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2013.629 African American Collection

This collection includes scrapbook pages and family information from a bible. Names included in the collection are Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Shirley Woodard, Harold Miller, and Fletcher Ivery.

2007.031 African American School Records, Garvin County 1918–1928

This collection contains records of teachers in District 46. The schools included are Sweet Home, Avery View, and Avriett View for 1918–28. The documents include teacher contracts, teacher pay vouchers, and teacher and principal reports. Teacher reports have lists of students by name, age, attendance, certification information, and details of the school facility.

American Indian Archives

This collection is made of federal records from Indian agencies. The collection is divided by tribe and includes the Dawes Commission records as well as several Indian schools. The collection is arranged alphabetically by topic within the series. This collection includes information about Freedmen from various tribes.

2007.114 Atkins, Hannah

The collection consists of personal papers, publications, newspaper clippings, speeches, political campaign material, and memorabilia documenting Atkins's many years of public service and her involvement in Democratic Party politics, women's issues, education, and civil rights.

2007.148 Ballard, Currie

This collection was created by Currie Ballard, a collector of African American historical items. The collection consists of letters, commission records, and ephemera with a date range of 1887 to 2006. The collection is composed primarily of original documents. Some of the early tax records and Free Mason records are in poor condition.

2020.064 Black Lives Matter Protest Collection

This collection contains two posters used during the 2020 Black Lives Matter demonstration in Oklahoma City.

1992.001 Brown, Samuel W.

This collection contains information about Muscogee (Creek) and Euchee Indians, including education, allotments, and the Indian Welfare Act. Also includes correspondence, ledger books, deeds, guardianships, litigation, land documents, probate cases, and memorials.

2008.096 Burton, Charles and Barbara

The Charles and Barbara Burton Collection contains publicity material for the musical performances of Charles and Barbara Burton.

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2020.024 Casey, Eleanor

This collection contains 365 documents relating to the life of Rebecca McIntosh Hawkins Hagerty. Included are slave transactions, correspondence, legal documents, family history, and medical documents.

1983.226 Charbo, Eileen

Manuscript about Dr. George Tann, an African American doctor in Indian Territory.

2018.204 Chatman, Melvin R.

Contains research compiled by the donor on African American towns and families in the Lincoln County area. The collection also includes family information for the Riley and Ellis families.

1981.111 Cherokee Freedmen Collection

Contains photocopies of Cherokee Freedmen applications, including documents.

2013.255 Chickasaw Nation Constitution and Laws Collection

Contains a copy of the Chickasaw Nation Constitution and Laws. Laws regarding Freedmen are included.

2013.227 Cox, Kevin

Contains items relating to the legislative career of Oklahoma State Representative Kevin Cox including programs, newspaper articles, correspondence, and papers related to the Oklahoma Legislative Black Caucus. Notable issues include Board of Education minority representation, Boley State School for Boys closing and conversion to a prison, and public statements by Governor Frank Keating. The collection does not contain correspondence or information of a personal nature.

2006.040 Curry, Lucius

This collection consists of African American funeral programs. It is arranged alphabetically.

2007.110 Diggs, Jake and Joan

The Diggs Collection consists of the Diggs's family papers from 1944 to 2004, with a focus on the lives and careers of spouses Jake and Joan Diggs. The papers include business and personal correspondence, financial and legal documents, ephemera, and administrative documents relating to Jake Diggs's position as an educator, a coach, and the principal of both Frederick Douglass High School and U.S. Grant High School in Oklahoma City, and Joan Diggs's role as supervisor for the University of Oklahoma Food Services. The collection documents the evolution of Douglass and U.S. Grant High Schools during the enactment of the Finger Plan for integration in the 1970s, and it includes newspaper articles, school administrative documents, and personal correspondence relating to Jake Diggs's reaction (as the principal of U.S. Grant) to the race-related violence that occurred at the school in September of 1975. In addition, the inclusion of yearbooks and other publications from both

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Douglass and U.S. Grant High Schools, as well as items relating to Oklahoma City Douglass and Wewoka Douglass reunions, contributes to the collection's reflection of life at Oklahoma schools, primarily between 1950 and 1979. The collection thus provides insight into both the Oklahoma public school system and the lives of those influencing it.

