


- Example 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

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 Library
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 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 Public Library System the Blair-Caldwell 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 Commissioner. “We unanimously 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 —

**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 Dean2003 —
- Dr. George C. Grant, Interim Dean2002-03
- 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
- Ruby 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.



In 1942, he returned to Jackson State College as Executive Dean, the position he held until his death in 1967.

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

Education; he collected, interpreted, evaluated and compiled the annual reports of each academic departments at the college; and he is known to have included in his daily schedule "spending some time in the library."

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 Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute, now Virginia State University. He was also elected Secretary of the Board.



In 1888, 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)