Guide to the Bryant Family Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Bryant Family papers
Bulk Dates: 1916-1990
Collection number: MS 164
Creator: Smith, Jackie Bryant
Collection Size: 5.6 linear feet (5 boxes + 3 oversized boxes + 8 artworks)
Repository: African American Museum & Library at Oakland (Oakland, Calif.)

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Abstract: The Bryant Family Papers include correspondence, records, realia, publications, photographs, and artwork that document aspects of the family’s work life, social life, and political activities. The papers are organized into six series: James J. Bryant, Florence Bryant, Jackie Bryant Smith, Photographs, NAACP, and Printed Material.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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

Access Restrictions
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Processing Information

Biography / Administrative History
James J. Bryant was born to George and Addie Bryant in Perry, Kansas, on January 16, 1888, the second son among five brothers. Florence Bryant was born to Henry and Liza Stevens in Linn Creek, Missouri, on January 21, 1894, the youngest of six children. The Bryants were married in Wichita, Kansas, on June 28, 1916 and moved to Oakland in 1938. James was a long-time sleeping car porter for the Pullman Company and active in the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Florence was named Oakland’s inaugural Mother of the Year in 1954 and was active in organizations such as the March of Dimes. James J. Bryant passed away on March 27, 1976, and Florence Bryant passed away on August 29, 1985. Jackie Bryant Smith, one
of five daughters of James J. and Florence Bryant, was born on June 5, 1941, in Oakland and was active with the NAACP.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

The Bryant Family Papers include correspondence, records, realia, publications, photographs, and artworks that document aspects of the family's work life, social life, and political activities. The papers are organized into seven series: James J. Bryant, Florence Bryant, Jackie Bryant Smith, Photographs, NAACP, Printed Material, and Artworks.

James J. Bryant worked as a porter for the Pullman Company and was active with the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Though his correspondence, employee records, and paystubs, the working life of a Pullman porter is uniquely documented. As shown in photographs included in the papers, the Bryants regularly attended area events when special guests included figures such as A. Philip Randolph and C. L. Dellums. Of particular interest within James J. Bryant's series are a number of Pullman Company porter name cards and a Pullman Company porter hat. Florence Bryant was active in social and charitable organizations such as the Oakland Festival of Roses' Mother of the Year award and the March of Dimes. Both Florence Bryant and her daughter Jackie Bryant Smith were active in the NAACP. Jackie Bryant Smith became a colleague to local politicians John J. Miller and Warren Widener. Jackie Bryant Smith has also done extensive family history work and the included scrapbooks document her family tree from Florence (Stevens) Bryant's grandparents through the current generation, with research as recent as 2012.

**Arrangement**


**Indexing Terms**

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

- Bryant, James J.
- Bryant, Florence Stevens.
- Smith, Jackie Bryant.
- African Americans--California--History.
- Pullman porters--Labor unions--United States.
- NAACP (Organization).
- March of Dimes.
- Oakland (Calif.) -- History.
- Berkeley (Calif.) -- History.

**Other Finding Aids**

Fannie Wall Children’s Home and Day Nursery, Inc., African American Museum & Library at Oakland, Oakland Public Library.

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**James J. Bryant**

**Physical Description:** 10 folders, 1 oversize folder, 1 small box

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

Contains material related to James J. Bryant's career as a railroad porter, including correspondence, employee records, paystubs, train passes, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters records, Retired Railroad Men's Club programs, 77 Pullman Company porter name cards (3 of the listed porters have multiple cards included), and a Pullman Company porter hat.

**Arrangement**

Arranged by subject and then by format.

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**Pullman Company Records**

**Correspondence**

| Box 1:1 | Registered mail envelope sent to J. J. Bryant January 23, 1937 |
| Box 1:1 | Vacation period notice November 20, 1952 |
| Box 1:1 | U.S. Savings Bonds memorandum January 22, 1957 |
| Box 1:1 | J.J. Bryant carbon letter regarding a passenger incident May 10, 1957 |
| Box 1:1 | Safety meeting announcement February 27, 1959 |
| Box 1:1 | Transistor radio memorandum May 18, 1962 |
| Box 1:1 | Name card display memorandum August 21, 1964 |
| Box 1:1 | Cleaning memorandum June 8, 1965 |
| Box 1:1 | Spreading of blankets memorandum June 21, 1965 |
| Box 1:1 | Envelope addressed to James J. Bryant, Wichita, Kansas undated |

**Employee Records**

**Employee Benefits**
- Death benefits policy October 15, 1922
- Pension plan booklet effective January 1, 1914 as amended December 1, 1926
- Life insurance policy August 7, 1937
- Disability insurance policy August 7, 1937
- Injury insurance policy August 7, 1937
- Employee agreement manual effective January 1, 1953 1953

