Guide to the Mount Olive Baptist Church Scrapbook

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Mount Olive Baptist Church Scrapbook
Dates: 1963-1964
Collection number: MS 124
Creator: Mount Olive Baptist Church (Hayward, Calif.).
Collection Size: 1 linear foot (1 oversized box)
Repository: African American Museum & Library at Oakland (Oakland, Calif.)
Oakland, CA 94612
Abstract: The Mount Olive Baptist Church was founded by Rev. George Johnson Jr. on February 11, 1963. The collection consists of one scrapbook documenting the first two years of the church's existence from 1963-1964. It encompasses correspondence, rosters, financial reports, membership applications, records of baptisms and births, Sunday bulletins, Sunday school reports, church minutes, and building fund drive reports. The scrapbook includes a photograph of Johnson and a copy of the church covenant, outlining its mission and doctrine.
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.
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Biography / Administrative History
The Mount Olive Baptist Church was founded by Rev. George Johnson Jr. on February 11, 1963. Rev. Johnson studied at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School and the Western Baptist Bible College in El Cerrito and received some of his training as a pastor at Allen Temple Baptist Church. Johnson was the first African-American to organize a Baptist church in Hayward, California.
The church held its first meeting on February 11, 1963 at the home of Mrs. Elnora Jones. Several weeks later, on March 3, founding members participated in their first service at Founder's Savings and Loan Association. The group moved its services to Pioneer Savings and Loan Association on March 17. Installation of officers occurred on December 8, 1963 and was officiated by Rev. E.J. Price. The church found a permanent building on April 19, 1964, when it moved to 2905 Kelly St. in Hayward, California.
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Arrangement
Series I. Scrapbook

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.
Mount Olive Baptist Church (Hayward, Calif.).
African American churches.
Hayward (Calif.)—History.

Box OM2

Scrapbook 1963-1964

Physical Description: 1 volume
Series Scope and Content Summary
Scrapbook includes membership lists, applications, photograph of Rev. George Jackson Jr., correspondence, and church reports.
Arrangement
Arranged by format.