Guide to the Ida Hill Photograph Collection

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Ida Hill photograph collection

**Dates:** circa 1860s-1971

**Collection number:** MS 58

**Creator:** Hill, Ida.

**Collection Size:** .1 linear feet (2 folders)

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

**Abstract:** The Ida Hill Photograph Collection includes 29 photographs of various members of the Hill and Robinson families, group photographs of African American masons, and Dicy Robinson’s memorial card. A bulk of the collection are family photographs of William and Ida Hill and their children William Hill Jr., Alfred Hill, and Beverly Hill in Oakland and Alameda, California. The collection also includes a cabinet card taken in New Orleans, Louisiana, most likely of Ida Robinson Hill’s father sometime in the 1860s and a group photograph of the Robinson family taken in front of their home in the 1890s. The collection includes ten group photographs of various African American masonic groups in California in the 1930-1950s.

**Languages:** Languages represented in the collection: English

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

**Access Restrictions**
Materials are for use in-library only, non-circulating.

**Publication Rights**
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**Arrangement**
Series I. Photographs Series II. Dicy Robinson memorial card
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Hill, Ida.
Hill family.
African American--Families.
African American freemasonry--California--History.
African American freemasons--California--History.

Photographs
Physical Description: 29 photographs
Series Scope and Content Summary
Includes photographs of the Hill and Robinson families and group photographs of African American masons in California in 1930s-1950s.
Arrangement
Arranged into subject series and by photograph identification number thereafter.

Hill and Robinson families
Box 1:1 Dicy Robinson memorial card [001] 1902
Box 1:1 Cabinet card of unidentified man, W.W. Washburn photographer, 109 Canal St. New Orleans, Louisiana [002] circa 1860s
Box 1:1 Mr. and Mrs. Dicy Robinson standing in front of home with young woman and child [003] circa 1890s
Box 1:1 Portrait of Ida Robinson Hill, Morvan Studio, 111 N. Rampart St. New Orleans, Louisiana [004] circa 1900s
Box 1:1 Studio portrait of man sitting in car [005] circa 1910s
Box 1:1 Group photograph of children, (left-right, front): Alfred Hill, Beverly Hill, Gertrude (Dee Dee) Hackett, Harry Osibin (back): Dorothy Marsden (Jenkins), Leona Hart (O'Connor), unidentified girl [006] circa 1920s
Box 1:1 William Hill Jr. standing next to house [007] circa 1920s
Box 1:1 (left-right, back): William Hill Sr., William Hill Jr., (left-right, front): Alfred Hill, Beverly Hill [008] circa 1920s
Box 1:1 Ida Hill sitting on bench at Neptune Beach in Alameda, California [009] circa 1920s
Box 1:1 William Hill Sr. and William Hill Jr. standing next to house [010] circa 1920s
Box 1:1 Hill family home at 935 Arlington St. Oakland, California [011] circa 1920s
Box 1:1 William Hill Sr. standing next to home in Knights Templar uniform [012] circa 1920s
Box 1:1 Ida Hill and William Hill Jr. standing outside doorway [013] 1971
Box 1:1 Ida Hill and Alfred Hill standing next to building [014] circa 1970s
Box 1:1 William Hill Sr. sitting in lawn chair in backyard [015] 1967
Box 1:1 Portrait of William Hill Jr. [016] circa 1960s
Box 1:1 Portrait of William Hill Jr. [017] circa 1960s
Box 1:1 Ida Hill and William Hill Jr. standing outside of house [018] circa 1970s
Box 1:1 Ida Hill and woman leaning against car [019] circa 1970s

Mason group photographs
Box 1:2 Group photograph of members of the Heroines of Jericho [020] circa 1950s
Box 1:2 Group photograph of members of the Heroines of Jericho [021] circa 1950s
Box 1:2 Group photograph of the 15th Communication Grand High Court, Heroines of Jericho of California [022] 1939
| Box 1:2 | Group photograph of members of the Heroines of Jericho in Riverside, California [023] 1938 |
| Box 1:2 | Group photograph of members of the Heroines of Jericho [024] circa 1950s |
| Box 1:2 | Group photograph of men and women in meeting hall [025] 1947 |
| Box 1:2 | Group photograph of masons [026] circa 1950s |
| Box 1:2 | Group photograph of masons [027] circa 1950s |
| Box 1:2 | Group photograph of masons [028] circa 1950s |
| Box 1:2 | Group photograph of Acacia Lodge No. 7 F. & A.M. 50th anniversary ball [029] circa 1940s |
| Box 1:2 | Group photograph of Pacific Grand Guild Heroines Templar Crusade of Oakland, California [030] 1939 |
| Box 1:1 | Dicy Robinson memorial card 1902 |