

Banes (Alexander and Nannie I.) Family Papers

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SUMMARY

Size	1.3 linear ft.
Geographic Locations	Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana
Inclusive Dates	1888-1990
Bulk Dates	1915-1950
Languages	English
Summary	Photographs, printed items, and manuscripts documenting the Banes family, primarily that of educator Nannie Clara Day.
Access Restrictions	None
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Stack Location(s)	U:252, OS:B

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Alexander Banes was the son of a slave mother, Maria, and white Scotch-Irish plantation owner, Magnus Banes. Around 1849, as a teenager, Alexander ran away from Banes' plantation in West Feliciana Parish and sold himself for ten cents to Baton Rouge area plantation owner George Hill. At Hill's plantation, Banes learned skills as a farm worker, blacksmith, and wheelright, and was able to acquire his own property in 1871, a farm along the Mississippi River north of present-day Port Allen. Banes died in the 1920s at age 93.

Alexander and wife Nannie I. Banes were the parents of Adele Banes (1867-1959), born in Natchez, Mississippi. Adele became a school teacher in Texas and married W. E. Day, a high school principal in Oklahoma. Their daughter was Nannie Clara Day (1900-after 1991). A graduate of Howard University and the University of Chicago, she was a school teacher in Oklahoma. In 1939 she married Edward E. Bruner, a real estate agent. Following retirement and her husband's death in 1977, she eventually settled in Texas.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of photographs, correspondence, writings, legal and financial papers. Photographs include nineteenth-century mounted portraits and twentieth-century loose prints. The nineteenth-century photographs are primarily cartes-de visite and cabinet card studio portraits of African American individuals, mostly unidentified. Twentieth-century photographs reflect the personal and professional life of Nannie C. Day.

Printed and manuscript materials primarily document the personal and professional life of Nannie C. Day. Included are lessons plans, transcripts, correspondence, and financial records.

LIST OF SERIES

- Series 1 Nineteenth-century studio portraits.
- Series 2 Twentieth-century photographs.
- Series 3 Autograph album.
- Series 4 Printed and manuscript materials.
- Series 5 Oversize certificate and portrait prints.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

- Series 1 Studio portraits of African American individuals, consisting of 57 cabinet cards and 13 cartes de visite.
- Series 2 Portraits and informal snapshots (mostly black and white, some color), undated
Photographs removed from album, emptied album, and photocopy of intact album pages, 1926-1935. Photographic negatives, ca. 1935.
- Series 3 Autograph album belonging to Adele B. Banes of Oberlin, Ohio and Baton Rouge.
Signed by individuals from 16 states dating 1882-1888.
- Series 4 Academic and personal materials of Nannie Clara Day, 1891-1991 (bulk 1920-1960).
Includes lesson plans, transcripts, correspondence, financial and legal materials, and printed items.
- Series 5 1 color-tinted convex portrait photograph; 2 charcoal portraits; 1 award certificate.

INDEX TERMS

African Americans--Louisiana--Photographs.
African Americans--Texas--Photographs.
African Americans--Oklahoma--Photographs.
African American educators--Oklahoma--Photographs.
African American educators--Oklahoma--Biography--Sources.
Day, Nannie Clara, b. 1900.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u> <u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents</u>
U:252	1, 2		Mounted studio portraits (cabinet cards, cartes-de-visite), ca. 1890
U:252	3	1	Photo negatives, ca. 1935
U:252	3	2	Photograph album with prints removed, ca. 1925
U:252	3	3	Photocopies of album pages before prints removed
U:252	3	4	Photographs removed from album
U:252	3	5	Photographs of Nannie Day, undated
U:252	3	6	Photographs, undated
U:252	3	7	Mounted photographs, undated
U:252	3	8	Photographs, 1935, undated
U:252	3	9	Photographs, undated
U:252	3	10	Photographs, 1915-1978, undated
U:252	4		Autograph album belonging to Adele B. Banes, 1882-1888.
U:252	5	1	Academic materials, class notebook, 1920
U:252	5	2	Acidic papers removed from class notebook
U:252	5	3	Academic materials, 1931-1937, undated
U:252	5	4	Handwritten forms concerning Nannie Day's educational background, 1938-1963
U:252	5	5	Professional papers, 1927-1929
U:252	5	6	Writings, school papers (1919, 1960, undated), notebook with genealogy
U:252	5	7	Correspondence, letters received by Nannie Bruner, 1923-1985
U:252	5	8	Correspondence, 1915-1990

U:252	5	9	Correspondence, 1919-1983
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U:252	5	20	Funeral register, Adele Banes Day, 1959
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U:252	5	32	Newspaper clipping, 1986
U:252	5	33	Alpha Kappa Alpha bag, 1962
U:252	5	34	Book: <i>Old Saint Nicholas</i> , 1903
OS:B	6		Posthumous award certificate for W. E. Day, 1976
OS:B	6		Convex color tinted photographic print, undated
OS:B	6		Two charcoal portraits, undated