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Abstract: This collection contains documents, newspapers, magazines, books, pamphlets, and a few audio-visual materials regarding the Church of God in Christ community in Memphis, Tennessee and about gospel music and its history. There are also some newspapers and magazines from the Assemblies of God church community.

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Biographical Information

Odie H. Tolbert was born on August 21, 1939, in Memphis, Tennessee to Odie H. Tolbert and Rozina Tolbert. He went to church with his family at New Chicago Church of God in Christ and later attended the Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ. Tolbert was a 1957 graduate of Manassas High School in Memphis. He graduated from LeMoyne College with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science in 1962 and a Master of Arts in Library Science from Northern Illinois University in 1969. In 1994, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Trinity Hall College and Seminary. Tolbert was a U.S. Army veteran having served from 1963-1965 and in the U.S. Army Ready Reserve unit until 1969.

Tolbert was the first National Archivist for the Church of God in Christ, the church librarian/archivist for Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ, and archivist for the Manassas Alumni Association. In 1969, Tolbert became the first African American catalog librarian at Memphis State University. He was awarded the Allen J. Hammond Distinguished Service Award from the University of Memphis in 2002. In 1970, he married Magnolia Smith Tolbert and had two daughters and one son. He retired after 33 years of service to the University of Memphis in 2002. Odie H. Tolbert passed away on September 22, 2011.

Scope and contents

This collection comprises materials, publications, documents, newspapers, magazines, books, and pamphlets collected by Odie H. Tolbert, librarian, during his years as National Archivist for the Church of God in Christ. The collection is also comprised of programs, pamphlets, flyers, books, and a few audio-visual materials regarding gospel music and its history.

Subject terms

Christian Publications.
Church of God in Christ.
Gospel music.
Gospel singers—United States.
Pentecostal churches—United States.

Inventory

Series 1: C.O.G.I.C. Documents and publications

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Newspaper; *Convocation News*, "COGIC Church's Historian Releases Biography on Bishop Charles Harrison Mason", Centennial Edition, 1996 November.

Flyer; *Jet*, “Extra – Extra”, “Bishop Chandler David Owens Elected Presiding Bishop of COGIC”, a Johnson Publication, Vol. 88, No. 10, 1995 July 17.

Newspaper; *Metro Memphis*, “Exclusive Interview with COGIC Presiding Bishop Chandler D. Owens”, No. 1, Vol. 7 1996 November 1-15 and “COGIC Saints”, No. 2, Vol. 19, 1997 October 15-November 15.

Newspaper; *Memphis Times*, “COGIC leader wants more responsibility” by Virginia L. Porter, Vol. 2, No. 4, 1995 November 8.

Newspaper; *The North Mississippi Herald*, “World’s Largest Pentecostal Church Turns 100”, Vol. 2, No. 16, 1997 November 5-19.

Newspaper; *The Mount Resounders Gospel Tidings*, “Woe Be Unto the Pastors by Jymmy Mathis II”, Vol. 2, No. 7, undated and “Have Ye Received the Holy Ghost Since Ye Believed?”, Vol. 2 No. 6, undated.

Newspaper; *The Commercial Appeal, Metro*, “Bishop urges social action”, Section B, 1991 November 11.

Newspaper; *A Special Supplement to the Tri-State Defender*, “COGIC, The First Century, A Historical Perspective”, 1997 November 8-11.

Newspaper; *Tri-State Defender*, “Throngs say farewell, Ford’s majestic service” by Reginald Bundy, Vol. 45, No. 14, 1995 April 8-12.

Oversized program/book; “Life As Of Fire (A Reprint of the Old Azusa Street Papers)”, collected by Fred T. Corum, Wilmington, Massachusetts, reprint 1981 August.

“C.H. Mason, A Man Greatly Used Of God” recompiled by Mother Elnora L. Lee, pgs. 1-86, 1967.

Newsletter; “Women’s Ministry”, Memphis, TN, Vol. IV, 1994 October-November.

Pamphlet/flyer; “He’s Coming Again... 1999 International Prayer and Life Clinic”, Greensboro, North Carolina, 1999.

Newspaper/magazine; *National Black Monitor*, “National Black Church Leaders Mobilize a New Gideon Army”, Vol. 21, No. 7/8, 1996 July/August.