**Paystubs**
- 1941-1966
- 1967

**Train Passes 1948-1968**

**Printed Material 1946-1961**

**Realia**
- Jesse W. Ford photograph badge undated
- Pullman Company porter hat undated
- Pullman Company soap bar undated
- Pullman Company 35th anniversary pin undated

**Pullman Company porter name cards**
- Alexander, A. [C-001] undated
- Austin, E. E. [C-002] undated
- Baker, C. [C-003] undated
- Barnes, S. A. [C-004] undated
- Bates, William S. [C-005] undated
- Bell, H. H. [C-006] undated
- Bennett, R. [C-007] undated
- Bishop, A. L. [C-008] undated
- Bookman, Norman E. [C-009] undated
- Bryant, J. J. [C-010] undated
- Bryant, J. J. [C-011] undated
- Bryant, J. J. [C-012] undated
- Burke, A. J. [C-013] undated
- Burns, James W. [C-014] undated
- Burroughs, L. A. [C-015] undated
- Calloway, J. D. [C-016] undated
- Cannon, E. E. [C-017] undated
- Carter, Jas. R. [C-018] undated
- Clark, Wm. J. [C-019] undated
- Daniels, C. R. [C-020] undated
- Flournoy, L. T. [C-021] undated
- Gamble, James O. [C-022] undated
- Garrett, M. M. [C-023] undated
- Gideon, W. A. [C-024] undated
- Gilford, J. H. [C-025] undated
- Glass, Clarence [C-026] undated
- Gordon, C. T. [C-027] undated
- Greenwood, T. J. [C-028] undated
- Grigsby, B. W. [C-029] undated
- Hairston, S. [C-030] undated
- Hamilton, Wm. [C-031] undated
- Harris, Archie Leroy [C-032] undated
| Box 3 | Hodges, D. [C-033] undated |
| Box 3 | Hughes, Joseph E. [C-034] undated |
| Box 3 | Ingram, D. M. [C-035] undated |
| Box 3 | Jackson, O. W. [C-036] undated |
| Box 3 | Johnson, Bennie [C-037] undated |
| Box 3 | Johnson, J. [C-038] undated |
| Box 3 | Johnson, Thomas [C-039] undated |
| Box 3 | Johnson, W. [C-040] undated |
| Box 3 | Jones, C. [C-041] undated |
| Box 3 | Jones, Jiles B. [C-042] undated |
| Box 3 | Kelly, Francis [C-043] undated |
| Box 3 | Lennox, S. [C-044] undated |
| Box 3 | Letcher, W. P. [C-045] undated |
| Box 3 | Livingston, Otha [C-046] undated |
| Box 3 | Lowe, Jos. Odell [C-047] undated |
| Box 3 | McLaughlin, J. T. [C-048] undated |
| Box 3 | Mitchell, Armogene [C-049] undated |
| Box 3 | Moore, Willie A. [C-050] undated |
| Box 3 | Norman, W. [C-051] undated |
| Box 3 | Pickard, Jerome G. [C-052] undated |
| Box 3 | Potts, Cecil B. [C-053] undated |
| Box 3 | Potts, Cecil B. [C-054] undated |
| Box 3 | Proctor, Herbert [C-055] undated |
| Box 3 | Pruitt, A. [C-056] undated |
| Box 3 | Pryor, W. B. [C-057] undated |
| Box 3 | Ragland, M. [C-058] undated |
| Box 3 | Ragland, M. [C-059] undated |
| Box 3 | Robinson, W. P. [C-060] undated |
| Box 3 | Robinson, W. P. [C-061] undated |
| Box 3 | Scott, Linus Jackson [C-062] undated |
| Box 3 | Sloan, F. B. [C-063] undated |
| Box 3 | Smith, Wm. [C-064] undated |
| Box 3 | Sparks, Albert J. [C-065] undated |
| Box 3 | Stroud, R. R. [C-066] undated |
| Box 3 | Stroud, R. R. [C-067] undated |
| Box 3 | Taylor, J. W. [C-068] undated |
| Box 3 | Thomas, W. A. [C-069] undated |
| Box 3 | Thompson, A. J. [C-070] undated |
| Box 3 | Tyler, F. L. [C-071] undated |
| Box 3 | Washington, J. A. [C-072] undated |
| Box 3 | Wesson, John W., Jr. [C-073] undated |
| Box 3 | Wesson, John W., Jr. [C-074] undated |
| Box 3 | Whittington, W. [C-075] undated |
| Box 3 | Williams, L. C. [C-076] undated |
| Box 3 | Wright, C. E. [C-077] undated |

**Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters records**

| Box 1:6 | Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters booklet 1950 |
| Box 1:6 | Cutout sheet from a program undated |
| Box 1:7 | Dues receipts 1961-1966 |
| Box 1:8 | Resolution noting J. J. Bryant's passing, signed by C. L. Dellums 1976 |
| Box OM 20 | *The Black Worker* newspaper, volume 7, number 57 November 1950 |
| Box OM 20 | *The Black Worker* newspaper, volume 34, number 9 September 1962 |

**Retired Railroad Men's Club Banquet programs**
Retired Railroad Men's Club Banquet programs

Box 1:9
1971
1973
1986

Membership cards

Box 1:10
YMCA Chicago 1966
Retired Men's Club booklet 1967
Civilian Defense Auxiliary Group undated
Retired Waiters and Pullman Porters Social Club undated
Selective Service 1942

Wedding

Box OM 17
James J. Bryant and Florence Bryant wedding certificate 1916-06-28
Wedding anniversary posterboard 1966

Florence Bryant

Physical Description: 6 folders
Series Scope and Content Summary
Contains documentation of Florence Bryant's involvement with the Oakland Festival of Roses' Mother of the Year award events, March of Dimes Blaze of Fashion shows, and the program from her memorial.
Arrangement
Arranged by subject and then by format.

Woman of the Year

Box 1:11
Oakland Division Ladies Auxiliary letter to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters endorsing Florence Bryant to the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority for "Woman of the Year" February 4, 1955
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority "Woman of the Year" program March 24, 1974

Box 1:12
Oakland Festival of Roses programs, Mother of the Year award 1954-1973

March of Dimes

Box 1:13
Cutout page, "In the New York book / March of Dimes," illustrated group photograph includes Florence Bryant undated
Blaze of Fashion assorted correspondence and programs 1954-1973

Printed material

Box 1:15
"Mother of Year" newspaper clipping with photograph of Florence Bryant from Pittsburgh Courier May 22, 1954
Unidentified "Mother of the Year" newspaper clipping with a group photograph including Florence Bryant undated
Unidentified newspaper clipping with a group photograph including Florence Bryant, Dr. Solomon H. Hill, and Clifford E. Rishell undated
Negro Community Service League membership card 1930
Fouche's Hudson Funeral Home memorial program September 4, 1985
Jackie Bryant Smith

Physical Description: 5 folders + 1 oversized box

Series Scope and Content Summary

Contains Jackie Bryant Smith's family history scrapbooks, handmade quilt commemorating Huey Newton, and material related to politicians John J. Miller, Warren Widener, and documentation of her involvement with the local branch of the NAACP.

Arrangement

Arranged by subject and then by format.

Box OM 51

Handmade quilt commemorating the life of Huey Newton by Jackie Bryant Smith 2017

Family history scrapbooks

Box 1:17

“Henry Stevens, Sr. Family” self-published scrapbook 2009

Box 1:18

“Stevens Family History: A Legacy from Missouri” self-published scrapbook (revised ed. of “Henry Stevens, Sr. Family”) 2012

John J. Miller

Box 1:19

Letter from Warren Widener to Jackie and Ernest Smith re: house meeting in support of John J. Miller’s election campaign April 1, 1966

Box 1:19

John J. Miller for California State Assembly, 17th District campaign flyers [three copies] circa 1966

Box 1:19

17th Assembly District Report newsletter, John J. Miller’s office April 1967

Box 1:19

17th Assembly District Report newsletter, John J. Miller’s office. Includes notice of Jackie Bryant Smith’s appointment as Office Secretary circa 1967

Box 1:19

“The California State Assembly” booklet circa 1968

Box 1:19

“The California State Assembly” booklet 1970

Box 1:19

Invitation card to reception honoring John J. Miller’s appointment as Associate Justice of the First District Court of Appeal, State of California 1979

Box 1:19

Photograph of John J. Miller with family undated

Warren Widener

Box 1:20

Certificate of Election [copy] certifying Warren Widener as councilman for the City of Berkeley April 1, 1969

Box 1:20

“Widener for Mayor” bumper sticker circa 1971

Box 1:20

Widener campaign mailer for mayor of Berkeley circa 1971

Box 1:20

“Hon. Mayor Warren H. Widener” program June 24, 1971

Box 1:20

Holiday card from Mayor Warren Widener undated

Box 1:20

Friends of Warren Widener group letter organizing support for his reelection as Fifth District Supervisor for Alameda County March 19, 1990

