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)
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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
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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 ancestors' lines.
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**

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**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.
- Photographs.

### 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.

#### Harvey family photographs

| Box 1:1 | Harvey family, pictured (right-left): Madison Harvey Sr., Blanche Harvey, Minnette Smith, Oceola Thompson, Mary Garret, Lillian Baldwin, Oralee Harvey [001] circa 1956 |
| Box 1:2 | Portrait of Madison Harvey [002] circa 1990s |
| Box 1:1 | Portrait of Madison Harvey [003] 1997 |
| Box 1:1 | Portrait of girl, caption: 'cousins' [011] circa 1951 |
| Box 1:1 | Portrait of girl, caption: 'cousins' [013] circa 1947 |
| Box 1:1 | Sylvester Harvey and young woman sitting on bumper of parked car [016] circa 1945 |
| Box 1:1 | Madison Harvey Sr. sitting on front fender of parked car [017] circa 1946 |

#### Booker T. Washington High School

| Box 1:1 | Two women standing next to chain-link fence, caption: 'High school friends' [007] circa 1946 |
| Box 1:1 | Three young women sitting on park bench, caption: 'Three high school friends' [010] circa 1950 |
Four young women standing in school yard, caption: 'High school friends' [014] circa 1947

Madison Harvey Jr. and Archie Cone standing on sidewalk [015] circa 1947


Aerial view of pool at Y.M.C.A., Hawaii [006] circa 1950

Man in Navy uniform standing next to building, caption: 'Navy friend' [008] circa 1947

Three men standing next to railing on ship [009] circa 1940s

Street corner, Hawaii [012] circa 1950

U.S.S. Eldorado (AGC-11) moored at port [021] circa 1951

Portrait of Madison Harvey Jr. (USN) in Navy uniform [022] circa 1940s

Group photograph of United States Navy sailors standing between Spirit of India sculptures at Treasure Island [029] 1948

Group photograph of United States Navy sailors aboard the U.S.S. Eldorado (AGC-11) [030] circa 1950


Madison Harvey sitting at desk clipping newspaper [032] 1992

Man hanging streamers for Madison Harvey surprise party [033] 1992

Two women making preparations for Madison Harvey surprise party [034] 1992

Man delivering cake for Madison Harvey surprise party [035] 1992

Madison Harvey surprise party cake [036] 1992

Madison Harvey surprise party cake [037] 1992

Madison Harvey surprise party cakes [038] 1992

Madison Harvey surprise party cakes [039] 1992

Madison Harvey oversized portrait [040] 1992

Madison Harvey walking through door at surprise party [041] 1992

Madison Harvey walking through door at surprise party [042] 1992

Madison Harvey receiving certificate at surprise party [043] 1992

Madison Harvey receiving certificate at surprise party [044] 1992

Madison Harvey looking at oversized portrait at surprise party [045] 1992

Madison Harvey cutting cake at surprise party [046] 1992

Madison Harvey cutting cake at surprise party [047] 1992

Woman signing thank you card Madison Harvey surprise party [048] 1992

Men and women talking at Madison Harvey surprise party [049] 1992

Men and women talking at Madison Harvey surprise party [050] 1992

Woman cutting cake at Madison Harvey surprise party [051] 1992

Woman seated at table eating cake at Madison Harvey surprise party [052] 1992

Men and women talking at Madison Harvey surprise party [053] 1992

Men and women talking at Madison Harvey surprise party [054] 1992

Man holding a video camera at Madison Harvey surprise party [055] 1992

Woman signing thank you card at Madison Harvey surprise party [056] 1992

Signed thank you card for Madison Harvey [057] 1992

Madison Harvey holding oversized portrait [058] 1992

CEB's bookstore will be closed sign [065] 1992

Madison Harvey sitting at desk in hallway [066] 1992

Carpet installation [067] 1992
Photographs
Continuing Education of the Bar

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

**Assorted**

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

**Publications**

- Physical Description: 2 folders
- Series Scope and Content Summary
- Arrangement
  - Arranged by date.

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

- Vol. 1 no. 2 January 1984
- Vol. 2 no. 2 February - December 1985

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

- Vol. 2., no. 1 January 1988
- Vol. 2., no. 2 [3 copies] February 1988

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

- [4 copies] April 1997
- Madison Harvey appreciation day flyer and thank you card 1992
- Reproduction of Shawnee Lake Camp, Delaware, Pennsylvania Institute staff and special lectures featuring photograph of E. Harold Mason circa 1940s

**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 | Madison Harvey funeral program 2013 |
Box 1:7  Sylvester Harvey funeral program 1987