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Creator: Jones Memorial United Methodist Church (San Francisco, Calif.)

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Abstract: This collection documents the life and work of Hamilton T. Boswell, minister of Jones Memorial Methodist Church in San Francisco and founding minister of Bowen Memorial Methodist Church in Los Angeles. The collection includes correspondence and working documents related to Boswell's work with his congregations and within the United Methodist Church; San Francisco civic and public institutions such as the Juvenile Justice Commission and Housing Authority; the Civil Rights movement; his activities as a San Francisco police chaplain and chaplain of the California Assembly; and his personal life. Also included are his writings, from early classwork to sermons, speeches, and articles for his column, 'The Pulpit Voice', as well as photographs spanning his life and career. Audio recordings of sermons and family films are also present. Included are correspondence and photographs from Boswell's interactions with figures such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Ralph Abernathy, Justice Thurgood Marshall, Langston Hughes, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Ronald Reagan, Richard Nixon, Willie Brown, Jr. and various other San Francisco mayors, California governors, and other city and state officials.

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Alternate Forms Available

There are no alternate forms of this collection.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Eleanor Boswell-Raine, 2015.

Accruals

No additions are expected.

Arrangement

Arranged to the folder level.

Processing Information

Processed by Lori Dedeyan in 2017.

Biographical / Historical

Rev. Hamilton T. Boswell was born in Dallas, Texas in 1914. In 1920, his family moved to Los Angeles, where he attended grade school and high school. He attended Wiley College in Marshall, Texas and then earned his master's degree and PhD

in 1943 from the University of Southern California. He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, the first African-American, intercollegiate Greek-lettered fraternity, and continued his involvement for 72 years. He met and married Eleanor Gragg in 1939, after a courtship of three days; they would remain married until their deaths in 2007. The couple had two daughters, Eleanor and Jeri Lynn.

Boswell's first position as a clergyman was at St. John's Methodist Church in Los Angeles, where he presided from 1939 to 1943, after which he established Bowen Memorial Methodist Church. He and his family moved to San Francisco in 1947, where he assumed the pastorship of Jones Memorial United Methodist Church in the Fillmore District. He founded the Jones Methodist Credit Union and then the Jones Memorial Homes, the first federally financed senior citizen housing in San Francisco, in 1954.

Boswell was a mentor and campaign adviser to California Assemblyman and San Francisco mayor Willie Brown, Jr., who joined Jones Methodist in 1951. From 1953 to 1962, Boswell was a commissioner for Juvenile Justice in California. He served as a San Francisco Housing Authority Commissioner from 1964 to 1974, serving as chairman for two terms.

Boswell was active in the Civil Rights movement. He was the initial chairman of the San Francisco Conference on Religion and Race and co-chaired the Church Labor Conference, working with the interdenominational Ministerial Alliance to organize a 1964 gathering at the Cow Palace in San Francisco in support of the Southern Christian Leadership and Martin Luther King, Jr. He was given the Freedom Award by the NAACP in 1972 and 1974. He also received the Human Rights Award from the California State Senate and Assembly in 1964.

Boswell also served as chaplain to the San Francisco Police Department.

In 1976, he was appointed the District Superintendent within the California-Nevada United Methodist Church conference, presiding over the Contra Costa County and Alameda County jurisdiction until 1980. In 1984, he came out of retirement to serve as the chaplain for the California Assembly, a position he held for 10 years.

He died on May 6, 2007. His wife Eleanor passed away during the same year.

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The collection is divided into five series:

Series 1 (correspondence) contains incoming and outgoing letters pertaining to Boswell's work in the Methodist Church, community work, the Civil Rights Movement, San Francisco civic and political work, and personal life.

Series 2 (Writings) contains classwork, sermons, prayers, speeches, and articles.

Series 3 (Career and personal life) contains church documents, work documents, conference material, programs and proceedings, certificates and resolutions pertaining to Boswell's work, family and school documents, and personal material.

Series 4 (Photographs) contains images spanning Boswell's work, in the church and in San Francisco and California political and civic institutions, and family life.