Box 1:20

Berkeley Democratic Club invitation to a birthday celebration for Warren Widener 1990

Printed material

Box 1:21

Newspaper clipping, "NAACP Conducts Regional Meeting" with Jackie Bryant in group photograph; Oakland Tribune [reproduction] September 11, 1960

Box 1:21

Telegram from Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, asking Jackie Bryant Smith and other National Youth Committee regional members to choose delegates for an upcoming meeting in New York City June 16, 1961
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Sun-Reporter 1960 citizen of merit certificate presented to Jacklyn Bryant
1961-03-19

Letter from Jackie Bryant Smith to Jack La Lanne re: Hattie Montez 2006-04

Photographs

Physical Description: 5 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary
Includes family photographs and group photographs from various political and social events.

Arrangement
Arranged by subject and then chronologically.

James J. Bryant

Box 1:22
James J. Bryant in Pullman Porter uniform, standing in front of railroad car [001] undated

Box 1:22
James J. Bryant in Pullman Porter uniform and “good friend” Kenneth Scott in front of Treasure Island Apartments (1231 Peralta Street in Oakland) [002] undated

Box 1:22
James J. Bryant in Pullman Porter uniform on board Gold Coast train from Oakland to Chicago [reproduction] [003] 1957

Box 1:22
James J. Bryant in Pullman Porter uniform with fellow porter standing outside Santa Fe Chief train from Oakland to Chicago [reproduction] [004] undated

Box 1:22
James J. Bryant in Pullman Porter uniform on Santa Fe Chief train from Richmond, California to Chicago” [005] April 1964

Box 1:22
James J. Bryant in Pullman Porter uniform, posing while disembarking a train car [006] undated

James J. and Florence Bryant

Box 1:23
James J. Bryant in Pullman Porter uniform with unidentified woman and Florence Bryant in front of Treasure Island Apartments (1231 Peralta Street in Oakland) [007] circa 1938

Box 1:23
James J. Bryant in Pullman Porter uniform and Florence Bryant posing as she disembarks a train car [reproduction] [008] undated

Box 1:23
James J. and Florence Bryant with drink glasses and cake at 50th wedding anniversary party in Oakland [009] 1966

Box 1:23
Group photograph of attendees at J.J. and Florence Bryant’s 50th wedding anniversary (left-right): Jackie Smith, Betty Edwards, Gyn Williams, AddieBossieux, Florence Bryant, James Bryant, Jack Bossieux, Ernest Smith, Williams Edwards [080] 1966

Box 1:23
James J. and Florence Bryant with drink glasses and cake at 50th wedding anniversary party in Oakland [081] 1966

Oakland Festival of Roses, Mother of the Year Award

Box 1:24
Plaque showing “Mrs. Florence E. Bryant, 1954” [010] undated

Box 1:24
Mother of the Year Walk plaque and additional name plaques including “Mrs. Florence E. Bryant, 1954” with rose [011] undated

Box 1:24
Oakland Festival of Roses, Mother of the Year Award ceremony, accordionist leads entrance of prior honorees including Mrs. Albert Glatze [?], Florence Bryant, Ruth Murphy [012] 1964

Box 1:24
Oakland Festival of Roses, Mother of the Year Award ceremony, prior honorees (left to right): Florence Bryant, Ruth Murphy, Mrs. Donald A. Pearce, Mrs. Albert Glatze [?], Mrs. Miles Standish [013] 1964
Photographs

Oakland Festival of Roses, Mother of the Year Award

Box 1:24
Oakland Festival of Roses, Mother of the Year Award ceremony, prior honorees (left to right): Florence Bryant, Ruth Murphy, Mrs. Donald A. Pearce, Mrs. Albert Glatze [?], Mrs. Miles Standish, unidentified woman, Mrs. Joseph Graves, unidentified man [014] 1964

Box 1:24
Oakland Festival of Roses, Mother of the Year Award dedication of a park bench in memory of Mothers of the Year Mrs. Albert C. Glatze and Mrs. Frank H. Martin (left to right): unidentified man, Florence Bryant, Ruth Murphy [015] 1964

Box 1:24
Oakland Festival of Roses, Mother of the Year Award ceremony (left to right): Ruth Murphy, unidentified woman, unidentified man [016] 1964

Box 1:24
Oakland Festival of Roses, Mother of the Year Award ceremony, presentation of corsage to Florence Bryant (left to right): Florence Bryant, unidentified woman, unidentified man, unidentified woman [017] 1964

Box 1:24
Oakland Festival of Roses, Mother of the Year Award ceremony, posing with bouquet of roses and honorary plate (left to right): unidentified man, Florence Bryant, Mrs. Harry Sunderland, unidentified man [018] 1964

