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## Guide to the Madison Harvey Jr. Papers

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Madison Harvey Jr. papers

**Dates:** 1945-2013

**Collection number:** MS 84

**Creator:** Harvey, Madison.

**Collection Size:** .5 linear feet (1 box + 1 oversized box)

**Repository:** African American Museum & Library at Oakland (Oakland, Calif.)  
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**Abstract:** The Madison Harvey Jr. papers include photographs, black history newsletters, and funeral programs documenting the life and professional activities of Madison Harvey Jr. The papers are organized in to three series: photographs, publications, and funeral programs. The bulk of the collection consists of photographs documenting Harvey's family, friends and classmates at Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa Oklahoma, career as a sailor in the United States Navy in the late 1940s, a surprise party prepared by his co-workers at the Continuing Education of the Bar, and photographs of businesses making preparations prior to the Rodney King verdict.

**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

Permission to publish from the Madison Harvey Jr. Papers must be obtained from the African American Museum & Library at Oakland.

### Preferred Citation

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### Biography / Administrative History

Madison Harvey Jr. (1928-2013) was born on August 27th, 1928 in Colbert, Oklahoma the youngest son of Madison Dyne and Blanche Harvey. After graduating from Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1947, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served aboard the U.S.S. Eldorado as an electrical technician. After fighting in the Korean War, he was honorably discharged from the navy and relocated to Oakland, California. He attended Contra Costa College and the University of California Berkeley and worked as a research assistant at the Chevron Research Corporation for fourteen years. After leaving Chevron, he was hired as an insurance agent for the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company where he also worked for fourteen years. Harvey was also an amateur historian and ardent advocate of black history. He was a founding member of the East Bay Negro Historical Society and was an active member collecting and exhibiting

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historical material related to African Americans in the East Bay. Beginning in the 1980s, Harvey also published a monthly newsletter on black history – *The Bokchito Herald*, and later renamed *Madison's Monthly* and *The Whip-O-Will* – that featured interesting newspaper clippings, quotations, photographs, and obituaries related to black history.

#### **Scope and Content of Collection**

The Madison Harvey Jr. papers include photographs, black history newsletters, and funeral programs documenting the life and professional activities of Madison Harvey Jr. The papers are organized in to three series: photographs, publications, and funeral programs. The bulk of the collection consists of photographs documenting Harvey's family, friends and classmates at Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma, career as a sailor in the United States Navy in the late 1940s, a surprise party prepared by his co-workers at the Continuing Education of the Bar, and photographs of what appear to be businesses making preparations prior to the Rodney King verdict. The publications series includes Harvey's newsletter on black history successively titled *The Bokchito Herald*, *Madison's Monthly*, and *The Whip-O-Will* published from the 1980s-2000s. Also included is a flyer for the Continuing Education of the Bar's surprise party for Harvey in 1992. The funeral programs series includes programs for the memorial services of Madison Harvey and his brother Sylvester Harvey.

#### **Arrangement**

Series I. Photographs Series II. Publications Series III. Funeral programs

#### **Indexing Terms**

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

Continuing Education of the Bar -- California.

African American sailors--History--20th century.

African Americans -- military service -- 1940-1960.

Photographs.

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#### **Photographs**

**Physical Description:** 72 photographs

#### **Series Scope and Content Summary**

Includes photographs of family, high school friends, U.S. Navy, a surprise birthday party held for Madison Harvey at the Continuing Education of the Bar, and riot preparations following the Rodney King verdict.

#### **Arrangement**

Arranged by subject and thereafter by photograph identification number.

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#### **Harvey family photographs**

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| Box 1:1 | <b>Harvey family, pictured (right-left): Madison Harvey Sr., Blanche Harvey, Minnette Smith, Oceola Thompson, Mary Garret, Lillian Baldwin, Oralee Harvey [001] circa 1956</b> |
| Box 1:2 | <b>Portrait of Madison Harvey [002] circa 1990s</b>  |
| Box 1:1 | <b>Portrait of Madison Harvey [003] 1997</b>   |
| Box 1:1 | <b>Portrait of girl, caption: 'cousins' [011] circa 1951</b>   |
| Box 1:1 | <b>Portrait of girl, caption: 'cousins' [013] circa 1947</b>   |
| Box 1:1 | <b>Sylvester Harvey and young woman sitting on bumper of parked car [016] circa 1945</b>   |
| Box 1:1 | <b>Madison Harvey Sr. sitting on front fender of parked car [017] circa 1946</b>   |
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#### **Booker T. Washington High School**

