Exa Profile

#### J. F. Drake Memorial Learning Resource Center Alabama A & M University

Normal, Alabama

www.aamu.edu/library

#### Design, Construction, Costs

**Original Construction Completed**: 1968

**Renovations Completed: 2003** 

**Architect:** SKT Architects, Huntsville, AL **Builder:** \_\_\_\_\_ Construction Co.

Square feet: 75,458 Square Feet

Collection capacity: \_\_\_\_\_ volumes

Seating capacity: 1,000

**Renovations Costs:** \$ 6,400,000.00

Special features/facilities:

A Multi-purpose/Distance Learning Auditorium,
Interactive video conferencing area;
A Streaming Laboratory with 30 PCs,
A Computer Lab with 50 PCs;
A Faculty Reading Room with PCs and printers.

Optional:

An interior view of the library

#### **Library Administrators**

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Dr. Clarence Toomer, Dean	2004 —
Patricia Ford, Interim Director	1997-03
Dr. Birdie O Weir, Director	1974-97
Dorothy Briscoe, Director	1971-74
Dr. Binford Conley, Director	1963-71
James Miller, Head Librarian	1960-63
Lucile Love, Librarian	1933-60

## THE HONOREE Dr. Joseph Fanning Drake President, Alabama A&M College 1927-1962

A former assistant principal, principal, Supervisor of Adult Education in Montgomery, AL; President of the Conference of Presidents of Land Grant Colleges; and a member of the Governor's Committee on Higher Education in Alabama, among other posts, Dr. Drake was the fourth president of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College.

A graduate of Talladega College (B.A.), Columbia University (M.A.), and Cornell University



(Ph.D.), he is described as the "builder" of Alabama A&M because of the tremendous growth of College programs and facilities during his tenure.

In addition to his outstanding academic and community service, his administration is credited with success in generating the

increase in support from the Rockefeller Foundation and the State of Alabama that funded the expansion of the campus from less than 200 acres to more than 600 acres, and with the addition of Hurt Hall, Thigpen Hall, the Gymnasium, the Office Building, the Vocational Building, Grayson Hall, Wood Hall, the College Center, and the enlarged Carnegie library to the physical plant at Alabama A & M College.

(AA&MU)

### Blair-Caldwell African-American Research Library Denver Public Libary Denver, Colorado

www.denver.lib.co.us



#### Design, Construction, Costs

Construction Completed: 2004
Architect: OZ Architecture and
Harold Massop Associates, P.C.
Builder:
Square feet:
Collection capacity:
Seating capacity:
Costs:
Special features/facilities:
A Full Service Branch Library:

A Full Service Branch Library; A 7000 Square Feet Exhibit Space; The Western Legacies Museum;

#### **Special Collections**

More than 150 archival collections on
African American gold miners, cowboys
homesteaders, suffragettes, politicians,
physicians, artists and musicians;
The Cleo Parker Robinson
Dance Ensemble Archives.
The Archives of Omar Blair;
The Archives of John Mosley, Tuskegee Airman.

Optional:

An interior view of the library

#### THE HONOREE Omar Blair & Elvin Caldwell

In 2004, Denver, Colorado Mayor Wellington Webb and his wife, Wilma Webb, proposed naming the new research library of the Denver Pubic Library System the Blair-Caldewell African American Research Library, which combines the names of Omar Blair, the first Black president of the Denver School Board, and Elvin Caldwell, the

first Black City Council member.



"Omar Blair and Elvin Caldwell made major contributions to our community and are fitting namesakes for this unique addition to the Library system," said Landri C. Taylor, Denver Public Library Commisioner. "We unamimously approve the

proposed name for the library because Blair and Caldwell are prominent African Americans who have given of their time and talents to bring about significant change in Denver and the West."