Article clipping; *The Commercial Appeal*, “J. Drew Sheard seeks to lead COGIC as a ‘unifier’”, 2021 April 20.

Newspaper; unknown publication, “Glory Be To God, The COGIC emerges as the first major pentecostal organization in California after the initial azusa outpouring”, by Elder W.J. Seymour, pgs. 17-32, 1989/1990?

Newspaper; unknown publication, “Discover the possibilities, The Restoration of an Historic Landmark” and more COGIC news, 1991.

Newspaper; unknown publication, “The First Lady” by Jymmy Mathis II, pgs. 33-48, undated.

Newspaper; unknown publication, “We Salute Black History”, pgs. 37-48, 1992?

Newspaper; unknown publication, “Unity Temple COGIC”, Jackson, Tennessee, pgs. 25-36, 1991 June.

Newspaper; unknown publication, "Modern Revivals, It Takes Time to be Holy" and "The Lord Our Righteousness" by Jymmy Mathis II, pgs. 49-64, 1982 November 11.

Box 1: Newspapers

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"The Whole Truth - the Official Organ of the Church of God in Christ", published in Memphis, Tennessee, 100 total in a range of issues: 1973-1990.

Poster; "Tribute to Bishop Charles H. Mason (Founder of The Church of God in Christ)", undated.

Box 2:

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Newspapers; "The Whole Truth - the Official Organ of the Church of God in Christ", published in Memphis, Tennessee, 66 total in a range of issues: 1991-1996.

Magazine; "The Whole Truth: The Official Magazine of The Church of God in Christ," published in Memphis, Tennessee, 17 total in a range of issues: 1996 - 2002 Oct./Nov./Dec.

Box 3:

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Magazine; "Yes Lord! Now", published in Memphis, Tennessee, issue: 2001 November/December.

Magazine; "Millennium Magazine," published in Memphis, Tennessee, 3 total in a range of issues: Vol. 1, No. 1, 2000 November - Vol. 1, No. 3, 2002 November.

Magazine; "A Memphis Corporate Salute," published in Memphis, Tennessee, 4 total in a range of issues: 1994-2001.

Magazine; "Reflections in History", published in Memphis, Tennessee, Souvenir issue 1990-1991.

Directory; C.O.G.I.C. International, published in Memphis, Tennessee. issues: 1985-1986 and 1990-1991.

Directory; C.O.G.I.C. International Directory of Credential Holders; published in Memphis, Tennessee. Issues: 1994-1995 and 1996-1997.

Programs; the Annual Holy Convocation of the C.O.G.I.C. held in Memphis, Tennessee, 15 total in a range of dates: 1970-2002.

Program; "62nd Annual Holy Convocation Church of God in Christ, Inc.," Memphis, Tennessee, 1969 November 4-14.

Box 4: Programs

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“Pictorial Review of the 21st Annual Women’s International Convention”, Detroit, Michigan, 1971.

“Annual Women’s Convention of the C.O.G.I.C.”, held in Memphis, Tennessee, 19 total in a range of dates: 1971-1995.

Women’s International Convention, C.O.G.I.C, “Workshop, ‘Holy Women Perpetuating The Legacy Of Our Predecessors’”, Long Beach, California, 1986 May 27-June 1.

“Annual Holy Convocation Church of God in Christ, Inc., Women's Day”, Memphis, Tennessee, 8 total in a range of dates: 1988-1998.

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Program; “Women’s International Convention Church of God in Christ”, Detroit, Michigan, 1957 May 7-12.

Box 5:

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Laminated flyer; the Greater Community Temple C.O.G.I.C., a Thank you to the teachers.

Programs; the Annual Women’s Convention of the C.O.G.I.C. held in Memphis, Tennessee, 3 total in a range of dates: 1998-1999.

Document; Special Features and Compliments for the Annual Women’s Convention of the C.O.G.I.C. held in Memphis, Tennessee, 1999.

Pamphlet; C.O.G.I.C. Music and Youth Convention held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1995 July 3-7.

Programs; the Annual International Youth Congress of the C.O.G.I.C. held in various cities, 4 total in a range of dates: 1968-1998.