Box 1:24
Oakland Festival of Roses, Mother of the Year Award ceremony (left to right): John C. Houlihan, Ruth Murphy, Mrs. Harry Sunderland [019] 1964

March of Dimes

Box 1:25
March of Dimes, Blaze of Fashion event (left to right): Bertha Alexander, Rosetta Caldwell, Florence Bryant [020] 1969

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Box 1:25
March of Dimes event (left to right): Martha Ann Hilliard, Bertha Alexander, Charles Bynum, Florence Bryant [023] undated

Box 1:25
March of Dimes event (left to right): Bertha Alexander, unidentified man [politician?], Florence Bryant [024] undated

Box 1:25
March of Dimes event (left to right): unidentified woman, Florence Bryant, Rebecca Parrish [025] undated

Box 1:25
March of Dimes event, Florence Bryant receiving a Certificate of Appreciation (left to right): unidentified man, Florence Bryant, unidentified man [026] undated

Box 1:25
March of Dimes event (front row, left to right): Florence Bryant, Viola Halliburton, Rebecca Parrish, unidentified woman, (back row, left to right): Alta Torrence, Mary Lacy, Bertha Alexander, unidentified woman, Denise Dennis, Belva Davis Moore [027] undated

Box 1:25
March of Dimes event (front row, left to right): Bertha Alexander, Florence Bryant, (back row, left to right): Tempy Phillips, unidentified woman, Margaret Harvey, Denise Dennis, Betty Mae Edwards, Beatrice Manuel, Viola Halliburton, Marie Douglas, unidentified woman [028] circa 1967

Box 1:25
March of Dimes event (front row, left to right): Bertha Alexander, unidentified woman, Florence Bryant, Tempy Phillips [?], (back row, left to right): Joy Edwards [?], Betty Mae Edwards [?], 5 unidentified women [029] undated

Box 1:25
March of Dimes event, 3 unidentified girls [030] undated

Box 3
Florence Bryant and unidentified girl model on stage at March of Dimes' Blaze of Fashion event [031A] circa 1960s

Box 3
Florence Bryant and unidentified girl model on stage at March of Dimes' Blaze of Fashion event [031B] circa 1960s

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<td>NAACP Oakland and Berkeley branch (front row, left to right): Rev. Ansel Ogden Bell, Rev. Richard Foster, Frankie Jones, Rev. L. Sylvester Odom, Florence Bryant, (back row, left to right): Faricita Wyatt, Dorothy Bryant, Tarea Hall Pittman, Judge Joseph G. Kennedy, Eugenia Hall Greene, unidentified woman [037] 1956</td>
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NAACP National Convention in Detroit, group photo in front of Amalgamated Clothing Workers booth (left to right): unidentified man, Gloster Current, unidentified woman, Rev. L. Sylvester Odom [040] 1957

Box 1:26

NAACP membership committee meeting in Oakland (front row, left to right): Rev. Richard Foster, Florence Bryant, Edwin Baker, unidentified man, (back row, left to right): Charles (Charlie) Tilghman, William Dixon, Maud Smart, Tom Thompson [041] 1957

Box 1:26

NAACP Christmas seal committee meeting in Oakland (front row, left to right): Florence Bryant, Edwin Baker, Edith Hill, (back row, left to right): Tom Thompson, Guy H. Williams, Earl Swisher [042] 1957

Box 1:26

NAACP Oakland branch receiving donation (left to right): Mrs. Dixon, Mr. Dixon, Evelio Grillo, Florence Bryant [043] 1959

Box 1:26

NAACP, meeting in Oakland (left to right): Tom Thompson, H. Claude Hudson, Florence Bryant, Roy Wilkins, William Edwards, Barbara Ann Posey, Martha Swisher, Jackie Bryant [044] 1959

Box 1:26

Group photograph (front row, left to right): Frankie Jones, Jeffrey Cohelan, Donald P. McCullum, (back row, left to right): Mary Jane Johnson, Jackie Bryant, Tarea Hall Pittman, William Pollard, Rev. Ellis Casson, Faricita Wyatt; inscribed by Cohelan: "To Jacqueline Bryant- A young lady who will help build a stronger America- With all good wishes, Jeffery Cohelan M. C. 7th California" [045] July 1961

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NAACP Oakland branch annual banquet [046] 1962

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NAACP Oakland branch annual banquet [047] 1962

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NAACP Oakland branch annual banquet [048] 1962

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NAACP Oakland branch Freedom Fund banquet (left to right): C. L. Dellums, Ruby Hurley [049] 1962