Series 5 (Audiovisual material) includes audio and film recordings of Boswell's sermons, speeches, recollections, and family life.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

African American Methodists

African American political activists

Methodist Church--Clergy

Methodist Church--United States--History

African Americans--California--San Francisco

Chaplains, Police--United States

Housing -- California -- San Francisco

Housing authorities--Officials and employees

African Americans - Civil rights
Boswell, Hamilton T.
Jones Memorial United Methodist Church (San Francisco, Calif.)
Boswell-Raine, Eleanor

Series 1. Correspondence 1940-2008

Physical Description: Carton 1; Carton 2, folders 1-19

Arrangement

Arrangement adheres to Boswell's original order. Numbered subjects were created by Boswell and contain incoming and outgoing correspondence. Folders that contain only incoming or only outgoing correspondence have been indicated.

The majority of outgoing correspondence was organized by year rather than subject; this arrangement has been retained. However, outgoing correspondence covers largely the same subjects as the numbered files.

Scope and Contents

Incoming and outgoing correspondence related to Boswell's congregations, work within the Methodist Church, and interdenominational relationships; civil rights, labor rights, and prison reform; the San Francisco Housing Authority; involvement with various San Francisco organizations; and political involvement. Also includes personal correspondence.

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2. Bishops (incoming only) 1953-1976

3. Black Methodists for Church Renewal 1969-1976

4. Willie Brown 1956-1995

5. Bayview District Superintendent 1976-1982

6. Civil Rights 1946-1989

7. Colleges (incoming only) 1940-1971, 1991, 2000

8. San Francisco Conference on Race and Religion 1963-1964

9. "Heartbreak File" (regarding Central Christian Advocate) (incoming only) 1956-1963

10. Interdenominational Relationships (incoming only) 1950-1970, 1983

12. Jones Memorial 1947-1976

13. Martin Luther King, Jr. 1957-1970

14. Labor Relationships (incoming only) 1946-1965, 1990

15. NAACP/ Urban League/ Council of Churches 1943-1974

16. Negro Church, statements on (outgoing only) 1977

17. Negro Condition, statements re: (incoming only) 1956, 1959

18. Personal Letters (incoming only) 1943-1992, 2000-2002

18. Personal Letters (to Booker T. Anderson and James McCray) (outgoing only) 1957-1958

19. Politics (incoming only) 1949-1979

Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence from Vice President Richard Nixon, Senator George McGovern, various U.S. Congressmen, the California Governor's office (Edmund Brown, Earl Warren), California Attorney General's office, California State Legislators, San Francisco Mayor's office (John F. Shelley, Joseph L. Alioto, George Christopher, Elmer E. Robinson, George Moscone), San Francisco City Attorney's office, San Francisco Public Defender's office, the San Francisco Sheriff's Office, State Superintendent for Education Wilson Riles, and City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

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carton 1,
folders 18-19
carton 1, folder 20

