Guide to the First African Methodist Episcopal Church (Oakland, Calif.) Collection

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Descriptive Summary
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Creator: East Bay Negro Historical Society
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Abstract: The First African Methodist Episcopal Church of Oakland began in 1858, and is the first and oldest African American church in the East Bay. The First African Methodist Episcopal Church (Oakland, Calif.) Collection includes administrative records, correspondence, church service bulletins, events programs, photographs, and collected newspaper clippings.

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Biography / Administrative History
The First African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church of Oakland was the first African American church to be founded in the East Bay, and the only one in Oakland for more than three decades. It was the first school for minorities in Oakland, since only white children were allowed to attend public schools at this time. The A.M.E. Church also acted as the cultural center of
the African American community, hosting not only the first church and school, but social and political clubs, events, and festivals. The First A.M.E. Church of Oakland began in 1858 by a small group of Oakland residents, and is the oldest African American church in Oakland. The church founders purchased the Carpenter School House in 1863, which became the first church building. At this time the church was called Shiloh A.M.E. Church, and it also acted as a school for minorities; the teacher was one of the A.M.E. church founders, Elizabeth Flood. In 1884, Reverend James Grisby led the congregation to a larger church building on 15th Street in Oakland, known as the Fifteenth Street Church. In 1949, Reverend H. Solomon Hill became pastor, and in 1954, led the congregation to a new church building at 3701 Telegraph Avenue, where it was renamed the First African Methodist Episcopal Church. Since then, the church has been renovated and improved numerous times, notably surviving the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

Senior pastors of the First A.M.E. Church of Oakland:

- Reverend John Lane 1863-1874
- Reverend J.B. Sanderson 1874-1884
- Reverend James Grisby 1884-1896
- Reverend J. Alen Viney 1896-1900
- Reverend Oscar E. Jones 1900-1910
- Reverend F. Jesse Peck 1910-1915
- Reverend J.M. Brown 1915-1922
- Reverend Nelson Pryor 1922-1927
- Reverend T. Dean Scott 1927-1932
- Reverend Daniel G. Hill 1932-1943
- Reverend Pearl Bryant 1943-1945
- Reverend Justus E. Roberts 1945-1949
- Reverend Dr. H. Solomon Hill 1949-1960
- Reverend J. Russell Brown 1960-1971
- Reverend Edward S. Foust 1971-1977
- Reverend George R. Reid 1977-1981
- Reverend L. Fisher Hines 1981-1986
- Reverend Dr. Frederick Ormonde Murph 1986-1996
- Reverend Dr. Harold R. Mayberry 1996-

Scope and Content of Collection

The First African Methodist Episcopal Church (Oakland, Calif.) Collection includes administrative records, correspondence, church service bulletins, events programs, photographs, and collected newspaper clippings. Administrative records consist of the Lay Organization by-laws, meeting minutes, patron lists and financial reports. Correspondence consists of informational letters to church members, memos and reports to and from various church reverends, and collected papers of Conference Branch President Minnie Fletcher. Photographs are of bishops, pastors, and members of the church, including numerous posed, large group shots of choir members and the congregation with the presiding reverend, and images of church building interiors and exteriors. The collection is arranged into seven series: history, correspondence, minutes of the Banquet Committee meetings, Lay Organization, Relocation Services scrapbook, published material, photographs, and clippings. The collection gives an overview of religious history in Oakland for more than a century, including details about social functions and services that the church provided to the community, and is a resource for those studying religion in the African American community in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Arrangement


Indexing Terms

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

- First African Methodist Episcopal Church (Oakland, Calif.)
- African American churches--California.
- Oakland (Calif.)--History.
- African Americans--California--History.
African Methodist Episcopal Church--History.

History

Physical Description: 1 folder
Series Scope and Content Summary
Published histories and notes written by various church reverends and members, compiled by the East Bay Negro Historical Society and the First A.M.E. Church of Oakland.
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically

