

Nelson Mandela's personal archives

This is not an exhaustive list – it will be updated periodically

NMPP 2009/2	<p>Prison Collection - ANC Donation</p> <p>3 boxes containing records of letters received, medical notes, and 2 pages on 'Family Matters'; 258 items of correspondence, mostly letters, plus a few greetings cards and several telegrams written to, and drafts written by, Nelson Mandela while he was in prison.</p> <p>1962 to 1989-12</p>
NMPP 2009/5	<p>Prison Collection : Desk Calendars and Assorted papers</p> <p>12 desk calendars used as a diary by Nelson Mandela while in prison and containing entries concerning matters such as visits, dreams, films, books, personal health and politics. The calendars cover the period between 1976 and 1989. The years 1978 and 1985 are missing from the collection. Also includes 1990 diary with two entries, Methodist Church Sunday Service booklet and a file of assorted papers.</p> <p>1976 - 1990</p>
NMPP 2009/6	<p>Prison Collection: Donald Card Collection</p> <p>Two hardcover exercise books containing handwritten drafts of letters from Nelson Mandela to family, friends, and the authorities; and 1 loose sheet with record of family visits. The notebooks were confiscated from Nelson Mandela's cell on Robben Island and sent to Donald Card, a former policeman. He kept them at his home, and in September 2004 he handed them over to Mandela.</p> <p>1969-2-4 - 1971-4-1</p>
NMPP 2009/7- I and II	<p>Private and Personal Papers</p> <p>This series is divided into 2 subseries:</p> <p>I: Nelson Mandela's 3 passports, including his first legal passport, which was issued on 19 February 1990.</p> <p>II: A copy of the death certificate of Mandela's mother, Fanny Nosekeni Mandela and 6 Methodist church membership cards (Sunday School).</p> <p>1929 - 2007</p>
NMPP 2009/8	<p>Notes and Notebooks</p> <p>The collection is made up of 8 boxes of Nelson Mandela's handwritten notes from the time of his release until his retirement from politics.</p>

	<p>There are also desk diaries from the Presidential period. It documents deliberations, personal thoughts, important meetings with heads of state, ANC meetings and communication with comrades, formal and informal discussion with people from all walks of life. Also included are notes received from other people by Mr Mandela.</p> <p>1990-2001; 2003, 2006</p>
NMPP 2009/84	<p>Mandela notes during CODESA</p> <p>Two notes by Mandela: one to Winnie on CODESA notebook page; one with notes on back of 'while you were out' slip.</p> <p>1992</p>
NMPP 2009/94	<p>Sequel to Long Walk to Freedom</p> <p>Three boxes of textual records containing several versions of ten proposed chapters of the sequel to Long Walk to Freedom, which covers the presidential years of Mr. Mandela. The versions are partially handwritten and partially typed with handwritten editing. The series also contains some correspondence, research and background materials, as well as (copies of) press cuttings. A bound copy of the ten chapters has been accrued and added under NMPP 2011/45.</p> <p>1985-2002</p>
NMPP 2010/51	<p>Statement issued by the Honorary Secretary of the All-in-African National Action Council, 1961</p> <p>Typed statement issued and signed by Nelson Mandela in his capacity as Secretary of the All-in-African National Action Council. The statement expresses disgust at the action of the authorities in closing the Fort Hare and Healdtown educational institutions, thereby victimising students for participating in a peaceful nation-wide protest (being a stay-away which was organised by the Council to coincide with South Africa's becoming a Republic on 31 May 1961). Includes covering note and envelope.</p> <p>5 June 1961</p>
NMPP 2011/1	<p>Legal documents from Nelson Mandela and OR Tambo at the National Archives</p> <p>Scans of legal documents on 2 CDs In April 1954 the Law Society of the Transvaal applied to the Supreme Court for my name to be struck off the roll of accredited attorneys on the ground that the political activities © National Archives and Records Service of South Africa</p> <p>1950s</p>
NMPP 2012/14	<p>Mandela's unpublished autobiographical manuscript written on</p>

Robben Island

Electronic files on 1 CD (MS Word - converted to PDF and jpeg) of Nelson Mandela's original autobiography written on Robben Island. It covers his life story from birth to about 1975. It was intended that the manuscript be published to mark Mr Mandela's 60th birthday in 1978 and help draw attention to the freedom struggle. The ANC leadership decided not to publish it. It later formed the basis for Mr Mandela's autobiography "Long Walk to Freedom".

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