(BCAARL)

#### **Library Administrators**

Pilar Castro-Reino, Branch Manager	2004 —
Terry Nelson, Sr. Librarian	2004 —

# · Example Profile.

#### Henry Thomas Sampson Library Jackson State University

Jackson, Mississippi

www.jsums.edu/library



#### Design, Construction, Costs

[PHASE I: 1958-1973; PHASE II: 1973-1996]

PHASE III: Sampson Library, 1996-

Architect: FoilWyatt Architects, Jackson, MS

Builder: W. G. Yates & Son Construction,

Philadelphia,. MS

**Square feet Added:** 74,608 Square Feet **Total Square feet**: 160,126, all phases **Collection capacity:** 1,000,000 volumes

Seating capacity: 1,063 Costs: \$ 13.5 Million Special features/facilities:

> Two state-of-the-art computer laboratories; 110 computer workstations; 206 individually lighted study carrels; 200 seat Auditorium.

#### Optional:

An interior view of the library

#### **Library Administrators**

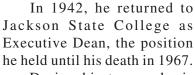
Melissa Druckrey, Interim Dean	.2003 —
Dr. George C. Grant, Interim Dean	.2002-03
Dr. Lou Helen D. Sanders, Dean	.1989-02
Dr. Cozetta W. Buckley, Interim	. 1988-89
Dr. Lelia Gaston Rhodes, Director	. 1976-87
Ernestine A. Lipscomb, Director	.1947-76
Rubye Stutts-Lyells, Librarian	. 1945-47

## THE HONOREE Dr. Henry Thomas Sampson 1905-1967

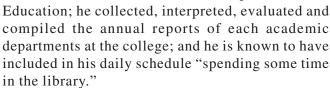
Born in Quitman, Georgia, Dean Sampson was a graduate of Savannah State College (B.S.), and the University of Chicago (M.S.). He joined the faculty at Jackson College in 1928 as a teacher of mathematics and was appointed Dean of the College from 1933-1938, when he returned to

Savannah State College as a

Division Dean.



During his tenure, he is credited with having researched, edited and compiled several timely studies of Jackson State for the State Department of



Dean Sampson was a staunch supporter of the library and was instrumental in the growth of the library and expanding it holdings. Thus, in 1970, in a formal dedication ceremony, the library at Jackson State College was officially renamed the Henry Thomas Sampson Library. (JSU)



Example Profile

#### Johnston Memorial Library

Virginia State University Petersburg, Virginia

www.vsu.edu



#### Design, Construction, Costs

Original Construction Completed: 1958, Renovation Completed: 2004
Architect: Builders, Inc, Richmond, VA
Builder:
Square feet:
Collection capacity:
Seating capacity:
Costs:
Special features/facilities:

24-Hour Library Services Complex; The Trojan Link Cafe.

#### **Special Collections**

African American History and Culture Virginia History.

Optional:

An interior view of the library

#### **Library Administrators**

Dr. Elsie S. Weatherington, Dean	1994 —
James S. Miller, Director	. 1962
Wallace Van Jackson, Director	1949-54
James A. Hulbert, Director	.19
Alpha Smith Rogers, Librarian	.19
Beatrice Odel Green, Librarian	.19
Mamie J. Harrison, Librarian	1908-15

## THE HONOREE James Hugo Johnston, Sr. 1888-1914

James Hugo Johnston, Sr. graduated from the Richmond Normal School in 1876 and was appointed a teacher in his native city that fall. He began at the lowest grade in the system and advanced to principal of the Baker Street group of schools.

Because of his work at the Baker Street School, the Superintendent of Public Instruction appointed him Conductor of the Peabody Institute for "colored" teachers in Lynchburg, Virginia. In 1886,



Virginia Governor Fitzhugh Lee appointed him a member of the Board of Visitors of Virginaia Normal and Collegiate Institute, now Virginia State University. He was also elected Secretary of the Board.

In 1988, he became the second President of the Institute, where he served for 26 years, until his death

in 1914. He was also a Professor of Philosophy and Political Economy at the Institute.

Johnston was an active Mason and served at the highest level in that Order. He attended its 1887 Convention and delivered the opening address, "The True Status of Negro Masonry." (V.T. Perry)