carton 1,
folders 21-22

carton 1, folder 23	19. Politics (outgoing only) 1951, 1957 Scope and Contents Includes letters to Vice President Richard Nixon, San Francisco Mayor Elmer E. Robinson, and the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors.
carton 1, folder 24	21. Prison Relationships (incoming only) 1949-2001
carton 1, folder 25	21. Prison Relationships (outgoing only) 1951-1969, 1993
carton 1, folder 26	21. Prison Relationships: George Holman (San Quentin) 1950-1954
carton 1, folder 27	21. Prison Relationships: Wesley Robert Wells 1953-1976
carton 1, folder 28	22. San Francisco Housing Authority (incoming only) 1948-1973
carton 1, folders 29-30	23. San Francisco Community Relationships (incoming only) 1951-1972
carton 1, folders 31-34	25. United Methodist Church (incoming only) 1943-1993
carton 1, folder 35	25. United Methodist Church (outgoing only) 1953-1971
carton 1, folder 36	26. Youth Work and Influence 1956-1964, 1971
carton 1, folder 37	27. Methodist Church "Gad- Fly Issues" 1957, 1970
carton 1, folder 38	Wiley College 1943-60, 1988-2008
carton 1, folder 39	Bethel Trinity and Bowen Memorial Methodist Churches (incoming only) 1943-1947
carton 1, folder 40	Jones Memorial Homes and Housing Commission 1946-1970
carton 1, folder 41	Police 1951-1972
carton 1, folder 42	Employment (outgoing only) circa 1969-1970
carton 1, folder 43	Retirement 1982
carton 1, folders 44-47	Outgoing correspondence 1950-1953 Arrangement One year per folder.
carton 2, folders 1-18	Outgoing correspondence 1954-1971 Arrangement One year per folder.
carton 2, folder 19	Unknown and miscellaneous correspondence 1931, 1963, 1969, 1982, undated Series 2. Writing 1939-1995 Physical Description: Carton 2, folders 20-35; Carton 3, folders 1-14 Arrangement Arranged in roughly chronological order. Scope and Contents Includes student writing from University of Southern California divinity school, sermons, eulogies, invocations, speeches, articles from Boswell's 'Pulpit Voice' column, and other writing.
carton 2, folders 20-21	Class papers: Comparative Religion course 1939-1941
carton 2, folder 22	Class papers: New Testament Study 1941
carton 2, folder 23	Class papers: Old Testament Theology circa 1941
carton 2, folder 24	Class papers 1942
carton 2, folder 25	Class papers undated
carton 2, folder 26	USC Master's Thesis: "Some Aspects of the Race Problem in the Social Gospel" 1943
carton 2, folder 27	Essays undated Scope and Contents Undated early manuscripts titled "Conviction", "Behold, Thy Mother", "His Birthday", "Christian Endeavor", "Youth is Ready", "Economics as a Determiner in Youth Place in Building a New World", and three untitled pieces.
carton 2, folder 28	First sermon: "Serving God by Serving Man" 1939

carton 2,
folders 29-30

Sermons undated

Scope and Contents

Undated early manuscripts drawing from Kings; the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John; Acts; Romans; 1 Corinthians; Ephesians; and Philippians.

carton 2, folder 31
carton 2, folder 31
carton 2,
folders 33-34

Eulogies undated

Eulogies circa 1951-1991

Speeches and sermons circa 1957-1964

Scope and Contents

Includes: New Leaders and Old Voices; Getting Out of the Rut for the New Year (1963); For a Brotherhood Unlimited; Why National Negro History Week? (1957); The Role of the Church in the Black Community (circa 1962); The Galilean Escapes (1963); The Relation of Church and Synagogue to Other Community Forces in Social Justice (1964); Medgar Evers Memorial Service (1964); 24 Hour Prayer Givig for Success of Public School Integration (1957); A Prayer Meditation for the Twenty-Four Prayer Vigil; The San Francisco Situation (1963); A Profile of the Poor; Thankful But Not Satisfied; People of the Inner City; For This Cause; Compensatory Recruitment; General Impressions, Civil Rights, Oct 63- Oct 64; The Basis of an Inner Peace; Address at Printers Union College (1963); Community Problems Affecting Children; The Prayer; and untitled addresses.

Carton 2,
Folder 35

Proposals and remarks circa 1957-1971

Scope and Contents

Includes remarks made to the Board of Supervisors on Consideration of a Fair Employment Practices Ordinance (1957); to the Commission for Study and Action on the Jurisdictional System, the Methodist Church (1957); to the Committee of Public Health and Welfare; and For a Human Relations Commission (1964). Proposals include a Jones Center for the Study of Negro History; Jones Comprehensive Day Care Service; Jones Community Correctional Centers; and other proposals.

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Invocations circa 1961-1986

Sermons and cabinet devotions circa 1976-1982

Daily Prayer (CA Assembly) 1990-1994

Book of Sermon Outlines 1995, undated

Pulpit Voice column, The California Eagle (clippings) 1944-1946

Pulpit Voice column, SF Sun Reporter (clippings) 1953-1957

Unedited column articles 1954-1955

"A-Phi-A's Threefold Aim: An Education for Citizenship Address" (Alpha Phi Alpha bulletin) circa 1953

"How to Stay Married" (The Message Magazine) 1958

"Reflections on a Classic" (MSS essay about Huckleberry Finn) 1962

Series 3. Career and personal life 1930-2009

Physical Description: Carton 3, folders 15-39; Carton 4; Box 1; Oversize Folders 1 and 2

Arrangement

Arranged in roughly chronological order, with artifacts, clippings, and certificates listed near the end.