Box 1:26

NAACP Oakland branch annual banquet (left to right): unidentified man, Evelio Grillo, Clinton W. White, Leroy Jackson [050] 1962

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NAACP West Coast Regional Asilomar conference (left to right): Laplois Ashford, Jackie Bryant, Guy Sherman [051] 1962

Box 2:30

NAACP Oakland branch Freedom Fund banquet (left to right): Tarea Hall Pittman, Ruby Hurley [069] 1962

Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom

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Prayer Rally for Freedom at Oakland City Hall [052] May 14, 1957

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Prayer Rally for Freedom in Oakland [055] May 14, 1957

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Prayer Rally for Freedom at Oakland City Hall, (front row, left to right): Florence Bryant, Tarea Hall Pittman, Clifford Rishell, unidentified woman, (back row, left to right): Mamie Miller, unidentified man, unidentified woman, Lewel Brown, unidentified woman, unidentified woman, unidentified woman, unidentified woman, unidentified man [056] May 14, 1957

Box 2:27

Oakland group boarding plane for the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom in Washington DC [057] May 1957

Warren Widener

Box 2:28


Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Woman of the Year Award

Box 2:29

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Woman of the Year Award presentation (left to right): Jackie Bryant, Marion Bryant, Addie Bryant Bossieux, Florence Bryant, James J. Bryant, Betty Mae Bryant Edwards, Virginia Bryant Williams [059] 1955
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Woman of the Year Award

- Box 2:29: Woman of the Year Award presentation (front row, left to right): Joy Edwards, Joyce Edwards, (back row, left to right): James J. Bryant, Florence Bryant [060] 1955
- Box 2:29: Woman of the Year Award presentation (left to right): Chickie Wysinger, unidentified woman, Florence Bryant, Dorothy Pitts, Vivian Osborne Marsh, Chlora H. Sledge, unidentified woman, Irma Evans [061] 1955
- Box 2:29: Presentation to Florence Bryant from Maggie Marshall of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs (left to right): unidentified woman, Maggie Marshall, Mary T. Williams, unidentified woman, unidentified woman, unidentified woman, Mary Powell, Dr. Charlotte Chambliss, Florence Bryant [062] 1955

Jackie Bryant and Ernest Smith Wedding

- Box 2:38: Wedding party group photograph (left-right): Oliver Morton, Alpha Lane Smith, Ernest Smith, Jackie Bryant, James J. Bryant, Florence Bryant [082] 1963-12-12
- Box 2:38: Bride Jackie Smith feeding a piece of cake to groom Ernest Smith on their wedding day [084] 1963-12-12
- Box 2:38: Wedding dress maker Irma Robinson inspecting her dress worn by bride Jackie Bryant [085] 1963-12-12
- Box 2:38: Rev. Roy Nichols greeting groom Ernest Bryant and bride Jackie Smith [086] 1963-12-12
- Box 2:38: Bride Jackie Smith and groom Ernest Bryant walking down the aisle at their wedding [087] 1963-12-12
- Box 2:38: Group photograph of groomsmen (left-right): Calvin Jackson, James Jackson, Ernest Smith, Theodore Smith, Williams Edwards, Harry Overstreet [088] 1963-12-12
- Box 2:38: Group photograph of groomsmen (left-right): Calvin Jackson, James Jackson, Theodore Smith, Ernest Smith, Harry Overstreet, Williams Edwards [089] 1963-12-12
- Box 2:38: James J. Bryant walking his daughter, Jackie Bryant, down front porch steps in her wedding dress [090] 1963
- Box 2:38: Jackie Bryant posing with her parents, Florence and James J. Bryant, on her wedding day [091] 1963-12-12
- Box 2:38: Jackie Bryant posing in wedding dress with her sister Betty Mae Bryant Edwards [092] 1963

Assorted

- Box 2:30: Group photograph (left to right): Evelio Grillo, Althea T. L. Simmons, Tarea Hall Pittman [063] undated
- Box 2:30: Group photograph (left to right): Carl B. Metoyer, Tarea Hall Pittman, Donald P. McCullum [064] undated
- Box 2:30: Group photograph (left to right): Althea T. L. Simmons, Dr. Ben Major, Donald P. McCullum [065] undated
- Box 2:30: Group photograph (front row, left to right): Ethel Norris, Dr. Ben Major, Hampton Barnett, (back row, left to right): Gus Semien, Donald P. McCullum [066] undated
- Box 2:30: Group photograph in San Francisco (left to right): Haile Selassie, unidentified man, Florence Bryant [reproduction] [67] 1954
- Box 2:30: Group photograph, Mother of the Year (left to right): Eva Jeffrey, Florence Bryant, unidentified boy [068] 1969
Photographs