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| Box 1:1 | <b>Two women standing next to chain-link fence, caption: 'High school friends' [007] circa 1946</b>   |
| Box 1:1 | <b>Three young women sitting on park bench, caption: 'Three high school friends' [010] circa 1950</b> |
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Box 1:1	<b>Four young women standing in school yard, caption: 'High school friends' [014] circa 1947</b>
Box 1:1	<b>Madison Harvey Jr. and Archie Cone standing on sidewalk [015] circa 1947</b>
Box 1:1	<b>Booker T. Washington High School honor society group photograph Tulsa, Oklahoma [018] 1947</b>

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**U.S. Navy**

Box 1:1	<b>Aerial view of pool at Y.M.C.A., Hawaii [006] circa 1950</b>
Box 1:1	<b>Man in Navy uniform standing next to building, caption: 'Navy friend' [008] circa 1947</b>
Box 1:1	<b>Three men standing next to railing on ship [009] circa 1940s</b>
Box 1:1	<b>Street corner, Hawaii [012] circa 1950</b>
Box 1:1	<b>U.S.S. Eldorado (AGC-11) moored at port [021] circa 1951</b>
Box 1:1	<b>Portrait of Madison Harvey Jr. (USN) in Navy uniform [022] circa 1940s</b>
Box 1:1	<b>Group photograph of United States Navy sailors standing between Spirit of India sculptures at Treasure Island [029] 1948</b>
Box 1:1	<b>Group photograph of United States Navy sailors aboard the U.S.S. Eldorado (AGC-11) [030] circa 1950</b>

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**Continuing Education of the Bar****Surprise party for Madison Harvey**

Box 1:2	<b>Exterior of Continuing Education of the Bar building [031] 1992</b>
Box 1:2	<b>Madison Harvey sitting at desk clipping newspaper [032] 1992</b>
Box 1:2	<b>Man hanging streamers for Madison Harvey surprise party [033] 1992</b>
Box 1:2	<b>Two women making preparations for Madison Harvey surprise party [034] 1992</b>
Box 1:2	<b>Man delivering cake for Madison Harvey surprise party [035] 1992</b>
Box 1:2	<b>Madison Harvey surprise party cake [036] 1992</b>
Box 1:2	<b>Madison Harvey surprise party cake [037] 1992</b>
Box 1:2	<b>Madison Harvey surprise party cakes [038] 1992</b>
Box 1:2	<b>Madison Harvey oversized portrait [039] 1992</b>
Box 1:2	<b>Madison Harvey expression of appreciation certificate [040] 1992</b>
Box 1:2	<b>Madison Harvey walking through door at surprise party [041] 1992</b>
Box 1:2	<b>Madison Harvey walking through door at surprise party [042] 1992</b>
Box 1:2	<b>Madison Harvey receiving certificate at surprise party [043] 1992</b>
Box 1:2	<b>Madison Harvey receiving certificate at surprise party [044] 1992</b>
Box 1:2	<b>Madison Harvey looking at oversized portrait at surprise party [045] 1992</b>
Box 1:2	<b>Madison Harvey cutting cake at surprise party [046] 1992</b>
Box 1:2	<b>Madison Harvey cutting cake at surprise party [047] 1992</b>
Box 1:2	<b>Woman signing thank you card Madison Harvey surprise party [048] 1992</b>
Box 1:2	<b>Men and women talking at Madison Harvey surprise party [049] 1992</b>
Box 1:2	<b>Men and women signing thank you card for Madison Harvey at surprise party [050] 1992</b>
Box 1:3	<b>Woman cutting cake at Madison Harvey surprise party [051] 1992</b>
Box 1:3	<b>Woman seated at table eating cake at Madison Harvey surprise party [052] 1992</b>
Box 1:3	<b>Men and women talking at Madison Harvey surprise party [053] 1992</b>
Box 1:3	<b>Men and women talking at Madison Harvey surprise party [054] 1992</b>
Box 1:3	<b>Man holding a video camera at Madison Harvey surprise party [055] 1992</b>
Box 1:3	<b>Woman signing thank you card at Madison Harvey surprise party [056] 1992</b>
Box 1:3	<b>Signed thank you card for Madison Harvey [057] 1992</b>
Box 1:3	<b>Madison Harvey holding oversized portrait [058] 1992</b>

