
Guide to the Rushing Family Photograph Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Rushing family photograph collection

Dates: circa 1860s - circa 1980s

Bulk Dates: bulk 1910s-1940s

Collection number: MS 216

Collection Size: .5 linear feet(2 boxes + 1 oversized box)

Repository: African American Museum & Library at Oakland (Oakland, Calif.)
Oakland, CA 94612

Abstract: The Rushing Family Photograph Collection consists of 200 photographs and ephemera. The bulk of the photographs document the lives of African Americans in northern Louisiana in the vicinity of the towns of Arcadia, Bienville, Minden, and Simsboro and Oakland, California. Collection is also significant for photographs of African American soldiers during World War I.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

No access restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

Access Restrictions

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Scope and Content of Collection

The Rushing Family Photograph Collection consists of 200 photographs and ephemera. The bulk of the photographs document the lives of African Americans in northern Louisiana in the vicinity of the towns of Arcadia, Bienville, Minden, and Simsboro and Oakland, California. Collection is also significant for photographs of African American soldiers during World War I. The collection appears to document the Great Migration of African Americans to California from the American South during World War II. There are also 29 photos that are souvenir images of scenery of Yellowstone National Park and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The collection has no known provenance. The collection is named after the Rushing family as it is the most frequently mentioned name on the back of several photographs. Other surnames that appear frequently in the collection are Gordon, Harris, Isaac, and White.

Arrangement

Series I. Photographs Series II. Ephemera

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Yellowstone National Park--History--20th century--Pictorial works.

World War, 1914-1918--Portraits.

African Americans--Military service.

African Americans--Migrations--History--20th century.

Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (Or. and Wash.)

African Americans--California--Oakland--History--Pictorial works

Simsboro (La.)

Arcadia (La.)

Photographs

Physical Description: 200 photographs

Series Scope and Content Summary

200 photographs documenting African Americans in Minden, Arcadia, Bienville, Simsboro, Louisiana and Oakland, California.

Arrangement

Arranged numerically by photo ID number.

Military

- Box 1 **Young man in army service uniform [034] circa 1910s**
- Box 1 **Rudolph White in WWI uniform, front "Rondife (?) White, France Thondife (?)" reverse "Roudoph White Photo...Mrs. Mercy Rushing, Arcadia La...your brother, Rudolph White..Co...19...Eng (?) aRC...Bordeaux France" Bordeaux France [062] circa 1910s**
- Box 1 **Group of men in military uniforms, Rudolph White identified with letter "R", caption "Mr. M. R Rushing "Bordeaux France [063] circa 1910s**
- Box 1 **A portrait of a young man in WWI uniform, reverse "The Trost Studio Port Arthur Texas." [065] circa 1910s**
- Box 1 **Jason Gibson in WWI uniform standing outside barn-like structure, caption "Mr. Jason Gibson" [066] circa 1910s**
- Box 2 **Portrait of a young man in Navy dress uniform [140] circa 1940s**
- Box 2 **Portrait of a young man in Navy dress uniform [141] circa 1940s**
- Box 2 **Portrait of a young man in Navy dress uniform [142] circa 1940s**
- Box 2 **Young man in military service uniform, reverse inscription "G.I. 20771 [?]" [163] circa 1940s**
- Box 2 **Two women sitting on either side of a man in a military uniform [146] undated**
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Louisiana

- Box 1 **Woman and two girls standing on porch of house, reverse "Ewing Kodak Dept Baton Rouge LA" [001] circa 1920s**
- Box 2 **Class portrait of a teacher Mrs. Johnson and ~40 students. Caption, "Bienville Parish Training School. 'Complements [sic]' of Mrs. Johnson and her students." Reverse caption, "Smile at a vacant hour of [illegible] [?] Etta B. Rushing Arcadia La Box 292" [162] circa 1930s**
- Box 1 **Photo booth portrait of man, caption "Edward King P.I. Box 44+ Simsboro LA" [009] circa 1940s**
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- Box 2 Studio portrait of a man in a suit and tie. Reverse, "Mitchell Studio, P.O. Box 342, Minden Louisiana" [136] circa 1940s
- Box 2 Studio portrait of a woman. Reverse, "Mitchell Studio, P.O. Box 342, Minden Louisiana" [137] circa 1940s
- Box 2 Studio portrait of a woman. Reverse, "Mitchell Studio, P.O. Box 342, Minden Louisiana" [138] circa 1940s
- Box 2 Studio portrait of a woman. Reverse, "Mitchell Studio, P.O. Box 342, Minden Louisiana" [139] circa 1940s
- Box 1 Photo booth portrait of woman, caption "Mable Virginia Lyles Arcadia, LA" [010] undated
- Box 1 Woman standing next to chair with house in background, caption "Minden, Louisiana, Talalie Mal Caldwell" [024] undated
- Box 1 Two young men posing with two young women. Right side of photo is faded, caption "Etta B. Rushing, Mr. S. W. White of Arcadia, LA" [033] undated
- Box 1 Swanson White poses on a chair in yard, caption "Swanson White photo" [068] undated
- Box 1 Swanson White in suit and tie poses outside , caption "Mr. Swanson White Arcadia LA" [069] undated
- Box 1 A Get Well Card with inserted photo, inscription, "Frankie". Reverse of photo, "Mitchell Studio, P.O. Box 342, Minden Louisiana" [128] undated
- Box 2 Souvenir photo of a man in cardstock frame. Reverse caption: "Mr. A. Compliments of Mr. Judge Alexander, Arcadia Louisiana" [134] undated
- Box 2 Three women in coats outside, etching caption, "Three Sisters". Reverse caption: Mrs. Mary Larden [?], Mrs. Pinki Harris, Mrs. Raslene Garry [?] of Clarks...[illegible]" [151] undated
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California

