude, 1908-2004

Topic: African American musicians
Guitars
Musicians -- 1930-1950

Genre/ Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints

Form:

Culture: African Americans

T[erence] H. Holder's Orchestra [at bottom of image.] [black-and-white photoprint]

1 Item (unmounted; Silver gelatin on paper.)

[Image\(s\): T\[erence\] H. Holder's Orchestra \[at bottom of image.\] \[black-and-white photoprint\].](#)

Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector

English.

Photo from Kansas City Museum, ca.1925. Claude Williams at far left.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000002.tif (AC Scan No.)

Names: Williams, Claude, 1908-2004

Topic: African American musicians
Musicians -- 20th century
Orchestra

Genre/ Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints

Form:

Culture: African Americans

Box 11;

Events and performances, 1980-2003

Box 15, Folder 4-5

[Image\(s\): Events and performances, 1990-2003](#)

[Claude Williams playing violin : black and white photoprint], ca. 1970s

1 Item (unmounted; Silver gelatin on paper.)

[Image\(s\): \[Claude Williams playing violin : black and white photoprint, ca. 1970s.](#)

Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector
English.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000003.tif (AC Scan No.)

Names: Williams, Claude, 1908-2004
Topic: African American musicians
Musicians
Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints
Culture: African Americans

Claude Williams (sideview) with Adolphus "Doc" Cheatham, ca. 1980's. [color photoprint]

1 Item (unmounted; Silver gelatin on paper.; SIZE)

[Image\(s\): Claude Williams \(sideview\) with Adolphus "Doc" Cheatham, ca. 1980's. \[color photoprint\].](#)

Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector
English.

This picture was taken sometime in the 1980's.

Box No.10.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000010.tif (AC Scan No.)

Names: Cheatham, Doc, 1905-1997
Williams, Claude, 1908-2004
Topic: African American musicians
Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints
Culture: African Americans

Claude Williams performing in Cheltenham, England, 1988. [Black and white photoprint]

1 Item (unmounted; Silver gelatin on paper.; SIZE)

[Image\(s\): Claude Williams performing in Cheltenham, England, 1988. \[Black and white photoprint\].](#)

Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector
English.

This performance took place in 1988.

Box No.10.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000014.tif (AC Scan No.)

Names: Williams, Claude, 1908-2004
 Topic: African American musicians
 Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints
 Culture: African Americans

Jay McShann at piano, Claude Williams on fiddle, ca. 1990. [black and white photoprint]

1 Item (unmounted; Silver gelatin on paper.; SIZE)

[Image\(s\): Jay McShann at piano, Claude Williams on fiddle, ca. 1990. \[black and white photoprint\].](#)

Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector

English.

Event took place ca. 1990.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000024.tif (AC Scan No.)

Names: McShann, Jay
 Williams, Claude, 1908-2004
 Topic: African American musicians
 Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints
 Culture: African Americans

Box 11 Headshots and publicity photos of other musicians, undated

Box 11 Personal Photos, April 1990, 1990

Box 11 Personal Photos, undated

[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 11 [Portrait of Claude Williams: black and white photoprint], [1935.]

1 Item (unmounted; Silver gelatin on paper.)

[Image\(s\): \[Portrait of Claude Williams: black and white photoprint, 1935.\]](#)

Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector

English.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000004.tif (AC Scan No.)

Names: Williams, Claude, 1908-2004
 Topic: African American musicians

Musicians

Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints
 Form:
 Culture: African Americans

Box 11

Portrait of Claude Williams, 1950? [black and white photoprint]
1 Item (photoprint; Silver gelatin on paper.)

[Image\(s\): Portrait of Claude Williams, 1950? \[black and white photoprint\].](#)

Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector
 English.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000005.tif (AC Scan No.)

Names: Williams, Claude, 1908-2004
 Topic: African American musicians
 Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints
 Form:
 Culture: African Americans

Box 11

Claude Williams in Oklahoma, 1920. [black and white photoprint]
1 Item (unmounted; Silver gelatin on paper.; SIZE)

[Image\(s\): Claude Williams in Oklahoma, 1920. \[black and white photoprint\].](#)

Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector
 English.

Picture taken in 1920.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000006.tif (AC Scan No.)

Names: Williams, Claude, 1908-2004
 Topic: African American musicians
 Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints
 Form:
 Culture: African Americans

Box 11

Claude Williams and his first wife, Mabel, a wedding portrait, ca.1930. [black and white photoprint]

1 Item (unmounted; Silver gelatin on paper.; SIZE)

[Image\(s\): Claude Williams and his first wife, Mabel, a wedding portrait, ca.1930. \[black and white photoprint\].](#)

Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector
 English.

Portrait taken ca.1930.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000007.tif (AC Scan No.)

Names: Williams, Claude, 1908-2004
Williams, Mabel

Topic: African American musicians

Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints

Culture: African Americans

Claude Williams with second wife Blanche Fouse Williams, 1992. [color photoprint]

1 Item (unmounted; Silver gelatin on paper.; SIZE)

[Image\(s\): Claude Williams with second wife Blanche Fouse Williams, 1992. \[color photoprint\].](#)

Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector
English.

This picture was taken in 1992.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000009.tif (AC Scan No.)

Names: Fouse-Williams, Blanche Y.
Williams, Claude, 1908-2004

Topic: African American musicians

Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints

Culture: African Americans

Last photo taken of Claude Williams, 2004. [color photoprint]

1 Item (unmounted; Silver gelatin on paper.; SIZE)

[Image\(s\): Last photo taken of Claude Williams, 2004. \[color photoprint\].](#)

Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector
English.