2013.256 Driggins, Sylvia Pollard

Articles, awards, and correspondence highlighting Sylvia Pollard Driggins's achievements as Miss Black Oklahoma, a performer, and a humanitarian.

2011.136 Dunbar High School (Shawnee, OK) Alumni Association Collection

Collection contains scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, and alumni information for the high school.

1981.105 Federal Writers Project Collection

Collection contains ex-slave narratives and biographies of African American individuals in Oklahoma. Collection also contains information on towns, monuments, and schools.

2006.055 Fisher, Ada Lois Sipuel

The collection has a variety of items, including a marriage certificate, greeting cards, a Langston University yearbook from 1992, a working manuscript and research for her autobiography, and other personal artifacts, including the signature of Roscoe Dunjee. The dates within the collection range from 1930 to 2000.

2009.159 Finley-Slaughter Collection

Diplomas, certificates, licenses, and awards from the lives and careers of African Americans Dr. Gravelly Eugene Finley, Sr., Gravelly Eugene Finley, Jr., Wyatt Hardy Slaughter, and Saretta Slaughter Finley.

2006.006 Hall, Rubye

The Rubye Hall collection consists of personal and business correspondence of Mrs. Hall, minutes for the meetings of several clubs and groups, information about several programs that Hall was interested in, photographs, news clippings, and awards and certificates. The collection mainly pertains to the professional life of Hall from 1950 to 2003. These documents only give a limited account of some of Hall's professional associations and do not give a complete description of her life, work, or the political and social atmosphere for African American, education, or women at this time.

1966.020 Harrah, John

Handwritten letter from Cherokee attorney T. M. Wright to Colonel Garrett at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation. The letter thanks the officers and soldiers of the 40th Iowa Volunteers for ending theft after the War of the Rebellion. The undated letter is in English and Cherokee.

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2013.292 Hayes, Martha “Marti”

This collection consists of certificates, newspaper clippings, and correspondence regarding Martha Hayes’ appointment to the county election board.

Historic Oklahoma Collection

Historic Oklahoma is a vertical file of original materials. The collection is arranged alphabetically by topic and includes a biographical series.

2010.079 Jerusalem Community Missionary Baptist Church Collection

The Jerusalem Community Missionary Baptist Church Collection contains four record books from the church in Washington, Oklahoma. The books include handwritten records of Sunday school attendance and notes on the classes; meeting minutes of the Baptist Young People’s Union; most featuring pastor B. F. Daniels and recorded by secretary Myrtle Goff.

22013.349 Julius Rosenwald Fund in Oklahoma

Contains the manuscript, “Historic Context for the Julius Rosenwald Fund In Oklahoma: Before and After Crowder Separate School, District #28 Pittsburg County, Oklahoma” Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office, Cynthia Savage, Architectural Historian, August 1977, photocopied information about four separate schools, and one memo.

The Rosenwald Fund led to the creation of over 5,000 African American school buildings in the United States, predominately in the South. Using models designed at the Tuskegee Institute, these schools are often called “Rosenwald Schools.”

2008.161 Kimbro, Issac

The Issac Kimbro Collection contains materials related to Evelyn La Rue Pittman and her lyric theater compositions.

1999.013 Langston University Bulletin

July 1943 booklet “Langston University Bulletin”; contents include the historical background of Langston and county, economic, family, governmental, social, and educational data about the school.

2012.188 Luper, Clara

This collection contains decades of correspondence, event programs, flyers, business information, and church information collected by civil rights leader Clara Luper. The collection covers the last 40 years of Clara Luper’s life and contains almost no information about the 1958 Sit-In at Katz Drug Store

1997.016 Moon, F. D.

Records consist of letters written by or received by F. D. Moon between 1932-1940. During this period, Moon was in charge of the African American Schools in Wewoka, a leader of The

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Langston Alumni Association, and an advocate of graduate education for African Americans.

