

J. J. Phillips correspondence with Peter B. Howard regarding publication of Nigga in the woodpile

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CALL NUMBER: JWJ MSS 246

CREATOR: Phillips, J. J., 1944- , author

TITLE: J. J. Phillips correspondence with Peter B. Howard regarding publication of Nigga in the Woodpile

DATES: 2008

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.21 linear feet (1 box + computer files)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: This collection consists of a flash drive containing two computer files with J. J. Phillips' email correspondence with Peter B. Howard from July through November 2008.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Peter B. Howard, 2010.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research. Box 11 (Flash drive): Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

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Preferred Citation

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Content Description

Two computer files containing email correspondence with Peter B. Howard from July to November 2008. The majority of the emails are from Phillips to Howard. In the course of their correspondence about the publication of her poem Nigga in the Woodpile, Phillips provides context for *Mojo Hand* (1966, 1987), describes other people's assumptions about her as a Black author following the novel's publication, and shares a variety of personal memories and experiences.

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