Guide to the Elvira Davis Wiggan Photograph Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Elvira Davis Wiggan photograph collection

Dates: circa 1860s-1941

Collection number: MS 18

Creator: Wiggan, Elvira Davis.

Collection Size: .2 linear feet (18 photographs)

Repository: African American Museum & Library at Oakland (Oakland, Calif.)
Oakland, CA 94612

Abstract: The Elvira Wiggan Photograph Collection includes 18 photographs of friends and family of Elvira Davis Wiggan. Included in the collection is a 1860s tin-type portrait of an African American woman, several photographs of Elvira Wiggan’s uncle, Samuel Davis, and photographs of Elvira Wiggan’s father, John Davis, dressed in his Pullman porter uniform.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
No access restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

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Scope and Content of Collection

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Arrangement
I. Photographs

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

Oakland (Calif.)--History.
African American families--California--Oakland.
Pullman porters--California--Oakland--History--Pictorial works.
Photographs

Physical Description: 18 photographs

Series Scope and Content Summary

Includes 18 photographs of Elvira Davis Wiggan's family and friends.

Arrangement

Arranged by photograph identification number.

Box 1:1
- Tintype portrait of a woman [001] circa 1860s
- William 'Bill' Williams in Oakland fireman's uniform holding dog, 'Dale,' on sidewalk [002] circa 1920s
- Samuel Davis in military uniform sitting on front porch steps, 1315 Campbell St. Oakland, California [003] circa 1910s
- Marylee Golphin leaning against car with California license plate [004] circa 1920s
- Group photograph of Pullman porters [005] circa 1910s
- John Davis in Pullman porter uniform standing at 16th St. depot, Oakland, California [006] circa 1910s
- Portrait of John G. Wiggan [007] circa 1930s
- Graduation portrait of Elvera Wiggan, Fremont High School [009] 1940
- Portrait of Samuel Davis [010] circa 1910s
- Herman Wiggan football portrait, Fremont High School [011] 1939
- Dolores Williams Cooper riding a pony next to Elvera Wiggan [012] 1932
- Baby portrait of Elvera Wiggan [013] 1922
- Portrait of Clarence Williams (boy) standing next to chair [014] 1920
- Dolores Williams Cooper wearing U.S. navy cap [015] 1930
- Elvera Wiggan standing outside of house at 1235 62nd Ave., Oakland, California [016] 1941
- Geraldine Inman Fong wearing straw hat standing in front of row of houses, Campbell St., Oakland, California [017] 1917

Box 1:2
- Portrait of Samuel Davis and 'mother' holding candlesticks, Houston, Texas [018] circa 1898