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Unit Date

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Language

English

Creator

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Creator

Third Baptist Church (San Francisco, Calif.)

Creator

National Council of Negro Women

Creator

National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs

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Extent

0.5 Cubic Feet 1 letter and 1 legal document box.

Condition Description

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Repository

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Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Vera Lee Clanton (1916-2013) was born in Hallestville, TX, and moved to San Francisco in 1941 where she was very active in her community, including her church, the Third Baptist Church, the The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the National Council of Negro Women. She was an enterprising woman, master tailor, and an entrepreneur. Vera forged her mark in direct multi-level marketing sales businesses.

Source Clanton, Vera Lee Obituary, SFGate (San Francisco Chronicle) June 7-9, 2013.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/sfgate/name/vera-clanton-obituary?pid=165199302>

Content Description

A collection of 31 souvenir programs, plus approximately 50 ephemeral items, 12 periodical issues, six books, and three folders of Masonic Lodge records and documents.

The majority of the items date from the 1960s and 1970s. The Clantons were prominent members of the San Francisco African American community, active in their local church (Third Baptist) as well as in the National Baptist Convention, their local African American masonic lodges (at the local, district, and state level), the NAACP, the National Council of Negro Women, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs. These programs, ephemera and documents represent their participation in all of these groups at the local, state and national levels. The programs document a wide-ranging variety of events including fashion shows, music and dance shows, church events, memorials, commemorative banquets, political events, and more. There are also four Masonic event programs in the collection, together with Masonic ephemera, periodicals, and records. A small group of booklets and ephemera relate to Third Baptist Church in San Francisco. Finally, the collection includes a collection of African American Baptist ephemera, including roughly 30 mailed fundraising items published by the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, soliciting donations to help support impoverished people in Africa and the Caribbean. Prince Hall Freemason newsletters included.

Keywords

African American business enterprises

African American fraternal organizations

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Description of Subordinate Components

Jessie Jackson for President, NAACP brochures

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Unit Date 1988

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Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Third Baptist Church programs

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Unit Date 1967-1988

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Container 2 (folder)

Language English

National Baptist Women programs

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Unit Date 1961-1987

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Language English

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Unit Date 1968-1975, undated

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Language English

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Unit Date 1975-1987

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Language English

National Links Cotillion program

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Unit Date 1972

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Language English

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. program

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Unit Date 1975

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Parade of Youth at the Piano program

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Unit Date 1969-1978

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Language English

Photographs of Masons in Detroit and Women from San Francisco Chapter

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Language English

Baptist Masons programs

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Unit Date 1974-1976

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Language English

Baptist Masons program

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit Date 1980

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Language English

Masons meetings and papers

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Unit Date 1965-1969; 1976

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Masons programs

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Unit Date 1951-1976

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Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Foreign Mission brochures

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Unit Date 1960-1990

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