Scope and Contents

Includes material related to Boswell's religious study; clergy service at Bowen Memorial Methodist Church and Jones Memorial Methodist Church; involvement with the United Methodist Church; involvement with the Wiley College alumni and the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity; his involvement in the San Francisco Youth Commission, Housing Authority, and as police chaplain; civil rights and prison reform; and some personal material.

carton 3, folder 15
carton 3, folder 16

The Spectrum, Compton Union High School Yearbook (Compton, CA) 1930 Compton Union High School diploma 1932

carton 3, folder 17	"Know Your Bible" study series, by Roy L. Smith circa 1939
carton 3, folder 18	Preacher's License, Methodist Episcopal Church 1939
oversize_folder 1	United Methodist Church- certificates for Deacon and Elder status 1941, 1943
carton 3, folder 20	Surveys of Methodist Churches for Black residents in Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland, and Seattle 1942-1946
carton 3, folder 19	Bethel Trinity and Shaw Methodist Church documents 1941-1943, 1963, 1983, undated
carton 3, folder 21	Bowen Memorial Methodist Church- programs and booklets 1943-1947, 1971-1973, 1993
carton 3, folder 22	Bowen Memorial Methodist Church- Langston Hughes lecture 1945
carton 3, folder 23	Jones Memorial Methodist Church- booklets and pamphlets 1956-1993
carton 3, folder 24	Jones Memorial- committee, board, and other documents 1956-1970
carton 3, folder 25	Jones Memorial- credit union 1971-1981
carton 3, folder 26	Jones Memorial- childcare program proposal undated
oversize_folder 1	Jones Methodist Church- posters for youth choir concert undated
carton 3, folder 27	United Methodist Church (UMC)- conferences and documents 1946-1995
carton 3, folder 28	UMC- conference proceedings 1947, 1970, 1972
carton 3, folder 29	UMC- conference proceeding and H.T.B. retirement 1982
carton 3, folder 30	UMC- convocation, "Celebrating the Call" 1990
carton 3,	George Holman clemency case (San Quentin state prison)- official documents
folders 31-32	1951-1952
carton 3, folder 33	Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity- certificates 1956, 1986, 2004
carton 3,	Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity- documents 1983-1985
folders 34-35	
carton 3, folder 36	Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity- documents 1986, 1990-1995, 2001
oversize_folder 1	Alpha Phi Alpha memorial resolution 2007
carton 3, folder 37	Wiley College- honorary doctor of divinity 1956
carton 3, folder 38	Wiley College- Alumni documents 1995-2000
carton 3, folder 39	Wiley College- Great Debaters film 2007-2009
oversize_folder 2	The Real Great Debaters of Wiley College film poster 2008
carton 4, folder 1	Programs for invocations and speeches 1958-1998
carton 4, folder 2	Resumes and biographical information circa 1960-2003
carton 4, folder 3	California Assembly Chaplain 1965, 1986, 1990
carton 4, folder 4	Businesses 1968, 1999
carton 4, folder 5	Programs for tributes to Boswell 1976-1993, 2007-2008
carton 4, folder 6	Golden wedding anniversary program 1989
carton 4, folder 7	Special election, First Union Baptist Church 1992
carton 4, folder 8	Estate of Doris Boswell Anderson 1992-2003
carton 4, folder 9	Prison file- information sheets and figures circa 1992-1999
carton 4, folder 10	Book and documentary project circa 1999-2001
carton 4, folder 11	Memorial motions and letters from Congress for H.T.B. passing 2007
carton 4, folder 12	California Senate Memorial Resolution 2007
carton 4, folder 13	California Assembly Memorial Resolution 2007
oversize_folder 1	Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County. Boswell memorial resolution (No. 2007/274) 2007
carton 4, folder 14	Hamilton T. Boswell Foundation- events and publications 2009
carton 4, folder 15	Readings and research circa 1956-1983
carton 4, folder 16	Miscellaneous 1981, 2007, undated
carton 4, folder 17	Certificates 1966-2008