2006.062 Moore, Kendric

Event and souvenir programs, school event materials and annuals, also certificates and awards. Items regarding public schools in Oklahoma City and the activities of the NAACP and other organizations.

2010.069 Mosley, Dr. James L. and Lois L.

Contains documents related to the Oklahoma Association of Negro Teachers during the 1940s and 1950s.

1982.294 Murray, William H.

Correspondence and documents concerning the life and career of Oklahoma Governor William H. Murray. Includes lists by county of Depression-Era individuals in need of relief and three scrapbooks concerning Murray's time as governor

2011.293 Nero, Shirley

Contains a quarterly report of the Oklahoma African American Educators Hall of Fame dated October 19, 2011, and a program from the Oklahoma African American Educators Hall of Fame, Inc First Induction Ceremony and Banquet dated September 30, 2011

2013.415 Oklahoma African American Educators Hall of Fame Collection

Contains interviews and nominations for the Oklahoma African American Educators Hall of Fame.

2011.154 Oklahoma City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs

Photographs, scrapbooks, ledgers, paintings, and financial records documenting the history of this organization.

1983.009 Patterson, Zella

This collection consists of the personal papers of Zella Patterson. Included are family history, charitable works, research on Langston University, and the city of Langston.

2007.057 Sapulpa Historical Society Collection

The Sapulpa Historical Society Collection contains materials that have been donated to the Oklahoma History Center from the museum in Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

2006.075 Stewart, Jimmy

This collection contains autobiographical materials, correspondence and some personal records. Included in the collection is information regarding his involvement with the NAACP and newspaper clippings.

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2016.143 St. John Missionary Baptist Church/Heritage Museum Collection

Contains church documents, minister correspondence, and funeral programs for deceased members. The bulk of the collection is focused on the 1950s.

1986.001 Thoburn, Joseph

The Joseph Thoburn Collection consists of the research papers and materials of Joseph Thoburn. Included are his personal research projects and papers from his time working with the Oklahoma Historical Society. The collection is arranged alphabetically by topic.

2006.018 Tulsa Race Riot (Massacre) Commission Collection

The Tulsa Race Riot Commission was created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1997 under HB 2468. Its mission was to study and provide a report of the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921 that would also help to give reparations for the tragic losses of those from the Greenwood District. The committee accomplished this by compiling various sources, which took roughly three and a half years. This collection contains newspaper articles, interviews from survivors, death certificates, and court cases filed against insurance companies, along with many photographs and statistics documenting the devastation that occurred during the 18-hour riot between May 31–June 1, 1921. The final report was submitted on February 21, 2001.

2008.028 Watkins, Katie Mae

The Katie Mae Watkins Collection contains scrapbooks highlighting the career of African-American civic leader Katie Mae Watkins. Two boxes contain loose pages from unbound scrapbooks; three volumes are intact.

2011.217 Watkins, Kaye

The Kaye Watkins Collection contains materials on the Urban League of Oklahoma and Zeta Phi Beta. Included are newspaper clippings and correspondence.

1982.115 Williams, Robert L.

The Robert L. Williams Collection consists of professional papers accumulated during his service as governor of the State of Oklahoma and US District Court Judge. The collection is arranged into topical files, such as agriculture, conservation, and banking. The collection contains a mix of correspondence and various documents. The collection includes William's years in the governor's office and the years following.

2008.048 Williams, Winner

The Winner Williams Collection contains copies of galleys from the comic strip "Winner Williams" that ran in *The Black Dispatch* 1969–August 1971 and the *Oklahoma City Times* September 1971–April 1973. Dr. Duncan Hall was approached by the editor of *The Black Dispatch* to write a cartoon for his newspaper about Black children after learning of his research in South Africa. Dr. Hall accepted, and after writing the comic for a few years on his

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own, he decided to find an illustrator who was experienced in drawing African American children. A colleague recommended Mr. Don Heath, and the two formed a team in 1971. The pro bono comic strip ended in 1973 when Dr. Hall and Mr. Heath ran out of time and money. Also included in the collection is a copy of *The Gospel According to Winner*, and *Larry and Friends*, the book written by Dr. Hall and Mr. Heath about their comic strip.