Box 1:1
A Synopsis of the Early History of the Church; transcript of speech by Lydia Flood Jackson presented at Pioneer Day Program 1940-06-23
Box 1:1
Map of Northern California African Methodist Episcopal Churches and locations 1943
Box 1:1
Clipping from a Centennial Souvenir Program about Reverend H. Solomon Hill 1958
Box 1:1
Display card for exhibit on the 1902 First A.M.E. Church undated
Box 1:1
Research paper excerpt on the First A.M.E. Church in Oakland undated
Box 1:1
Typed note referring to a history of the First A.M.E. church written by Lydia Flood Jackson in the Library of University of California undated
Box 1:1
Article written by Rev. H. Solomon Hill about First A.M.E. Church founder Richard Allen, titled "In Which the Customers Do the Work: The Slave Who Converted His Master" undated
Box 1:1
Typed note about Rev. O. E. Jones undated
Box 1:1
Photocopy of an article titled "Expansion of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church of Oakland, California" undated
Box 1:1
Typed note about a 1913 meeting of the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs at First A.M.E. Church of Oakland undated
Box 1:1
History of the First A.M.E. Church on church letterhead undated
Box 1:1
Biographical Sketch of Dr. Frederick O. Murph undated

Correspondence

Physical Description: 2 folders
Series Scope and Content Summary
Series consists of correspondence to church members from Reverend J. Russell Brown and Rev. H. Solomon Hill, and memos and reports to and from various church reverends. Included is a subfolder of correspondence to Minnie Fletcher and collected papers, circa 1930-1936.
Arrangement
Arranged by subject

Box 1:2
Memo by Reverend J. Russell Brown regarding Men's Day 1964 theme, speaker, and financial goal 1964
Box 1:2
Postcard to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene P. Lasartemay from Rev. J. Russell Brown 1962
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Letter to church members from Board of Trustees, Renovation Committee, and the Pastor 1965
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Renovation Committee Report 1967
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Correspondence from Rev. H. Solomon Hill about the Annual Conference program 1960
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Letter to church members from Pioneer Families' Day Committee 1954
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Handwritten letter to Minnie Fletcher from Dot 1930
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Letter addressed to "co-workers" from Sada J. Anderson (Cleveland, Ohio) on Woman's Parent Mite Missionary Society letterhead 1933
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Letter to Minnie Fletcher from Sada J. Anderson on Woman's Parent Mite Missionary Society letterhead 1934
| Box 1:3 | **District Missionary Bulletin 1936** |
| Box 1:3 | **Handwritten letter to Minnie Fletcher with a list of elected officers from E. Foreman 1936** |
| Box 1:3 | **Letter to Minnie Fletcher from Christine S. Smith on Woman’s Parent Mite Missionary Society letterhead 1936** |
| Box 1:3 | **Trustees of Western University School of Religion undated** |
| Box 1:3 | **Letter to Minnie Fletcher from Christine S. Smith on Woman’s Parent Mite Missionary Society letterhead 1936** |
| Box 1:3 | **Handwritten letter addressed to “friend” from E. M. Miller on Avery Chapel A.M.E. Church (Oklahoma City, OK) letterhead undated** |
| Box 1:4 | **Minutes of the Banquet Committee meetings 1931** |
| Box 1:4 | Physical Description: 1 folder |
| Box 1:4 | Series Scope and Content Summary |
| Box 1:4 | Series is a single notebook of handwritten minutes of Banquet Committee meetings in July and August of 1931. |
| Box 1:5 | **Lay Organization circa 1960** |
| Box 1:5 | Physical Description: 1 folder |
| Box 1:5 | Series Scope and Content Summary |
| Box 1:5 | Series is a report compiled by the California Conference Lay Organization. Contents: Constitution and By-Laws of the Fifth Episcopal District; photographs of the President, reverends, and members; outline for an evangelism project; transcript of a message delivered by R.J. Reynolds; list of churches and pastors of the California Annual Conference Districts – 1959-60; California Conference Lay Organization Roster of Officers and proposed budget 1959; list of Bishops of the A.M.E. Church; list of sessions of the A.M.E. General Conferences; list of all Bishops in the 1956 General Conference; History of the California Conference of the A.M.E. Church; list of colleges and universities; General Conference Program, May 4-16, 1960, in Los Angeles; patrons list; and a personal note of appreciation from William J. Gillette. |
Relocation Services scrapbook 1958

