
Guide to the Santa Barbara African American local history collection CEMA 99

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Title: Santa Barbara African American local history collection

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Location note: Del Norte

General Physical Description note: 3 document boxes, 1 over-sized box and 19 cassette tapes.

Abstract: This Collection is based on the Black Santa Barbara Historical Calendar project files. Additional materials pertinent to Santa Barbara African Americans continue to be added to the collection.

Biographical/Historical note

The origins of this collection began as the Black Santa Barbara Historical Calendar, a collaborative research project in the Black Studies Department at UCSB. The aim of the calendar was to call attention to local personages and events important in Santa Barbara's African American community. Professor Cedric Robinson headed the project with the help of undergraduate students from across the nation and high school students from the local district. Research for the first calendar began in the summer of 1994; the Black Studies Department published two calendars, one in 1995 and the other in 1996 and research continued in the summer of 1997 until funding was lost and the project was halted. While the collection's origins were to support a discontinued calendar project, the documents, photographs and interviews are of great value for an understanding of African American local history. Additional materials continue to be added.

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Related Collections

Horace McMillan Papers (CEMA 007); Anita Mackey Papers (CEMA 057); William Downey Papers (CEMA 032); The Santa Barbara Afro-American Oral History Project Collection (CEMA 42); Grover C. Barnes Papers (CEMA 115); Sojourner Kincaid Rolle Papers (CEMA 055).

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Scope Note

The calendar project produced two calendars for the years, 1995 and 1996. The historical material used for these calendars makes up the bulk of this collect. Photos, calendars, articles and audio-recordings connected to civic African Americans leaders make up this collection that continues to grow.

Series Description

Series I: Calendar project contains a copy of the 1995 and 1996 version of the calendar as well as many of the component parts that made the 1995 calendar. Also of particular interest is a paper documenting selective case studies of the "Oral history of the Black Santa Barbara community during the 1940's and 1950's," which arose from the 1996 calendar project. There are copies of articles related to African American history and organizations such as the NAACP. There is an assortment of photographs of important local personages and community groups in Santa Barbara. This series is arranged alphabetically by title; those files that fall under the common title of calendar have been arranged chronologically.

Series II: Subject Files contains research on various topics and people relative to the Santa Barbara African American community. The files range from dates 1878-2011. These files have been arranged alphabetically by title.

Series III: Audio-recordings from the Black Santa Barbara Calendar Project. The dates of the files range from the years 1994-1995. These files have been arranged alphabetically by name of the interviewee.

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Series I: Calendar and components 1995-1996

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Box 1, Folder 2 **January, black migration to the West 1995**
Box 1, Folder 3 **February 1995**
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Box 1, Folder 5 **April 1995**
Box 1, Folder 6 **May, Jerry Forney, marriage license, death certificates 1995**
Box 1, Folder 7 **June, Willie M. Rowan photo 1995**
Box 1, Folder 8 **July, black troops photos 1996**
Box 1, Folder 9 **August, Civilian Conservation Corps 1995**
Box 1, Folder 10 **October, NAACP photo 1995**
Box 1, Folder 11 **December, photographs, St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church 1995**
Box 1, Folder 12 **Black Santa Barbara historical calendar 1995**
Box 1, Folder 13 **Santa Barbara black historical calendar 1996**
Box 1, Folder 14 **Front cover image and photograph 1995**
Box 1, Folder 15 **General calendar material unknown**
Box 1, Folder 16 **Interview questions undated**
Box 1, Folder 17 **Oral history presentation of the black Santa Barbara community undated**
Box 1, Folder 18 **Photographs undated**
Box 1, Folder 19 **Proof sheet undated**
Box 1, Folder 20 **Miscellaneous articles and images undated**

Series II: Subject files 1878-2011

Box 1, Folder 22 **Art and literature, miscellany undated**
Box 1, Folder 23 **Barnes, Grover C. biographical notes undated**
Box 3, Folder 1 **Bennet, James. "Medals of honor awarded at last to black World War II veterans,"
The New York Times January 14, 1997**
Box 1, Folder 24 **Black culture, local newspaper articles, 1982-1989; Franklin, John Hope,
Afro-American history: state of the art June 1988**
Box 1, Folder 25 **Black farmers, Schweningen, Laura. "A vanishing breed: black farm owners in the
South, 1651- 1982," *Agricultural history*, Vol. 163 No. 3 summer 1989**
Box 3, Folder 4 **"Black history month events" *Santa Barbara Independent* (online version). February
10, 2011**
Box 1, Folder 26 **Black resistance (political), articles about Santa Barbara County, in particular the
Muslim community 1964-1967**
Box 4, Folder 4 **Brantingham, Barney. *Santa Barbara Independent* news article, "Carpinteria's
segregated past" February 10, 2011**
Box 4, Folder 1 **Burns, Melinda. *Santa Barbara News-Press* article, "Chuch's mural paints angelic
black homage" about St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church September 6, 1992**
Box 1, Folder 27 **Business, *Santa Barbara Press* photocopies, 1878; Hicks, Connie, biographical
information undated**
Box 2, Folder 1 **Census information for Madera County (1900), Alameda County (1880), Stanislaus
County (1870); *Santa Barbara Daily Press* articles 1878**
Box 2, Folder 2 **Chan, Betty and P.T. Joseph. *African American women leaders in Santa Barbara: as
assessment of leadership styles and the movement towards radicalism* undated**
Box 2, Folder 3 **Civic leaders, articles on Santa Barbara personages including Anita Mackey and Jerry
Forney 1979-1993**
Box 2, Folder 4 **Civil rights, '*Santa Barbara hatred*' threats result as Negro seeks home, 1958; *Negro
job problem stressed at meet* 1964 1958-1964**
Box 2, Folder 5 **Community organizations/leaders in Santa Barbara County, including Elks Lodge
1987-1990**
Box 2, Folder 6 **Discrimination, articles about Santa Barbara County 1965-1991**
Box 2, Folder 7 **Educators and education, articles and notes about Santa Barbara personages
1968-1994**

