Douglas Park served more than Lexington’s black communities. Because Douglas Park was the largest black park in the Bluegrass Region, many black communities from surrounding cities visited the park for important social functions and holidays. During segregation, these communities would charter buses if needed to attend the 4th of July festivities or participate in regional sports tournaments. Similarly, the county playground programs that spanned Fayette county would migrate to Douglas Park for organized recreational events and county fairs.