Physical Description: 1 box

Series Scope and Content Summary

Series is a phonograph record album repurposed as a scrapbook for the 1954 Relocation Services, when the church moved from the Fifteenth Street location to Telegraph Avenue. Inside front cover has portraits of Dr. H. Solomon Hill, Director of the Senior Choir Dr. F.E. Younge, M.D., and Organist Grace Jefferson with brief biographies of each. All but one of the pages that had been attached has come loose but appears to have been stapled or taped inside. The attached page includes portraits of the Senior Choir, picturing: Helen Johnson, Eva Wyands, Myrtle Dwight, Hazel Merchant, Helen Clark, Constance Clark, Ida Smith, Hope Phillips, Shirley Sellers, Myrtle Dunson, Vivian Kent, Bernice Proctor, Corine Osby, Patricia Thomas, Melba Woods, Elnora Anderson, Mrs. Earl Powell, William Anderson, Katie Anderson, Earl Powell, Jerline Johnson, Eleanor Ramey, and Senior Choir President Zilica Foster Williams. Also on this page, there is a snapshot of the Gatliiffs with a brief paragraph honoring their service to the Church, and an illustration of a crown with five portraits of Stewardess', picturing Nellie Ross, Virginia Morris, Delphine Anderson, A. Dance, and Minnie Johnson. Verso of this page includes snapshots of Dr. Hill congratulating the Hortons after their marriage, and instructing a class in African Methodism. Also pictured is a wedding party at a reception in the ladies’ lounge, and the bridal party and wedding reception of the Howards. The remaining page is trifold; the first page includes portraits of Beatrice Woods, Clara Bradd, Robertha Wells, Irene Jacobs, Lillian Kenkikorian, and Michael H. Jacobs. A photograph of the Primary Department of the Sunday School, picturing: J. Carter II, Barbara Lynn Bruce, Melvyn J. Beck, Barbara Jean Freeman, Billy Jean Jefferson, Yolanda James, Linn Jones, Arthur Hill, Arthur Charles Levy, Vanester Miller, Winona Edwards, Leslie Carlyle, Joseph Ramey, Gus Hill. A photograph of the Allen Stars, picturing: Gloria Jean Johnson, Barbara Jean Cooper, Marion M. Thomas. A photograph of the Junior Department, picturing: Charles Bursey, Bobby Waugh, Gracie N. Veesee, Laverne Freeman, Ricky Jones, Jimmy Jones, Thomas Miller. Verso of this page has portraits of Reverend H. Solomon Hill, Mattie Dickson, Sarah DeShirley Friend, Mary McCarey, Ann Miller, Macy Brooks, Irene Ferguson, E.A. Johnson, Estelle Eads, John Kent, Bernice Harris, and Reverend Horace Gholston. Included on this page is a photograph of the congregation entering the new church building, and two interior shots of the auditorium with members of the congregation seated. Inside the trifold are portraits of Cathryn Anderson, Prince Lawson Sr., Candace Saddler, Ellen Johnson, Odessa Eugene, Ruby Suter, Genvie Thomas, J.M. Strait, and Julia Taylor. Included is an image of the congregation standing in prayer. The inner trifold has portraits of Irma Valleey, Madame J.C. Mays-Peterson, Mattie Johnson, Dr. Frances M. Nelson, Sadie Gwyn, Sergeant Middleton W. Saddler, and Ethel Matthews. Also on this fold-out page is a collage of handwritten quotes. The back cover is an advertisement for Jackson Funeral Home.

Published material

Physical Description: 22 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary

Series consists of newsletters, church service bulletins, events programs, conference and pastoral reports, community resource directories, and ephemera published by the First A.M.E. Church of Oakland.

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*Messenger* February 3, 1935

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*Messenger* September 21, 1941

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*Messenger* June 19, 1955

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*The Voice* newsletter with members’ donations list March 29, 1972

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Church newsletter, *The Voice* April 9, 1972

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List of donors and individual donations March 1963

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List of Patrons: Calendar Tea April 9, 1972

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Patrons list undated

Church service bulletins

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Church service bulletins 1947-1979 (bulk 1979)

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Church service bulletins 1980-1988

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The Intercultural Interfaith Fellowship church service bulletins 1970, 1979

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First A.M.E. Dedication of Renovated Edifice 1969

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Fifth Episcopal District Educational Chautauqua 1955

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Seventy-ninth Session California Conference 1943

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The California Conference 110th Session 1974

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Cornerstone Laying & Dedication Services 1992

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Church Mortgage Burning Ceremony 1974

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Women’s Missionary Society California Conference Branch annual convention 1965

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Souvenir program for Relocation Service and Dedication Service 1954

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Inspirational Community Guild Tea 1960

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William Hannibal Means in Concert 1974

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Come and Worship with Marion 1963

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Recital featuring Mrs. Katie R. Lewis 1975

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Program for Jessie Coles Grayson presented by the Women's Council 1936