Box 2, Folder 8	History, beginnings - 1900, notes and articles about California and Santa Barbara, including photocopies from Santa Barbara High School yearbooks 1915-1941
Box 2, Folder 9	Hopkins Family including Tate, Earline, biographical information undated
Box 2, Folder 10	<i>Jet Magazine</i> clippings, "This week in history" ca. 1994
Box 2, Folder 11	Jim Crow laws, in Hope Ranch, Santa Barbara (includes census information for Santa Barbara County for 1990) 1954
Box 2, Folder 12	Jones, Henry. Biographical information undated
Box 4, Folder 4	Kettmann, Matt and Welsh, Nick. <i>Santa Barbara Independent</i> news article, "Recognizing Santa Barbara's black history: how African Americans helped shape modern life on the American riviera" February 10, 2011
Box 3, Folder 4	Kettmann Matt, and Welsh, Nick. <i>Santa Barbara Independent</i>. How African Americans helped shape modern life on the American riviera (online article, includes comments). February 10, 2011
Box 4, Folder 3	<i>L.A Watts Times</i> complete newspaper. July 28, 1994
Disk \\special-ro\manuscripts	CEMA Chapel CEMA (Colored Methodist Episcopal) Church 50th Anniversary - Souvenir Program 12/17/1995
Box 2, Folder 13	Los Angeles publications. <i>Turning point</i> 1994
Box 2, Folder 13	Los Angeles publications. <i>Festivals of Los Angeles</i> 1994
Box 2, Folder 14	McMillan, Jessie. Biographical information undated
Box 2, Folder 15	Media, correspondence concerning "African-American and the media: historical racism vs. the new revolution" hearing, 1991, <i>preconceived notions hinder ability to learn</i> January 17, 1989
Box 2, Folder 16	Migration, Chiacos, Elias, <i>now and then</i> column about Santa Barbara County 1990
Box 2, Folder 17	Military, Santa Barbara Tuskegee Airmen including Lowell Steward undated
Box 4, Folder 2	Military, Santa Barbara Tuskegee Airmen newspaper articles. "Black Eagles" by Dennis Green
Box 3, Folder 4	Neill Wright. <i>Santa Barbara Independent</i> opinion article, "Black history 101" February 17, 2011
Box 2, Folder 18	Norman, Floyd. Biographic information 1995
Box 2, Folder 19	Pearson, Clarice. Biographic information. Political activism undated
Box 2, Folder 20	Political Activism, articles about Santa Barbara NAACP including William Simms, 1969-1977 Miller, Karen, <i>The History of Santa Barbara's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)</i> undated
Box 2, Folder 21	Project guidelines and worksheets undated
Box 2, Folder 22	Religion, historical record of Santa Barbara St Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church and articles on St. Paul's mural 1937-1938
Box 2, Folder 23	Research correspondence and notes ca. 1994
Box 2, Folder 24	Rosbrough, Less. Biographic information undated
Disk \\special-ro\manuscripts	St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church of Santa Barbara 80th Anniversary Celebration 09/17/2000
Box 2, Folder 25	Simms, William "Bill." Biographic information undated
Box 2, Folder 31	St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church 1937
Box 2, Folder 26	Tarver, Johnny. Biographic information 1994
Box 1, Folder 21	The black and gold advisory board operating as the photo essay project task force, Dorothy Brilliant, photo essay project chair, <i>African-Americans on the Central Coast: a photo essay depicting aspects of the life of the African-American community in the counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura</i> (Ventura, CA: Black Gold Cooperative Library System) 1993
Box 2, Folder 27	Violence against minorities, articles mostly pertain to Ku Klux Klan in Santa Barbara 1878-1991
Box 4, Folder 1	Wilkes, Jamaal 09/12/2012
Box 2, Folder 28	Wright, Dorothy. Biographic information May 16, 1994
Box 2, Folder 29	Wright, Neil. Biographic information undated
Box 2, Folder 30	Miscellany, articles and correspondence undated
Box 3, Folder 1	Miscellaneous articles, Black WWII Veterans 1997
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Box 3, Folder 4	Welsh, Nick. <i>Santa Barbara Independent</i> news article. "King of clubs, hogs, and trash" (online version, includes comments). February 10, 2011

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Zant, John. *Santa Barbara News Press* article about Tuskegee military, "Pilot waged war against racism" October 15, 1995

Series III: Audio-recordings from the black Santa Barbara calendar project 1994-1995

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Barnes, Grover, C. 7/27/95
Booth, John, E.R., T.S. 7/19/95
Johnson, Cleavonese, her home, by E.R. , T.S., R.G. 7/5/95
Kennedy, Lt. Col. James V., continued 7/25/1994
Mackey, Anita, by Betty Chen and Dione Joseph 8/13/94
McMillan, Jessie, 2 pm 7/19/95
Norman, Floyd, 1 of 2 undated
Norman, Floyd and Brown, Adrienne, 2 of 2, undated
Pearson, Clarice, Home, E.R., T.S. 7/11/95
Richey, Melvin, by Betty Chen and Dione Joseph 8/13/94
Rhuge, Ann undated
Simms, Bill, 1 of 2 undated
Simms, Bill, 2 of 2 undated
Thomas, Theo, 1 of 2 7/14/95
Wilkes, Rev. undated
Wright, Neil (side A), Tarver, John (side B) undated
Wright, Shirley, S.B. Library, E.R., T.S., part 1 of 2 7/19/95
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