Scope and Contents

Includes certificates from the United Methodist Church; National Black Methodists for Church Renewal; The Street People's Committee; commendations from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and recognition of participation in the 12th Annual Institute of Police and Community Relations at Michigan State University.

oversize_folder 1	<p>California Legislature resolutions honoring Boswell 1963-1994</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Assembly, California Legislature, 1963 Regular Session Resolution No. 108. February 21, 1963.</p> <p>Assembly, California Legislature, 1963 Regular Session Resolution No. 385. June 7, 1963.</p> <p>California Legislature, Senate Resolution No. 407. June 15, 1972.</p> <p>California Legislature, Senate Rules Resolution No. 662. June 25, 1976.</p> <p>Assembly Rules Committee- California Legislature Resolution No. 156. June 16, 1976.</p> <p>California Legislature Resolution No. 388. August 25, 1986.</p> <p>California Legislature Assembly Resolution No. 199. January 11, 1990.</p> <p>California Legislature Assembly Resolution No. 74. August 31, 1994.</p>
oversize_folder 1	<p>SF Housing Authority certificate of appointment 1964</p>
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oversize_folder 1	<p>Congressional Record- House of Representatives. Boswell Tribute Dinner speech by Hon. John L. Burton 1976</p>
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oversize_folder 1	<p>Certificate of Appreciation for Dr. Hamilton Boswell, founder of Bowen Memorial United Methodist Church. County of Los Angeles 1983</p>
carton 4, folder 18	
oversize_folder 1	<p>City of Los Angeles resolution honoring Boswell 1983</p>
carton 4, folder 18	
	<p>Scrapbook contents 1976</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Includes correspondence, programs, and clippings from 1976.</p>
carton 4,	<p>Press clippings 1945-2002</p>
folders 19-22	
carton 4, folder 23	<p>Press clippings- Jones Memorial Homes 1961-1963</p>
carton 4, folder 24	
	<p>Badges and identification cards 1958, 1967-1974</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Includes a San Francisco Housing Authority badge and silver star, and identification for the San Francisco Police (chaplain, 1969, Juvenile Justice Commission (1958), and Housing Authority (1967-1974).</p>
carton 4, folder 25	<p>Methodist Ritual and Prayer Books 1946, 1964</p>
carton 4, folder 26	
carton 4, folder 27	<p>Traveling baptism kit undated</p> <p>Photocopies of plaques 1972-1993</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Includes plaques from Jones Methodist Church, Bowen Memorial Methodist Church, Wiley College, the NAACP, and the USC Alumni Association.</p>
carton 4, folder 28	<p>Plaque from Jones Methodist Church 1983</p>
carton 4, folder 29	
carton 4, folder 30	<p>Guestbook circa 1954-1965</p>
carton 4, folder 31	
box 1	<p>Hamilton Boswell memorial service guestbook 2007</p> <p>Eleanor Boswell memorial service guestbook 2007</p> <p>Daily organizers (The Daily Suggester, by United Methodist Publishing House) 1940-2007</p>
oversize_folder 1	<p>California State Legislature. Certificates of Recognition for Eleanor Boswell- Raine 2008</p>

Series 4. Photographs 1932-2002

Physical Description: Carton 5; Oversize folder 1; Portfolio 1

Arrangement

Arranged in roughly chronological order. Family photographs have been kept together.

Scope and Contents

Includes rich photographic documentation of the congregation and activities of Jones Memorial Methodist Church; some images of Bowen Memorial Methodist Church in Los Angeles; political activity and civic engagement and recognition; civil rights activity; and family photographs.