Box No.10.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000020.tif (AC Scan No.)

Names: Williams, Claude, 1908-2004

Topic: African American musicians

Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints

Culture: African Americans

Map-folder 1;

Posters with photographs created for funeral, 2004

Map-folder 3

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Series 4: Events, 1977-2004, undated

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Box 1, Folder 2	1980-1981 April
Box 1, Folder 3	1981 May-1984
Box 1, Folder 4	1985-1987
Box 1, Folder 5	1988-1989
Box 1, Folder 6	1990-1991
Box 1, Folder 7	1992-1993
Box 1, Folder 8	America's Reunion on the Mall, 1993 January
Box 2, Folder 1	1994
Box 2, Folder 2	1995 January-1995 June
Box 2, Folder 3	1995 July
Box 2, Folder 4	1995 August -1995 September
Box 2, Folder 5	1995 October-1996 April
Box 2, Folder 6	1996 May-1996 December
Box 2, Folder 7	1997
Box 2, Folder 8	Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame Induction, 1997 April Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 8	Program from Claude Williams' induction into the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame, April 18, 1997. [Red and blue on white] <i>1 Item (Ink on paper.; SIZE)</i> Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector English. Event occurred on April 18, 1997.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000017.tif (AC Scan No.)

Topic: African American musicians
 Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints
 Culture: African Americans

- Box 3, Folder 1 1998-1999
- Box 3, Folder 2 Washington Education Television Association (WETA) performance at the White House, 1998
- Box 3, Folder 3 National Heritage Fellowship, 1998
[Image\(s\)](#)

The itinerary for Claude and Blanche Williams, 1998. This White House visit occurred because Claude Williams was awarded the National Heritage Fellowship Award that year. [Black print on white paper]
1 Item (Black ink on paper.; SIZE)

[Image\(s\): The itinerary for Claude and Blanche Williams, 1998. This White House visit occurred because Claude Williams was awarded the National Heritage Fellowship Award that year. \[Black print on white paper\].](#)

Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector

English.

This event occurred in 1998.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000013.tif (AC Scan No.)

Topic: African American musicians
 Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints
 Culture: African Americans

- Box 3, Folder 4 National Heritage Fellowship, 1998
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Blanche Williams' notes regarding their visit to the White House, 1998. Claude Williams won the National Heritage Fellowship Award and was invited to the Clinton White House. [Blue ink on white paper]

1 Item (Blue ink on paper.; SIZE)

[Image\(s\): Blanche Williams' notes regarding their visit to the White House, 1998. Claude Williams won the National Heritage Fellowship Award and was invited to the Clinton White House. \[Blue ink on white paper\].](#)

Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector
English.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000011.tif (AC Scan No.)

Topic: African American musicians
Genre/ Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints
Form:
Culture: African Americans

[Program signed by President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton that pertains to the National Heritage Fellowship Awards, 1998.]

1 Item (Gold figure on paper.)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector
Clinton, Hillary Rodham, Signer
Clinton, Bill, 1946-, Signer
English.

Program bears the Presidential seal. Event took place in 1998. Claude Williams received the award that year.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000012.tif (AC Scan No.)

Topic: African American musicians
Heraldry
National Heritage Fellowship Awards
Presidential seal
Presidents -- United States
Genre/ Awards
Form: Programs -- 1980-2000
Signatures (names)
Culture: African Americans

Box 13, Folder 3	Ninety Birthday Celebration, 1998 February
Box 3, Folder 5	Charlie Parker Symposium, 1999
Box 3, Folder 6	Topeka Jazz Festival, 1999
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- Box 3, Folder 8 2000 January-2000 May
- Box 4, Folder 1 2000 June-2000August
- Box 4, Folder 2 2000 September-2000 December
- Box 4, Folder 3 Kansas City Blues and Jazz Festival, 2000
- Box 13, Folder 2 1990-2000
- Box 4, Folder 4 2001 January-2001 June
- Box 4, Folder 5 Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival, 2001
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Program, Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival, 2001. [color, artistic rendering]
1 Item (Ink on paper.; SIZE)
[Image\(s\): Program, Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival, 2001. \[color, artistic rendering\].](#)
Williams, Claude, 1908-2004, Collector
English.
Festival took place in 2001.
- Local Numbers
AC0909-0000021.tif (AC Scan No.)
- Topic: African American musicians
Genre/ Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints
Form:
Culture: African Americans
- Box 4, Folder 6 Indiana Fiddler's Gathering Incorporated, 2001
- Box 4, Folder 7 Lincoln Center, A Midsummer Night's Swing, 2001
- Box 4, Folder 8 2001 July-2001 September
- Box 5, Folder 1 2001 October-2002 August
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Announcement for Deep Deuce Jazz Festival, undated, ca. 1980's. Black ink on red paper

1 Item (Ink on paper.; SIZE)

[Image\(s\): Announcement for Deep Deuce Jazz Festival, undated, ca. 1980's.
Black ink on red paper.](#)

Williams, Claude, 1908-2004

English.

Event took place ca. 1980's.

Local Numbers

AC0909-0000022.tif (AC Scan No.)

Topic: African American musicians

Genre/ Photographs -- 20th century -- Photoprints

Form:

Culture: African Americans

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