

# Guide to the Black Panther Party Collection

GEN MSS 2097



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 2097

**CREATOR:** Black Panther Party , author

**TITLE:** Black Panther Party collection

**DATES:** 1968–1971

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.21 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** This collection contains protest fliers, newsletters, leaflets, and other printed ephemera related to the Black Panther Party.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.blackpanther>

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## Requesting Instructions

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

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from John E. Herzog on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2009.

Purchased from D. Anthem Bookseller on the Walter Jennings Memorial Fund, 2025.

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### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

Black Panther Party Collection. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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## Processing Information

Former call number: BEIN 2016 +330.

The July 2009 acquisition was material originally separated from ACC #30697 titled, Collection of protest literature: monographs, serials, posters and other ephemera, and cataloged as BEIN 2016 +330. In 2025 BEIN 2016 +330 was processed into the Black Panther Party Collection per curator.

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These materials have been arranged and described according to national and local standards. For more information, please refer to the Yale Archival Processing Manual.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

This collection is arranged into two series: I. 2016 acquisition, 1968 - 1971. II. February 2025 acquisition, 1970.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: July 2009 acquisition, 1968–1971

0.25 linear feet (1 box)

This accession contains articles by and about Bobby Seale, as well as protest leaflets created by the Committee to Defend the Panther 21, the New Haven Panthers, and the New York Committee to Defend the Panthers.

Purchased from John E. Herzog on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2009.

Materials in this series maintain order found at time of acquisition.

b. 1, f. 1	"Join the Jury" quarter sheet flyers	undated
b. 1, f. 2	"Seize the Time" flyers	undated
b. 1, f. 3	"We Want an Immediate END to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of Black People" flyer	undated
b. 1, f. 4	Peace and Freedom Party Candidates flyers	1968
b. 1, f. 5	"Visit Hester & Hogan in Court" flyer	undated
b. 1, f. 6	"Free Bobby, Free Ericka: Election Day Rally New Haven Green" flyers	undated
b. 1, f. 7	"Newton Keynotes Panther Parley, Calls for Socialism in America" <i>The Sunday Bulletin</i>	1970 September 6
b. 1, f. 8	"Plenary Session of the People's Revolutionary Constitutional Convention" flyers	undated
b. 1, f. 9	Trial Bulletin no.1	1970 May 22
b. 1, f. 10	"Lee Berry's Life Must Be Saved" flyers	undated
b. 1, f. 11	The Black Panther Party Community News Service flyer	circa 1967
b. 1, f. 12	"National Salvation" flyer	undated
b. 1, f. 13	"See About the 21, Come to the Trial" flyer	undated
b. 1, f. 14	"Join the Jury" mass rally flyers	undated
b. 1, f. 15	The Committee to Defend the Panther 21 bulletin	circa 1969
b. 1, f. 16	Register to Vote flyer	undated
b. 1, f. 17	<i>Newsday/Viewpoint</i>	1970 January 19
b. 1, f. 18	Black Power Christmas card	undated
b. 1, f. 19	"Here and Now for Bobby Seale" newsletter	1970
b. 1, f. 20	Blank petition for Margaret Hudgins to receive medical care	undated
b. 1, f. 21	"Message to All Progressive Forces" bulletin	undated
b. 1, f. 22	"Beware of the Pig" flyer	1969 May 25

b. 1, f. 23	The Panter Trial News Committee newsletter	1971 February 5
b. 1, f. 24	Mass rally for Lonnie McLucas flyers	undated
b. 1, f. 25	Free All Political Prisoners massive peoples action flyers	undated
b. 1, f. 26	Rally on the Green flyers	undated

**Series II: February 2025 acquisition, 1970***0.25 linear feet (1 box)*

This accession contains four internal documents issued by the New Haven chapter of the Black Panther Party.

Purchased from D. Anthem Bookseller on the Walter Jennings Memorial Fund, 2025.

Materials in this series maintain order found at time of acquisition.

b. 1, f. 28	Memorandum regarding History and Current Status of Panther Cases by John Dunne and Sharon Coleman  A summary of the New Haven Nine trial written by law students John Dunne and Sharon Coleman who are attempting to clarify "the plethora of rumors and the dearth of reliable information."	1970 April 24
b. 1, f. 29	"Pigs Offed in Self-Defense" leaflet by Cappy Pinderhughes  A leaflet written by Cappy Pinderhughes--a Lieutenant of Information for the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party--about the death of a Black undercover police officer named Frank Hawley. Hawley was killed while on assignment in New Haven.	circa 1970
b. 1, f. 30	Rules of the Black Panther Party  This document came from the national headquarters of the Black Panther Party in Berkeley, California.	circa 1970
b. 1, f. 27	Black Panther Party acrostic  Produced by the Panther Defense Information Center Strike Committee, this acrostic describes the goals, mission, and principles of the Black Panther Party.	circa 1970

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

African American political activists --  
Ephemera  
Black militant organizations -- Connecticut --  
New Haven  
Black Panthers Trial, New Haven, Ct., 1970-1971  
Black power -- Connecticut -- New Haven  
Black power -- Ephemera  
Demonstrations  
Political prisoners -- United States  
Protest movements -- United States -- 20th  
Century

### **Genres / Formats**

Fliers  
Fliers (printed matter)  
Printed ephemera