Box 2:1

History of the Negro in Music presented by the Men’s Club undated

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Pioneer Day 1940

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First Annual King and Queen Coronation 1965
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The Usher Boards Second Anniversary 1956
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Dine-O-Rama Banquet 1962
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Celebration of a New Year 2007
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Installation of Officers 2008
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Witness in the Word Week undated
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Centennial Souvenir Program 1958
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Organ Recital by Ruth Dean 1952
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Inspirational Community Guild 3rd Annual Historical Tea 1956
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Portrait Tea circa 1965
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Organ Chancel Improvement Dedication Services 1963
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The Youth Fellowship of the First A. M. E. church presents A Baby Contest 1970
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"A Peek at an Angel" Debutante Tea 1972
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Annual Palm Sunday Breakfast 1980

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Wednesday Morning Choral Club presents A Christmas Choral Program 1980

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Jubilee Singers of Fisk University October 22, 2000

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The California Conference Ministerial Alliance Celebrating the Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 2002

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Lay Organization and Melba B. Woods Women Missionary Society present A Prayer Breakfast 2003

Box 2:2

Closing Worship and Commissioning Service, 139th Session of the California Annual Conference 2003

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Waymaker’s Club 4th Annual Appreciation Dinner 1979

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Pastor’s Appreciation Celebration 2005

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10th Appreciation Celebration Luncheon 2006

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The Gospel Choir presents Chester Russelle in Concert 1965

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The Gospel Choir presents their 3rd Annual Calendar Tea 1972

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Eighteenth Anniversary Gospel Choir 1965

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25th Anniversary Gospel Choir 1972

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Chancel Choir presents James Gillis and Robert Morris in concert 1984

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Eightieth Anniversary of the church souvenir program [reproduction] 1938

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140th Church Anniversary Celebration 1998
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Voices of FAME presents A Galaxy of Stars 25th Anniversary 1998
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The 27th Annual Willa C. McGee Galaxy of Stars presented by the Music Department 2000
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The 29th Annual Willa C. McGee Galaxy of Stars presented by the Voices of the FAME Choir 2002
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The 30th Annual Willa C. McGee Galaxy of Stars presented by the Voices of the FAME Choir 2003
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The 34th Annual Willa C. McGee Galaxy of Stars presented by the Voices of the FAME Choir 2007
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Rev. Cheryl Denise Ward celebrating 35 years in ministry 2014

Conference reports

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Conference Year Planning Guides 1990-2005
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Annual Conference Reports 1991-1997
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Annual Pastoral Reports 1997-2007
Box 3:5  FAME Christian Academy Schedule of Classes 2005-2006

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Women's Mite Missionary Society

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The Sarah Allen W.M.M.S. officers and agenda 1938

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Year Book of Sarah Allen Women's Mite Missionary Society 1938

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Women's Mite Missionary Society California Conference Branch monthly program for auxiliary societies 1922-23

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Women's Mite Missionary Society California Conference Branch annual convention program 1936

Box 3:7  Resource Directory 2004

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Annual financial report 2010

Women's Day Services flyer 1972

Women's Day Services flyer 1973

March for Jesus Unity Rally flyer 1993

Lay Organization brochure 2003-2004

Men on a Mission Weekend flyer 2005

142nd Annual Session of the California Conference visitor's information 2006

Spring Revival flyer 2006

Book Drive flyer 2007
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The A.M.E. Church Structure and the Role of the Episcopal Committee Workshop flyer 2007

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Welcome Visitors brochure 2000

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Welcome Visitors church information flyers and sermon on CD 2006

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Brochure and ticket stub for The Meeting: A One Act Play 2004

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Funeral service program for Lottie Isabell Richards 1958

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Funeral service program for Anna Sereptha Hill 1967

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Invitation for East Africa (Kenya): Its People and its Culture symposium 1960

Box 3:9

Invitation for The Waymakers Club Fifth Recognition Dinner honoring William Byron Rumford 1980

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Invitation for Reception honoring the marriage of Reverend Dr. Harold R. Mayberry and Mary Mayo-Mayberry 1997

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Annual Debt Retirement Drive pledge card undated

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Offering envelope undated

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Tithing commitment card circa 1980s

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Tithing Commitment card undated

Box 3:9

Napkins from 140th Church Anniversary Homecoming Day dinner 1998

Box 3:9

Souvenir ribbons, 140th Church Anniversary 1998

Box 3:9

Souvenir bookmarks, 140th Church Anniversary 1998
**Help Our Children! Call to boycott and meeting information**

*undated*

Box 3:9

**Poster for 29th Annual Galaxy of Stars 2002**

Box 3:9

**Souvenir journal advertisement agreement for 29th Annual Galaxy of Stars 2002**

**Photographs**

- **Physical Description:** 47 photographs
- **Series Scope and Content Summary**
  Series consists of photographs of bishops, pastors, and members of the First A.M.E. Church of Oakland, including numerous posed, large group shots of choir members and the congregation with the presiding reverend. Also includes images of church building interiors and exteriors, including documentation of damage and repairs after the Loma Prieta earthquake of 1989.
- **Arrangement**
  Arranged by photograph identification number