Assorted

| Box 2:30 | Portrait photograph of unidentified man; inscribed "To [Ginny] from your Arch Always," on reverse "11-15-64 Ilikii Hotel Honolulu Hawaii" [070] 1964 |
| Box 2:30 | California State Association of Colored Women's Clubs meeting (front row, left to right): unidentified woman, Florence Bryant, unidentified woman, Inatha Villa, unidentified woman, (back row, left to right): unidentified woman, unidentified woman [071] 1968 |
| Box 2:30 | Group photograph (left to right): Marie Douglas, Ludella Hodges, Bertha Alexander, unidentified woman, Margaret Harvey, Erma Robinson, Alta Torrence, Mrs. Ellis, Hattie Andrews, Betty Mae Edwards [072] undated |
| Box 2:30 | Group photograph (left to right): unidentified woman, unidentified woman, Zilica Williams, Florence Bryant, unidentified woman, unidentified woman, Ellis Cox, unidentified woman, unidentified woman [073] 1940s |
| Box 2:30 | Portrait photograph: Florence Bryant, Woman of the Year [074] 1955 |
| Box 2:30 | Group photograph (front row, left to right): unidentified woman, Whilheminna Brown, Florence Bryant, Chickie Wysinger, (back row, left to right): Artis Wimberly, unidentified woman, Florence Harrison, unidentified woman, Viola Burns, Margaret Jones, unidentified woman [075] undated |
| Box 2:30 | Group photograph (front row, left to right): Chickie Wysinger, A. Philip Randolph, Florence Bryant, (back row, left to right): Florence Harrison, C. L. Dellums, Viola Burns, M.P. Webster, Mrs. Wade Johnson [076] 1951 |
| Box 2:30 | Group photograph (left to right): Chickie Wysinger, A. Philip Randolph, M.P. Webster, C. L. Dellums [reproduction] [077] 1951 |
| Box 2:30 | Dinner party with A. Philip Randolph at head of table (left side, near to far): unidentified woman, Florence Bryant, Chickie Wysinger, unidentified woman, unidentified woman, unidentified man, unidentified woman, C. L. Dellums, (right side, near to far): J.J. Bryant, unidentified woman, unidentified man, unidentified woman, unidentified man, unidentified woman, Jewel Brown, unidentified woman [078] 1943 |
| Box 2:30 | Publicity portrait photograph of Marian Anderson [079] undated |
| Box 2:30 | Group photograph of Group No. 5 Beth Eden Baptist Church Oakland, California [reproduction][094] 1939-12-02 |
| Box 2:30 | Aerial view of Cole School (Oakland, Calif.) Christmas Play participants [095] 1950-12-20 |
| Box 2:30 | Jack La Lanne family holiday card [096] 1983 |
| Box 2:30 | Jack La Lanne family holiday card [097] 1982 |
| Box 2:30 | Hattie Montez standing on front steps [098] 1956-07-12 |
| Box 2:30 | Amiri Baraka, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, and Ted Pontiflet on front steps [099] undated |

NAACP

Physical Description: 2 folders
Series Scope and Content Summary
Contains programs, publications, and clippings.
Arrangement
Arranged by format and then chronologically.

Programs

| Box 2:31 | Detroit Branch NAACP convention reception invitation card 1957 |
| Box 2:31 | NAACP Fight for Freedom Fund and Thalheimer Awards Dinner June 27, 1957 1957 |
| Box 2:31 | Northern Area Conference NAACP event invitation 1956 |
| Box 2:31 | 53rd Annual Convention, Atlanta, Georgia July 2 to July 8, 1962 1962 |
| Box 2:31 | 48th Annual Convention, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP June 25-30, 1957 1957 |
| Box 2:31 | West Coast Region NAACP Biennial Conference, Asilomar, California, October 30, 31, November 1, 1959 1959 |
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| Box 2:31 | West Coast Region NAACP Biennial Conference, Asilomar, California, September 22, thru 24, 1961 1961 |
| Box 2:31 | West Coast Region NAACP Biennial Conference, Asilomar, California, September 20, thru 22, 1963 1963 |
| Box 2:31 | West Coast Region NAACP Biennial Conference, Asilomar, California, September 17, thru 19, 1965 1965 |
| Box 2:31 | NAACP Civil Rights Program Including NAACP - Legislative Score Board, West Coast Region, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 1960 |
| Box 2:31 | NAACP Youth Presents Fashions for Freedom Featuring Marguerite Belafonte, Nationally Known Model, Friday, October 6, 1961 at 9:00 p.m., Sands Ballrooms, Oakland, California 1961 |
| Box 2:31 | Freedom Fund Banquet, NAACP, Presenting Ruby Hurley, Southeastern Regional Secretary, NAACP, Oakland Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 1962 |
| Box 2:31 | Freedom Fund Banquet, April 3rd, 1967, Goodman's Hall, Oakland Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 1967 |
| Box 2:31 | Freedom Fund Banquet, April 20th, 1970, Goodman's Hall, Oakland Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 1970 |

