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# GUIDE TO THE SANTA BARBARA AFRICAN AMERICAN LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION, 1900-1997

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#### SCOPE 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 and it is expected to grow over time with the addition of other materials documenting the African American presence in the Santa Barbara area.

#### RELATED COLLECTIONS

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

#### **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. These files have been arranged alphabetically by title.

#### **CONTAINER LIST**

#### **SERIES I: CALENDAR & COMPONENTS**

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1	1	Black Santa Barbara Historical Community Calendar paper, 1996 Calendar
1	2	January, Black migration to the West, 1995
1	3	February, 1995
1	4	March, Anita Mackey, Santa Barbara's Black pioneers photographs, 1995
1	5	April, 1995
1	6	May, Jerry Forney, marriage license, death certificates, 1995
1	7	June, Willie M. Rowan photo, 1995
1	8	July, Black Troops photos, 1995
1	9	August, Civilian Conservation Corps, 1995
1	10	October, NAACP photo, 1995
1	11	December, photographs, St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church 1995
1	12	Black Santa Barbara Historical Calendar, 1995
1	13	Santa Barbara Black Historical Calendar, 1996
1	14	Front cover image and photograph, 1995

1	15	General calendar material
1	16	Interview questions, n.d.
1	17	Oral history presentation of the Black Santa Barbara community, n.d.
1	18	Photographs, n.d.
1	19	Proof sheet, n.d.
1	20	Miscellaneous articles and images, n.d.

#### **SERIES II: SUBJECT FILES**

Box Folder		Contents	
1	21	The Black and Gold Advisory Board operating as the Photo Essay Project Task Force, Dorothy Brilliant, photo essay project chair, 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 (Ventura, CA: Black Gold Cooperative Library System, 1993).	
1	22	Art and literature, miscellany, n.d.	
1	23	Barnes, Grover C., biographical notes, n.d., correspondence, 1954	
3	1	Bennet, James, "Medals of Honor Awarded at Last to Black World War II Veterans", <i>The New York Times</i> , January 14, 1997	
1	24	Black culture, local newspaper articles, 1982-1989; Franklin, John Hope, <i>Afro-American History:</i> State of the Art, June 1988	
1	25	Black farmers, Schweninger, Laura, "A Vanishing Breed: Black Farm Owners in the South, 1651-1982", Agricultural History, Vol. 163 No. 3, Summer 1989	
1	26	Black resistance (political), articles about Santa Barbara County, in particular the Muslim community, 1964-1967	
1	27	Business, Santa Barbara Press photocopies, 1878; Hicks, Connie, biographical information, n.d.	
2	1	Census information for Madera County (1900), Alameda County (1880), Stanislaus County (1870); Santa Barbara Daily Press articles, 1878	
2	2	Chan, Betty and P.T. Joseph, African American Women Leaders in Santa Barbara: As Assessment of Leadership Styles and the Movement Towards Radicalism, n.d.	
2	3	Civic leaders, articles on Santa Barbara personages including Anita Mackey and Jerry Forney, 1979-1993	
2	4	Civil rights, 'Santa Barbara Hatred' Threats Result as Negro Seeks Home, 1958; Negro Job Problem Stressed at Meet, 1964	
2	5	Community organizations/leaders in Santa Barbara County, including Elks Lodge, 1987-1990	
2	6	Discrimination, articles about Santa Barbara County, 1965-1991	
2 2	7	Educators and education, articles and notes about Santa Barbara personages, 1968-1994	
2	8	History, Beginnings – 1900, notes and articles about California and Santa Barbara, including photocopies from Santa Barbara High School yearbooks (1915-1941)	
2	9	Hopkins Family including Tate, Earline, biographical information, n.d.	
2	10	Jet Magazine clippings, "This Week In History", ca. 1994	
2	11	Jim Crow laws, in Hope Ranch, Santa Barbara, 1954 (includes census information for Santa Barbara County for 1990)	
2	12	Jones, Henry, biographical information, n.d. Los Angeles publications, 1994	
2	13	Turning Point	
2	13	Festivals of Los Angeles	
2	14	McMillan, Jessie, biographical information, n.d.	
2	15	Media, Correspondence concerning "African-American and the Media:Historical Racism vs. The New Revolution" hearning, 1991, <i>Preconceived notions hinder ability to learn</i> , January 17, 1989	

2	16	Migration, Chiacos, Elias, <i>Now and Then</i> column about Santa Barbara County, 1990
2	17	Military, Santa Barbara Tuskegee Airmen including Lowell Steward, n.d. (See also Box 4 Folder 4)
2	18	Norman, Floyd, biographic information, 1995
2	19	Pearson, Clarice, biographic information, n.d.Political activism
2	20	Political Activism, Articles about Santa Barbara NAACP including William Simms, 1969-1977
		Miller, Karen, The History of Santa Barbara's National Association for the Advancement of
		Colored People (NAACP), n.d.
2	21	Project guidelines and worksheets, n.d.
2	22	Religion, historical record of Santa Barbara St Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church and
		articles on St. Paul's mural, 1937-1938 (See also Box 4 Folder 1)
2	23	Research correspondence and notes, ca. 1994
2	24	Rosbrough, Less, biographic information, n.d.
2	25	Simms, William "Bill", biographic information, n.d.
2	31	St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1937
2	26	Tarver, Johnny, biographic information, 1994
2	27	Violence against minorities, articles mostly pertain to Ku Klux Klan in Santa Barbara, 1878-1991
2	28	Wright, Dorothy, biographic information, May 16, 1994
2	29	Wright, Neil, biographic information, n.d.
2	30	Miscellany, articles and correspondence, n.d.
3	1	Miscellaneous articles, 1997 Black WWII Veterans
3	2	Miscellaneous articles, 1963-1991
3	3	Miscellaneous articles, Santa Barbara News Press, ca. 1940

### SERIES III: Audio-recordings from the Black Santa Barbara Calendar Project Database # Title

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A6744/CS	Barnes, Grover, C., 7/27/95
A6745/CS	Booth, John, E.R., T.S., 7/19/95
A6746/CS	Johnson, Cleavonese, Her Home, by E.R., T.S., R.G., 7/5/95
A6747/CS	Kennedy, Lt. Col. James V., cont'd., 25 July, 1994
A6748/CS	Mackey, Anita, by Betty Chen and Dione Joseph, 8/13/94
A6749/CS	McMillan, Jessie, 2 pm, 7/19/95
A6750/CS	Norman, Floyd, 1 of 2, n.d.
A6751/CS	Norman, Floyd and Brown, Adrienne, 2 of 2, n.d.
A6752/CS	Pearson, Clarice, Home, E.R., T.S., 7/11/95
A6753/CS	Richey, Melvin, by Betty Chen and Dione Joseph, 8/13/94
A6754/CS	Rhuge, Ann
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A6756/CS	Simms, Bill, 2 of 2
A6757/CS	Thomas, Theo, 1 of 2, 7/14/95
A6758/CS	Wilkes, Rev., n.d.
A6759/CS	Wright, Neil (side A), Tarver, John (side B)
A6760/CS	Wright, Shirley, S.B. Library, E.R., T.S., part 1 of 2, 7/19/95
A6761/CS	Wright, Shirley, S.B. Library, E.R., T.S., part 2 of 2, 7/19/95
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