Box 3:10

- Loose leaf page of photographs: Portrait of J.E. Edwards, B.D., First A.M.E. Church, Oakland, California. Exterior of First A.M.E. Church, Fifteenth Street, Oakland, California [001] *undated*

Box 3:10

- Fifteenth Street Church pastor, choirs, Board of Directors, and congregation [002] 1952

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- Renovation after 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake on church exterior [004] circa 1990

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- Photograph of a drawing of the First A. M. E. Church building and first schoolhouse for minorities [009] 1954

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- Dedication plaque on church column [010] 1958

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- Two senior choirs of past years [011] circa 1958

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Box 3:10

- Church service pictured from above, showing pastor, choir, and first few rows of the congregation [013] circa 1950s

Box 3:10

- Tom Thumb Wedding. Pictured: LaVerne Freeman, Roy Jean Miller, Gloria Johnson, Barbara Freeman, Vann Miller, James Freeman, and fifteen other unidentified children [014] circa 1950s

Box 3:10

- Church building, front view [015] circa 1980s

Box 3:10

- Church building with scaffolding, front view [016] circa 1990

Box 3:10

- Church building, front view [017] undated

Box 3:10

- Group of children assembled in church hall with adult church members standing in aisles and rear [018] circa 1950s

Box 3:10

- Church interior from above, with 100th Anniversary banner over the pulpit [019] 1958

Box 3:10  Henrietta Douglas, Birdie Mack, Willa Howard, Mrs. Barnes, Gladys Freeman, and other unidentified adults seated at dining table in Walker Hall [021] 1956

Box 3:10  Group of unidentified women standing in line [022] 1956

Box 3:10  Six women seated at dining table [023] circa 1950s

Box 3:10  Group of adults posed standing outside with two boys in front [024] circa 1950s

Box 3:10  Rev. and Mrs. H. Solomon Hill and sons Solomon Paisley Hill, Henry Alexander Hill, Walter Andrew Hill, Augustus Ormonde Hill, and John Dickson Hill [025] circa 1950s


Box 3:10  Reverend H. Solomon Hill with three unidentified men [029] undated

Box 3:10  Gospel choir posing with Reverend J. Russell Brown in the church sanctuary [030] 1963

Box 3:10  Group of children posed for the Annual Tom Thumb Wedding [031] 1957

Box 3:10  Portrait of Reverend Edward S. Foust [032] circa 1960s

Box 3:10  Portrait of Reverend J. Russell Brown [033] circa 1960s

Box 3:10  Reverend George R. Reid seated at desk [034]. Handwritten on back: “Died 1994 Rev Reid” circa 1980s

Box 3:10  Portrait of Trustee Raymond Richards beside donated commercial range [035] 1954

Box 3:10  Destruction to church exterior, right side view, after Loma Prieta earthquake [036] circa 1989-1990

Box 3:10  Destruction and repairs to church exterior, right side view, after Loma Prieta earthquake [037] circa 1989-1990

Box 3:10  Repairs to church exterior, front and left side view, after Loma Prieta earthquake [038] circa 1989-1990

Box 3:10  Destruction to church exterior, right corner view, after Loma Prieta earthquake [039] circa 1989-1990

Box 3:10  Church building interior under construction [040] circa 1990

Box 3:10  Mass choir of First A. M. E. Annual Conference [041] 1992

Box 3:10  Polaroid snapshot of Reverend Frederick O. Murph [042] undated

Box 3:10  Reverend Frederick O. Murph posed with church members [043] circa late 1980s-early 1990s

Box 3:10  Reverend Frederick O. Murph posed with church members wearing all white clothing with purple sashes [044] circa late 1980s-early 1990s

Box 3:10  Six unidentified adults posed outside church building [045] 1998

Box 3:10  Front and left side exterior of Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church [046] circa early 1950s

Box 3:10  Congregation posed in front of 15th Street church with a sign welcoming the 89th Annual Session California Conference [047] 1953

Box 3:11  Clippings 1935-2008

  Physical Description: 1 folder

  Series Scope and Content Summary

  Series consists of newspaper and magazine clippings about the First A.M.E. Church. Also included are transcriptions of newspaper clippings.

  Arrangement

  Arranged chronologically