The Paule Marshall Collection

Accession #91-019

Dates: 1959

Extent: 1 box; .25 cubic feet

Creator: Paule Marshall

Access/Use: The collection is open for research.

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Language: English

Finding Aid: Guide is available in-house

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Biographical Note

On April 9, 1929, Paule Marshall was born in Brooklyn, New York. Inspired by her mother, and other poets in the New York City and Barbadian communities, Marshall began writing at the early age of 10. Shortly thereafter, and influenced by her Barbadian-American heritage and her knowledge of African rituals and mythology, she became a fan of many African-American writers such as Zora Neal Hurston and Paul Lawrence Dunbar. Fast forward to 1953, Paule Marshall was a Brooklyn College graduate who went on to become a writer for the magazine Our World. It was during this point in her life where she began writing her first novel Brown Girl, Brownstone. Other major works of Marshall’s include The Chosen Place; the Timeless People (1961) and The Fisher King (2000).

Scope and Content

In this collection you will find an incomplete typescript from one of Paule Marshall’s published works, her first novel, Brown Girl, Brownstone.

Collection Outline

The collection has one series.

Series 1: Publications

Extent: 1 box, .25 cubic feet

This series contains parts of the typescript for Marshall’s first novel Brown Girl, Brownstone. This is incomplete and has the edits clearly visible on each page.

Container List

Series 1: Publications

Box 1
Folder 1: Typescript