Guide to the Sylvia Anna Magruder Papers

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Descriptive Summary

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Biography / Administrative History
Sylvia Anna Magruder (née Duncan) was born on July 1, 1880 in New Orleans, Louisiana the youngest daughter of Rev. Stephen Duncan and Sylvia Duncan. She graduated from New Orleans University and worked as a teacher and matron for ten years before marrying Rev. E.J. Magruder in 1908. The couple moved to California the following year, and in 1926 E.J. Magruder was appointed as the pastor at the First A.M.E. Church in San Francisco, California. Sylvia Anna Magruder served various civic and religious organizations in the San Francisco area, including the Y' Women of the San Francisco Buchanan St. YWCA and Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. She also worked for African American civil rights and advocated the hiring of the city’s first African American railway conductor, police officer, and social worker.

Scope and Content of Collection
The Sylvia Anna Magruder Papers include correspondence, certificates, funeral and musical programs, newspaper clippings, and photographs documenting the life and volunteer activities of Sylvia Anna Magruder. The papers are arranged into two series: biographical material and photographs. Biographical material include correspondence from politicians and civic organizations thanking Magruder for her volunteer work, certificates from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary...
Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, funeral and musical programs, and assorted newspaper clippings. Photographs in the collection are mostly portraits of Sylvia Anna Magruder and members of the Duncan family, photographs taken at Sylvia Anna Magruder's birthday celebrations, and photographs related to Magruder's participation in the YWCA and Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

**Arrangement**

Series I. Biographical
Series II. Photographs

**Indexing Terms**

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

Magruder, Sylvia Anna.

Women's Home and Foreign Mission Society.

African American--Families.

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**Biographical**

Physical Description: 5 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary

Includes assorted correspondence thanking her for her volunteering efforts, newspaper clippings, awards and certificates awarded to Magruder from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and programs for Stephen Joseph Duncan's funeral service, a piano recital, and Buchanan Street YMCA Christmas party.

Arrangement

Arranged by format.

Box 1:1  
**Correspondence 1938-1959**

Box 1:2  
**Newspaper clippings 1948-1964**

Box 1:3  
**Awards and certificates 1944-1964**

Box 1:4  
**Programs circa 1930s-1975**

Box 1:5  
**Corsages worn on 75th birthday 1952, 1955**

**Photographs**

Physical Description: 42 photographs

Series Scope and Content Summary

Includes 42 photographs mostly family and friends of Sylvia Anna Magruder, group photographs taken at Sylvia Magruder's birthday celebrations, and photographs related to Magruder's participation in the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Arrangement

Arranged by photograph identification number.

Box 1:1  
**Four women standing with minister in church, caption: 'Selby, Lanford, Wroten, Bennett, Magruder' [001] 1946**

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**Group of men and women attending Sylvia Anna Magruder's 75th birthday party [003] 1955**

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**Portrait of Mrs. Stephen J. Duncan [004] circa 1950s**

Box 1:1  
**Portrait of Rev. Stephen Duncan [005] 1885**

Box 1:1  
**Portrait of Sylvia Anna Duncan [006] circa 1890s**

Box 1:1  
**Portrait of Rev. E. J. Magruder [007] 1903**

Box 1:1  
**Sylvia Belle Magruder sitting in chair [008] circa 1940s**

Box 1:1  
**Photo booth portrait of Sylvia Baquie [009] circa 1950s**

Box 1:1  
**Portrait of Rev. E. J. Magruder [010] 1935**
Photographs

Matilda Duncan Clark and unidentified man [011] circa 1930s

Thelma [-] and Christine Cleek presenting Sylvia Anna Magruder with a $100 membership in the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church [012] circa 1950s

Althea M. Clark and Richard S. Clark [013] circa 1930s

Sylvia Anna Magruder and man in living room [014] 1956

Group photograph of members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, pictured (front, left-right): Sylvia Anna Magruder, Mattie White, Thelma [-], Belle Shepard, Thelma Wroten, Mrs. Hall, Ruth Lanford, Marilyn Selby [015] circa 1940s

Group photograph in living room at Sylvia Anna Magruder's 76th birthday party [016] 1956

Group photograph of members of the Y's Women of the San Francisco Buchanan St. YWCA [017] 1948

Woman pinning corsage on Sylvia Anna Magruder at her 80th birthday day breakfast given by the Society of Classical Arts at the Cliff House in San Francisco, California [018] 1960

Group photograph of Sylvia Anna Magruder and members of the Society of Classical Arts at her 80th birthday day breakfast at the Cliff House in San Francisco, California [019] 1960

Group photograph of conference attendees at First United Mt. Zion Church [020] 1961

Sylvia Anna Magruder cutting cake at 76th birthday party [021] 1956

Sylvia Anna Magruder standing next to cake at 75th birthday party [022] 1955

Group of men sitting in meeting hall [023] circa 1940s

Harry Mallet and Johnny Wroten playing dominos [024] 1959

Sylvia Anna Magruder and two girls standing in backyard [025] circa 1950s

Sylvia Anna Magruder and grandchildren blowing out candles at 76th birthday party [026] 1956

Sharin Magruder sitting on Santa Claus' lap [027] circa 1950s

Tracy Magruder sitting on Santa Claus' lap [028] 1955

Sylvia Anna Magruder standing outside doorway with group of women [029] 1963

Sylvia Anna Magruder and two girls standing in backyard [030] circa 1950s

Boy pinning corsage on young woman [031] circa 1950s

Woman standing with three children [032] circa 1950s

Sylvia Belle Magruder standing in front yard [033] circa 1950s

Sylvia Anna Magruder standing in front yard [034] circa 1950s

Sylvia Anna Magruder standing in backyard [035] circa 1950s

Sylvia Anna Magruder wearing hat and shawl [036] circa 1950s

Sylvia Anna Magruder standing in backyard [037] circa 1950s

Sylvia Anna Magruder sitting on bench [038] circa 1950s

Sylvia Anna Magruder standing next to stack of books [039] 1958

Harry Mallet and Sylvia Anna Magruder in backyard [040] 1959

Two young women standing in front of patio door [041] 1959

Boys and girls standing next to table in backyard, caption: 'YW Missionary Society' [042] 1959