- Box 2 Man standing in front of a house [address: 1772 [?] St, oakland, ca [?] [152] circa 1940s
- Box 2 Woman in front of Pullman Liquor Store 1722 7th street Oakland, CA. Reverse caption "S.P." [153] circa 1940s
- Box 2 Woman crouched down with young child on sidewalk in front of Par-T-Pak advertisement [170] circa 1950s
- Box 2 Man stands on steps in front of Victorian houses [188] circa 1950s
- Box 2 Man stands next to steps of a Victorian house [194] circa 1950s
- Box 2 Man stands in front of shelves of A/V equipment in store [185] circa 1960s
- Box 2 Photo of two-story Victorian house with a car parked in front. [184] undated
- Box 2 Woman leaning on stair railing [190] undated
- Box 2 Young boy poses on sidewalk next to house [191] undated
- Box 2 Two women sit in bar or restaurant. Reverse caption, "Ella Ann Liggons, 400 Ripley, Richmond, Calif." [197] undated
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Souvenir National Park

- Box 1 Oneonta Bluff and Tunnel Columbia River Hwy souvenir photo [097] undated
- Box 1 Multnomah Falls Columbia River Highway Oregon souvenir photo [098] undated
- Box 1 West Gate Yellowstone National Park at West Yellowstone souvenir photo [099] undated
- Box 1 Vista House, Crown Point Columbia River Highway, Oregon souvenir photo [100] undated
- Box 1 Old Faithful Geyser, Yellowstone Park souvenir photo [101] undated
- Box 1 Upper Falls Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone souvenir photo [102] undated
- Box 1 Great Falls of the Yellowstone National Park souvenir photo [103] undated
- Box 1 Sylvan Lake, Cody Way to Yellowstone souvenir photo [104] undated
- Box 1 Rowena Loops-Columbia River Highway, Oregon souvenir photo [105] undated
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Box 1	Mother Bear and Her Three Cubs, Yellowstone National Park souvenir photo [106] undated
Box 1	Mt. Hood from Lost Lake, Oregon souvenir photo [107] undated
Box 1	Mitchell Point, Columbia River Highway, Oregon souvenir photo [108] undated
Box 1	Columbia River Gorge, Columbia River Highway, Oregon souvenir photo [109] undated
Box 1	Lake Yellowstone, Yellowstone National Park souvenir photo [110] undated
Box 1	Inspiration Point, Columbia River Highway, Oregon souvenir photo [111] undated
Box 1	Vista House, Crown Point Columbia River Highway, Oregon souvenir photo [112] undated
Box 1	Gallatin Way to Yellowstone National Park souvenir photo [113] undated
Box 1	Switchbacks of Top of Beartooth Plateau souvenir photo [114] undated
Box 1	Oneonta Gorge, Columbia River Hwy souvenir photo [115] undated
Box 1	Aerial View of Bonneville Dam, Columbia River Hwy souvenir photo [116] undated
Box 1	Cooke City, Montana, Yellowstone National Park souvenir photo [117] undated
Box 1	Morning Glory Pool, Yellowstone National Park souvenir photo [118] undated
Box 1	Eagle Nest Rock, Gardiner Canyon souvenir photo [119] undated
Box 1	Fire Hole River, Yellowstone National Park souvenir photo [120] undated
Box 1	Wahkeena Falls, Columbia River Hwy, Oregon souvenir photo [121] undated
Box 1	Shepperds Dell, Columbia River Highway, Oregon souvenir photo [122] undated
Box 1	Horsetails Falls, Columbia River Highway, Oregon souvenir photo [123] undated
Box 1	Kepler Cascades, Yellowstone National Park souvenir photo [124] undated
Box 1	Cleopatra Terrace, Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone National Park souvenir photo [125] undated