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Portraits of Hamilton Boswell 1932-1974

Stoic Club social event, Los Angeles, Home of Mr. and Mrs. James Akers 1932

Bethel Trinity Methodist Church undated

Bowen Memorial United Methodist Church circa 1946

Jones Memorial United Methodist Church circa 1947-19724

Scope and Contents

Includes images of the interior and exterior of the church, its congregation, choir, board of trustees, commissions and committees, social events, church school and classes, basketball team, construction of the Jones Memorial Homes, and visits from Johnny Mathis, Thurgood Marshall, Willie Brown, Ralph Abernathy, and others.

portfolio 1

Jones Memorial United Methodist Church, youth choir (negative) undated

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Pictures with Rep. Johh Burton, Mayor Joseph Alioto, Judge Joseph G. Kennedy, and Gov. Goodwin Knight 1948, 1969, undated

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carton 5, folder 11
carton 5, folder 12
oversize_folder 1
carton 5, folder 13

Picture with Mayor Joseph Alioto undated

With Ronald Reagan, Christmas Seals Tuberculosis campaign circa 1950s

Doctorate of divinity from Wiley College 1956

Speeches- Civil Rights circa 1956-1964

With Martin Luther King Jr. 1964

Political rally, presidential primary 1964

Speeches for US-UN Commemorative Stamp ceremony and MUNI Flynn division 1965, 1989

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SF Housing Authority swearing- in ceremony with Mayor John Shelley 1964

SF Housing Authority circa 1968

SF Housing Authority undated

Appointed chaplain of SF Police, with Chief Thomas Cahill circa 1969

Black Methodists for Church Renewal- conference tribute dinner for Boswell 1975

With Willie Brown circa 1980s-1990s

Receiving Certificate of Honor from City of San Francisco undated

Wiley College Alumni gathering undated

With other clergy, possible Council of Churches undated

CA Assembly resolution honoring Boswell undated

Family photos- Hamilton and Eleanor Boswell wedding 1939

Family portraits circa 1940s-1990

Family photos circa 1940s-1990

Family photos (color slides) 1960-1968

Family photos circa 1960-1969

Family photos circa 1970s

Family photos- Mexico circa 1966-1971

Family photos- Egypt circa 1971

Family photos- Hong Kong, Okinawa, and Taiwan 1971

Family photos- Israel/Palestine and Greece 1973

Family photos- Greece and China 1971, 1973

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carton 5, folder 42

Family photos- Alaska and British Columbia 1978

Family photos circa 1980-1995

Family photos circa 1995-2002

Other clergy 1952, 1956, undated

Miscellaneous undated

Untitled images circa 1940s-1960s

Series 5. Audiovisual material circa 1960-2008

Physical Description: Carton 6

Arrangement

Arranged by format. Titles of items have been listed under each format.

Scope and Contents

Includes audio recordings of Boswell's sermons; possible recordings for an oral history of Boswell; sermons and recordings by others; and film footage of family and friends.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Special equipment or further processing may be required to access this material. Please contact the reference desk in advance of your visit.

Carton 6

Compact audio cassettes 1970-2008**Scope and Contents**

"An Empty House."- Dr. Hamilton T. Boswell. 8/12/84. Downs Methodist Church. Rev. Charles H. Lee Sr., Pastor.

"A Good Person's Sin"- Rev. Dr. Hamilton Boswell. August 18, 1991. East Hill United Methodist Church.

"The Seven Last Words." Good Friday Service. March 29, 2002. Easter Hill United Methodist Church. (2 cassettes)

"Looking at Life Through Clean or Dirty Windows"- Dr. Rev. Hamilton T. Boswell. Downs: 10/15/95; 10 A.M.; Unity Sun.

"Looking at Life Through Clean Windows."- Dr. H. T. Boswell. 8/24/97.

"Quiet Hour"- Dr. Hamilton T. Boswell. May 14, 2007.

"Turning Defeat Into Victory".- Rev. Boswell. 8/26/90.

"When God Says No"- Dr. Hamilton T. Boswell. September 15, 1985

"When Suffering Comes."

"The Danger of Spiritual Emptiness". 10/20.

Rev.- Mrs. Boswell. 2/28/00.

To: Rev. + Mrs. Boswell. Austember 23, 1999.

The Black Election I.

The Renewal Ensemble. 6/23/91.

Annual Conference 1982. Hamilton Boswell- Ordination.

Side #1 Typhoon. Eleanor to Jeri/ Side #2 Eleanor to Jeri.

Tape #6 Side I/ Side II

Aug. 70. Ellie Overseas 1970. Side I/ Side II

Birthday- 100 Papa. 2nd side.