**Renovations**

Box 1:3	<b>CEB's bookstore will be closed sign [065] 1992</b>
Box 1:3	<b>Madison Harvey sitting at desk in hallway [066] 1992</b>
Box 1:3	<b>Carpet installation [067] 1992</b>

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Box 1:3	<b>Carpet installation [068] 1992</b>
Box 1:3	<b>International Women's Day and May Day 1980 flyers on sub-floor [069] 1992</b>
Box 1:3	<b>Interior after new carpet installation [070] 1992</b>
Box 1:3	<b>Old car rolled on office floor [071] 1992</b>
Box 1:3	<b>Construction area no entry sign [072] 1992</b>
	<b>Preparations for Rodney King verdict [?]</b>
Box 1:3	<b>Berkeley High School students in the street [059] 1992</b>
Box 1:3	<b>Two men cutting sheets of plywood on sidewalk [060] 1992</b>
Box 1:3	<b>Two men putting sheets of plywood over store front windows [061] 1992</b>
Box 1:3	<b>Men putting sheets of plywood over store front windows [062] 1992</b>
Box 1:3	<b>Two men putting sheets of plywood over glass doors [063] 1992</b>
Box 1:3	<b>Chain-link gate in front of Huston's Shoes store front [064] 1992</b>

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**Assorted**

Box 1:1	<b>Madison Harvey holding clipboard standing next to pressure gages, associate research assistant, Chevron Research Corporation [004] circa 1950s</b>
Box 1:1	<b>Madison Harvey holding plate of food [005] circa 1990s</b>
Box 1:1	<b>Men and women sitting at tables in Slim Jenkins night club Oakland, California [019] 1956</b>
Box 1:1	<b>Madison Harvey Jr. standing next to wall [020] 1999</b>
Box 1:1	<b>Madison Harvey and woman in painted cut-out at Elitch's Smile-A-While Studio Denver, Colorado [024] circa 1950</b>
Box 1:1	<b>Madison Harvey and woman standing behind desk [026] 1997</b>
Box 1:1	<b>John Wilks (left), unidentified man, and Les Bailey talking in living room [027] circa 1950s</b>
Box 1:1	<b>Don Gray and Jean Welcher sitting on couch in living room [028] circa 1950s</b>

**Publications**

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

Includes Madison Harvey's newsletter on black history *The Bokchito Herald*, *Madison's Monthly*, and *The Whip-O-Will*.

**Arrangement**

Arranged by date.

***The Bokchito Herald: A panorama of black history***

Box 1:4	<b>Vol. 1 no. 2 January 1984</b>
Box 1:4	<b>Vol. 2 no. 2 February - December 1985</b>

***Madison's Monthly: A panorama of black history***

Box 1:4	<b>Vol 1., no. 1 [2 copies] December 1987</b>
Box 1:4	<b>Vol 2., no. 1 January 1988</b>
Box 1:4	<b>Vol 2., no. 2 [3 copies] February 1988</b>

***The Whip-O-Will: A panorama of black history***

Box 1:5	<b>Vol. 1 no. 1 [3 copies] July 1994</b>
Box 1:5	<b>[4 copies] April 1997</b>
Box 1:6 / OM	<b>Madison Harvey appreciation day flyer and thank you card 1992</b>

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Box 1:6	<b>Reproduction of Shawnee Lake Camp, Delaware, Pennsylvania Institute staff and special lectures featuring photograph of E. Harold Mason circa 1940s</b>
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**Funeral programs****Series Scope and Content Summary**

Includes funeral programs for the memorial service for Madison and Sylvester Harvey.

**Arrangement**

Arranged by format.

Box 1:7	<b>Madison Harvey funeral program 2013</b>
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