Assorted

Box 1	Woman on bench holding infant with man's hand pointing at them, caption "Please send back Dorothy + Betty Jean I am borrowing this one to let you see Babe" [003] 1927
Box 1	Young boy sitting on porch with infant caption "Sunday May 2nd, 1927", reverse caption "Cecil and Betty Jean Gordon. Arnita Baby on our door steps" [026] 1927
Box 1	Young woman standing behind a burial mound , reverse Fox-Tone Print August 1953 [027] 1953
Box 1	A graduation portrait of a young woman in a cardstock frame, reverse, "Class of '67. Easton's Studio-Muskogee". [129] 1967
Box 2	Jinsun Park posing for a portrait, reverse caption, "To: my good America [sic] friend. 10 Sep, 1967 [?] from Korea [sic] friend Jinsun Park." [164] 1967
Box 1	A portrait of a man and woman sitting with a child each on their laps, reverse caption " Dad +Mother, Martha+Ella" [079] circa 1860s
Box 1	Woman in mourning dress, caption "Aunt Elizabeth Dearth-My Great Aunt" S.B. Brown, Photographer, 101 Westminster Street , Prov R.I. [031] circa 1870s
Box 1	Four women posed in front of building, three of them in uniform skirts [055] circa 1910s
Box 1	A portrait of Louie Heath in buttoned jacket on curved bench, reverse caption "Mr. Louie Heath Photo" [064] circa 1910s
Box 1	A young girl posing with umbrella in hand standing next to a chair with a clock on it, partial caption "S W---e[?]" [080] circa 1910s
Box 1	Man and woman posing for portrait [081] circa 1910s
Box 1	Man standing in suit and tie [086] circa 1910s
Box 1	Woman sitting with a 2 children standing beside her, reverse caption "Miss Edna Wimberly, Daughter Lucil [sic?] & Son Laufett" [088] circa 1910s
Box 1	A man in a suit and woman in a white dress pose for a portrait [091] circa 1910s
Box 1	A woman poses for a portrait, reverse caption "Best wishes to you, not very good Rosalene" [092] circa 1910s
Box 1	A fragment of a portrait of a woman sitting, reverse caption "Miss Sallie Bell Goree[?]" [093] circa 1910s
Box 1	Portrait of two young women [094] circa 1910s