Tape Number 2 from Tokyo. Side I.

2/26/95- Dr. Boswell [illegible]

Bowen Memorial UMC. Rev. Boswell. 9/26/93.

Mrs. Boswell. 7/26/01.

Ellie Boswell. Spiritual Response Therapy. 8/30/95.

Father McLaughlin.

"The Honorable Willie Brown Jr." 6/25/95.

Eleanor Boswell Raine. The daughter of Hamilton T. Boswell one of Melvin Tolson's Great Debaters. Graduate of Wiley College. September 5, 2008.

Jazz from South Africa.

Mothers Friend 2006.

"Staying Connected"- Mr. Ahmad Anderson. February 25, 2001. Easter Hill United Methodist Church.

Gary [written over "Larry Lewis May 2004"]/ Duran [written over "Irma Patterson 4/23/04"]

77th Anniversary- Allen Temple Baptist Church. Rev. Frederick Haynes. October 20-25, 1996. (6 cassettes)

"When Suffering Comes". Worship service at Lincoln Memorial Congregational Church, 4126 Arlington Avenue Los Angeles. April 1996. Galloway Brothers Quartet singing at the end.

Rappin: A Tribute to The Honorable Willie L. Brown, Jr. May 18, 1991. Melle Mel, Kool Moe Dee, MC Lyte, Dutchiezz.

"Big Book Bill"- El Sobrante, CA. 4/27/96

10 unlabeled cassettes

Carton 6

Microcassettes circa 1992-1993

Scope and Contents

RAB Family Background. 11-3.
Practice tape.
High School and Jr. College.
Side A- HTB 9/17 and 9/23 Miscellaneous Tape #1/ Side B- HTB 9/23/93. Column, background, 4th meeting.
Side A- Growing up, school days/ Side B- Description of Popoo's characters.
Side A- RAB Big M + D/ Side B- Marriage Story
Side A- 10/20 HTB/ EBB/ Side B- 10/20 HTB/ EBB tape 3
Side A- RAB 11/3 and 11/4/ Side B- RAB 11/4
Side A- RAB 11/2 and 11/3. No LA/ Side B- RAB 11/3 in LA.
Side A- HTB 10/27/92/ Side B- HTB 10/29/92.
Side A- HTB 9/23/92. Background./ Side B- HTB 9/23/92. Background continued, tape 2.
Side A- HTB Lessons from Big Dad
HTB 5/21/93 Destiny Revealed Book
Boswell Family HTB
12/7/92- Rev. Robert Hill
TB Interviewed. Too, Too Slick.
Side A- Rev. James McCray. 12/2/92. / Side B- Rev. James McCray. 12/2/92.
12/2/92- Rev. James MrCray Part 2.
HTB Big Mama
Dan Collins
HTB College Tape #2
Ernie
E. B. Boswell Jamisons
10/20 HTB Tape 3. 10/25 HTB phone call part 1.
HTB Destiny Continued
12/9/92- W. Flynn
McLaughlin.

Carton 6

VHS tapes circa 1993-1994

Scope and Contents

Seattle Equal Status Forum.
Jones Memorial UMC/ UMW Fashion Show and Salad Tea. June 5, 1993.
California State Assembly Television Tape. Chamber. Rev. Boswell. 8/31/94.
The 50th Anniversary of Hamilton and Eleanor Boswell.
Ms. Eleanor Boswell Raine. S. S. Show.
1 untitled cassette.

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Kodachrome Movie Film 1960s

Scope and Contents

Xmas Mom + Pop. Nana Popoo, Uncle Warren. Jan. 196?

Mexico/ Bull Fights. Jeri, Lorraine and Aunt Georgia. Oct. 4, 1966.

KSAN Boatride. Aug. 22, 1966.

Youth Picnic. Aug 17, 1960.

San Diego, 4th of July/ Dru The Singltons. Aug 14, 196?

Aunt Lula, Bessie, Grandma, Mom, Ellie, Jeri, Dru.undated.

Long blank lead in. Treherne (?) family in Nashville. mom, dad, Jeri, Ellie. undated.

2 untitled film reels.