Publications and clippings

| Box 2:32 | A. Philip Randolph NAACP Fight for Freedom Rally newspaper ad 1954 |
| Box 2:32 | Constitution for Youth Councils of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 1954 |
| Box 2:32 | Constitution and By-Laws for Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 1983 |
| Box 2:32 | "Crawling Desegregation" brochure 1960 |
| Box 2:32 | "We Shall Overcome" Claude Sitton brochure 1962 |
| Box 2:32 | "From Morning Until Night... 'Humiliation Stalks Them'" Roy Wilkins brochure 1962 |
| Box 2:32 | "The Augusta Story" booklet 1962 |
| Box 2:32 | NAACP Report for 1960 1960 |
| Box 2:32 | "The Day They Changed Their Minds" brochure 1960 |
| Box 2:32 | "The Truth Versus Ugly Lies About the NAACP" brochure 1960 |
| Box 2:32 | "The NAACP, Organized Religion and Race, A Statement on Cooperative Efforts to Involve Organized Religious Groups in the Civil Rights Struggle" booklet 1964 |
| Box 2:32 | NAACP Freedom Seals sign 1956 |
| Box 2:32 | NAACP Oakland Branch sign 1961 |
| Box 2:32 | NAACP Memphis Norman, Jackson, Mississippi Front-Line Fighters flyer May 29, 1963 1963 |
| Box 2:32 | Announcement of NAACP Civil Rights Rally and Petition Campaign, Oakland Auditorium Arena, October 16, 1960 1960 |
| Box 2:32 | Lacy C. Streeter biographical outline undated |
| Box 2:32 | NAACP Bulletin newspaper October 1945 |
| Box 2:32 | The Crisis August 1916 |
| Box 2:32 | The Crisis April 1948 |

Printed Material

- Physical Description: 6 folders
- Series Scope and Content Summary: Consists of invitations, publications, publication clippings, programs, and ephemera.
- Arrangement: Arranged by format and then chronologically.

Invitations
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- A. Philip Randolph at the Oakland Auditorium Theatre ticket 1962
- E. F. Joseph ad undated
- William Byron Rumford 17th Assembly District re-election campaign card undated
- "Summer, 1961 Encampment for Citizenship" brochure 1961
- "This Is Core: Congress Of Racial Equality" brochure 1959
- Etta Moten signed clipping undated
- S. Hurok Presents Marian Anderson: America's Greatest Singer, Oakland Auditorium Theatre flyer undated
- Roland Hayes, Oakland Auditorium Theatre flyer 1961
- KDIA Community Service Report, Case No. 2: KDIA Gives 3 Day Coverage of V. C. L. Dellums, Louis Freeman, Byron Rumford, and Franklin Williams) undated
- KDIA Radio Presents: Brother Louis Freeman program undated
- Criminal Anarchy in New Orleans, Berkeley Congress On Racial Equality flyer 1960
- Why We Are Picketing, Don't Buy at Kress or Woolworth!, C. L. Dellums speaker flyer circa 1961
- Congress Of Racial Equality Freedom Ride application blank undated
- Baker Mortuary fan undated

Artworks

Physical Description: 2 paintings + 5 archival digital collage +2 dolls

Series Scope and Content Summary
Consists of dolls, paintings, and archival digital collages.

Arrangement
Arranged by format and then chronologically.

Box 5
- Terri Lee dolls [2] circa 1940s

Paintings
- Box Painting002
  "Bright moments," by Margo Humphrey undated
- Box Painting003
  "Crossing over," painting by Margo Humphrey undated
- Box Painting001
  "Untitled," painting by Ted Pontiflet 1999

Archival digital collages
- Box Painting006
  "Aaron Douglas takes Africa to opportunity," archival digital collage on paper by Nell Painter undated
- Box Painting007
  "James A. Porter and lady with a jug talk back to Alain Locke," archival digital collage on paper by Nell Painter undated
- Box Painting008
  "Untitled," archival digital collage on paper by Nell Painter undated
- Box Painting005
  "James A. Porter critiques Aaron Douglas's art," archival digital collage on paper by Nell Painter undated
- Box Painting004
  "Malvin Gray Johnson self-portrait and Negro masks," archival digital collage on paper by Nell Painter undated