Box 2 Three women stand on the steps of a walkway or bridge [150] circa 1910s
Box 1 Two men and older woman posing together with small child, caption "William Potter requests the favor of his mother to let him have a secret laboratory location unknown to the author" [032] circa 1920s
Box 1 Woman lying in grassy field, small house in background,reverse "Ewing Kodak Dept Baton Rouge LA" [046] circa 1920s
Box 1 Three women in white dresses in front of palm trees, man in background [051] circa 1920s
Box 1 Man in bowler hat and suit standing next to late 1910s/early 1920s Packard car, house in background [076] circa 1920s
Box 2 Diamond portrait of a woman [148] circa 1920s
Box 2 Photo of man and woman [145] circa 1930s
Box 1 Portrait of man wearing suit and hat [008] circa 1940s
Box 1 portrait of woman in front of backdrop [012] circa 1940s
Box 1 portrait of woman in front of backdrop [013] circa 1940s
Box 1 portrait of man [016] circa 1940s
Box 1 Man standing in yard by side of a house, caption "Spuds, Rice, Butter, Same kind meat, pork chop" [030] circa 1940s
Box 1 Four men in metal helmets standing on railroad tracks [050] circa 1940s
Box 2 Portrait of a man and woman on a lawn [154] circa 1940s
Box 2 Portrait of a man and woman on a lawn [155] circa 1940s
Box 2 Three men posing with etched caption, "Louie, Me, Shampson [?]" Reverse caption "With all my love, Charles" [156] circa 1940s
Box 2 Portrait of a man in a suit and tie [159] circa 1940s
Box 2 Portrait of a man in a suit and tie [160] circa 1940s
Box 2 Man in suit leaning next to a bar counter [147] circa 1950s
Box 2 Five children posing for photo on couch. Caption"Chris,Steve, Jary, Betsy, Jeff" [158] circa 1950s
Box 2 Portrait of a woman [161] circa 1950s
Box 2 People seated at a table in the Rainbow Club [167] circa 1950s
Box 2 Man standing in unidentified bar. Reverse, caption "Mr. S[?] Charles [Unreadable]." [200] circa 1950s
Box 1 Man standing next to late 1940s Pontiac car, CA plate 3CZ 415, caption "8-'51" [005] circa 1951
Box 2 Five children posing for photo in yard. Caption"Chris 15, Betsy 8, Steve 16, Jeff 11, Jary 13" [157] circa 1960s
Box 2 Woman and man sitting in a bar [171] circa 1960s
Box 2 Two women and a man seated on a couch in a living room [172] circa 1960s
Box 2 Woman leaning over vanity table with a cigarette [173] circa 1960s
Box 2 Woman sitting at a bar [174] circa 1960s
Box 2 Woman and two men at bar counter [175] circa 1960s
Box 2 Woman and man standing next to car on the side of a street [176] circa 1960s
Box 2 Man standing in front of train car [177] circa 1960s
Box 2 Three men and a woman posing together [178] circa 1960s
Box 2 Two women sitting on a couch together in living room [179] circa 1960s
Box 2 Man in suit sitting on couch. Head of another man with cigarette in frame [180] circa 1960s
Box 2 Two women and a man seated on a couch in a living room [181] circa 1960s
Box 2 Two men sitting on an orange couch at night. Reverse, Polaroid Land ordering form. [182] circa 1960s
Box 2 A woman standing in front of a house [201] circa 1960s
Box 2 Framed photo of a man and woman in formal wear stand in front of a fireplace. [202] circa 1960s
Box 1 Portrait of man wearing polo and suit jacket [007] circa 1980s
Box 2 Three men in a commercial kitchen [189] Feb 1955
Box 1 Woman standing next to small house with large tree in background [002] undated
Box 1 Young woman standing on wooden fence man in background with jacket over his head [004] undated

Box 1 Young child sitting for portrait [006] undated
Box 1 portrait of woman in front of tropical patterned backdrop [011] undated
Box 1 portrait of girl in front of backdrop [014] undated
Box 1 portrait of girl in front of backdrop [015] undated
Box 1 portrait of woman in front of backdrop [017] undated
Box 1 portrait of woman in front of backdrop [018] undated
Box 1 Man and woman standing together outdoors, caption "Sula Maud Rushing 89" Fox Photo [019] undated
Box 1 Three young men standing together in a field, caption "Mr. S.S. Issacc Mr. Tommie Bell Mr T.S. Issacc" Fox Photo [020] undated
Box 1 Three young men standing together in a field, caption "Sallie Sallie Jackson" Fox Photo [021] undated
Box 1 Man sitting in a chair in a field, reverse Fox Photo [022] undated
Box 1 Man standing in front of small house with snow on ground, reverse Fox Photo [023] undated
Box 1 Man standing in muddy field [025] undated
Box 1 Two men facing each other in a playful boxing stance in "Just Pals" frame [028] undated
Box 1 Woman in white dress standing in field in front of palm trees [029] undated
Box 1 Two young women in matching skirts and blouses facing each other and holding each other's hand. [035] undated
Box 1 Two women posed with two young boys on beach [036] undated
Box 1 Young woman in cap and gown graduation portrait [037] undated
Box 1 Young woman in cap and gown graduation portrait [038] undated
Box 1 Man in wheelchair holding young child in front of house [039] undated
Box 1 Portrait of man wearing a hat in front of backdrop [040] undated
Box 1 Portrait of man wearing a hat & glasses in front of backdrop [041] undated
Box 1 Young girl in front of steps of house, caption "Little [unreadable]" [042] undated
Box 1 Woman holding baby standing In field in front of trees [043] undated
Box 1 Young woman in cap and gown graduation portrait [044] undated
Box 1 Young child sitting in a chair in a field [045] undated
Box 1 Blurred photo of seven women posing together in field with trees in the background, reverse "Ewing Kodak Dept Baton Rouge LA" [047] undated
Box 1 Man and woman posing in front of dilapidated building [048] undated
Box 1 Four children, two boys and two girls, posed sitting on grass in front of side of a house [049] undated
Box 1 Woman interacting with two young children in grassy yard, man and another woman in background [052] undated
Box 1 Woman posing on stool in front of house, caption "Manila White" [053] undated
Box 1 Blurred photo of 5-7 women posing in car, "Ewing Kodak" [054] undated
Box 1 Young woman in cap and gown graduation portrait [056] undated
Box 1 Man in suit poses for portrait [057] undated
Box 1 Man in suit and tie poses for portrait [058] undated
Box 1 Man in suit and tie poses for portrait [059] undated
Box 1 Man in suit poses for portrait [060] undated
Box 1 Man in suit, tie and hat poses for portrait, caption "from Ike to Babydoll" [061] undated
Box 1 Young man posing in suit and tie in yard, identical jacket to Swanson White [067] undated
Box 1 Baby posed in armchair [070] undated
Box 1 Baby posed on hardback chair, caption "From Baby" [071] undated
Box 1 Two girls stand and toddler sits on tricycle in front of porch, reverse "E.W. Frazier Photographer" [072] undated
Box 1 Woman stands next to young man sitting in makeshift wheelchair-a chair affixed to a wagon [073] undated
Box 1 4 young children posing in yard for portrait [074] undated
Box 1 Portrait of man in suit in tie, reverse caption "I, Jacob" [075] undated

- Box 1 **Man and woman pose in oval portrait, reverse caption "Mrs. Hallie Russo [?]" [077] undated**
- Box 1 **Annie Bell Ware standing with umbrella, reverse caption "Miss Annie Bell Ware" [078] undated**
- Box 1 **A woman sitting in a chair in front of cloth backdrop [082] undated**
- Box 1 **A woman posed standing in front of cloth backdrop [083] undated**
- Box 1 **A woman standing in front of wooden structure, reverse caption "Mrs. William Coppmer [?] Mrs. Rosilean Rushing [?] Claremore OKLa" [084] undated**
- Box 1 **Miss Hawk standing with her younger sister in front of cloth backdrop, caption "Miss Hawk and her sister" reverse caption "Miss Hawk and her little sister." [085] undated**
- Box 1 **Man sitting at desk with typewriter [087] undated**
- Box 1 **A man sitting for a portrait [089] undated**
- Box 1 **A young boy poses for a portrait , caption "J.E. Miller K.C. MO", reverse caption, "Mr. Cecial [sic?] Harris 1007 ----[?]KC, MO" [090] undated**
- Box 1 **Portrait of a man in a suit and tie [095] undated**
- Box 1 **Portrait of woman, reverse caption "Eula Mae[?]" [096] undated**
- Box 1 **Boy holding small dog sitting against a brick building. [130] undated**
- Box 1 **A crowd on a beach [131] undated**
- Box 1 **Young boy standing in front of a waterfall [132] undated**
- Box 1 **Bear standing near the side of a road [133] undated**
- Box 2 **Portrait of young man in suit and tie [135] undated**
- Box 2 **Portrait photo of a young girl [143] undated**
- Box 2 **Portrait photo of a young girl [144] undated**
- Box 2 **Portrait of a young woman [149] undated**
- Box 2 **Portrait of a man. Reverse caption "49Q" [165] undated**
- Box 2 **Man in polo leaning on railing. [166] undated**
- Box 2 **Blurred photo of young woman standing in front of houses and a picket fence [168] undated**
- Box 2 **Young woman standing in a yard [169] undated**
- Box 2 **Photo of two-story home surrounded by trees. Reverse caption, "Old Home at Goshin [sic], Connecticut". [183] undated**
- Box 2 **Man and woman sit at a bar counter [186] undated**
- Box 2 **Two men and a woman sitting at a bar together. [187] undated**
- Box 2 **A man and woman in white server uniforms stand behind bar counter [192] undated**
- Box 2 **Child crouches and smiles towards the camera [193] undated**
- Box 2 **Bartender in white server uniform wipes counter and smiles behind the bar counter [195] undated**
- Box 2 **Three young girls sit on the grass with Easter baskets [196] undated**
- Box 2 **A group of 14 people dressed in formal wear gather around a table laid with food. [198] undated**
- Box 2 **A portrait of a woman with flowers in her hair [199] undated**
- Box 1 **Man standing in front of a house [address: 1772 [?] St, Oakland, ca [?] [152] circa 1940s**

Ephemera

Physical Description: 1 postcard and 1 dentist appointment card

Series Scope and Content Summary

1 postcard and 1 dentist appointment card

Postcard with caption, "4 Reasons I like Women Over Forty: 1. They Don't Tell, 2. They Don't Yell 3. They Don't Swell 4. And They're Grateful as Hell" reverse, "Laff Card, Cooper's Photo Gt Falls, Mont." undated

Appointment Card, "Dr. Galen H. Drury, Dr. M.G. Harvey Exodontia. 414 13th street (3rd Floor) Oakland 12. Calif." Reverse, stamped "Dr. Longfellow Clark" undated