Programs; the National Auxiliaries Convention of the C.O.G.I.C. held in various cities, 5 total in a range of dates: 1983-1998.

Registration Kit; The 2nd National Holy Ghost Conference, C.O.G.I.C., held in Little Rock, Arkansas, 1991 January 22-24.

“A Biographical Dictionary of African-American, Holiness-Pentecostals” by Sherry Sherrod DuPree, 1880-1990.

Spiral bound, printed publication; “The History and Life Work of Bishop C.H. Mason, Chief Apostle, and His Co-Laborers”, recompiled by Miss Mary Mason, 1934.

Booklet; “He Made Millions of People Happy” by Reverend James L. Delk, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, Delk, 1944?

Spiral bound, printed publication; C.O.G.I.C. “Certified Amendments, Proposed Amendments, and Resolutions”, published by The Office of the General Secretary, 1968-1990.

Spiral bound booklets; “An Introduction to Church of God in Christ: History, Theology and Structure”, First Edition, compiled by Bishop D.L. Lindsey, 2 in total, 1989.

Program/Pamphlet; "Open the Door to a New Tomorrow for the Church of God in Christ", Memphis, Tennessee, undated.

Spiral bound copy; F.B.I. report file on Bishop Mason, undated.

Publication; "Holiness Today: The Church of God in Christ", Spring Edition, Vol. 2, 1999.

Spiral bound copy; "Church of God in Christ 75th Anniversary edition of 'Lest We Forget' A Musical Drama" by Elder Roy Dixon, published in Memphis, Tennessee, 1982.

Booklet; "ISSC presents Sunday School World" C.O.G.I.C., edited and compiled by Cleveland W. Williams and Frances A. Sipes, Vol. 3, 1959?

Printed, clear plastic protected copy; "Yes Lord, Historical Account of Charles H. Mason and the Church of God in Christ" by Eugene B. McCoy, undated.

Booklet; "Official Church of God in Christ, Mason Temple", published in Memphis, Tennessee, 1967 March.

Publication; "Holiness Today, The Church of God in Christ", Centennial Edition, 1997?

Calendar; "A Man Greatly Used by God", Bishop C.H. Mason, 1995.

Soft bound book; "Dr. Mattie McGlothen: A Virtuous Woman" by Emma J. Clark, Richmond, CA, 1995.

Booklet; "Building on the Legacy" C.O.G.I.C., published in Detroit, Michigan, undated.

Soft bound book; "From the Beginning of Bishop C.H. Mason and the Early Pioneers of the Church of God in Christ", C.O.G.I.C., Memphis, Tennessee, 1991.

Soft bound book; "Exposed!!! Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Unclassified Reports on Churches and Church Leaders" by Sherry Sherrod DuPree and Herbert C. DuPree, published in Washington, District of Columbia, 1992.

Calendar; C.O.G.I.C. Women Historical Calendar, 2001.

Folder 1: Founder's Day Programs

Official Founder's Day Workshop Service, C.O.G.I.C., held in Memphis, Tennessee, 8 total in a range of dates: 1988-2010.

Folder 2: Various Programs

C.O.G.I.C. "Centennial Historical Perspective, Profiles of Pioneering Women, Department of Women, Mother Willie Mae Rivers, General Supervisor" by Bishop Chandler D. Owens, 1997.

Booklet; from The Mason Temple C.O.G.I.C., "The Man That Built It: Life History of Bishop R.F. Williams", compiled by Elder O.G. Clark, Oakland, California, 1950 October 20.

"The Service of Official Installation for The Church of God in Christ Presiding Bishop and First and Second Assistant Presiding Bishops", Memphis, Tennessee, 1996 April 8.

"1st Anniversary Celebration honoring Bishop Chandler David Owens, Pastor", 1996 September 29.

"The Centennial Quadrennial Inaugural Celebration", Memphis, Tennessee, 1997 April 7.

“Open the Door to a New Tomorrow for the Church of God in Christ”, Memphis, Tennessee, undated.

“Bishop Ozro Thurston Jones, Jr. The Spiritual Leader For The Church Of God In Christ!”, 1995.

“The Worship Celebration and Ceremony of Installation Celebrating the Appointment of Dr. David Allen Hall, Sr. as Pastor of Temple Church of God in Christ”, Memphis, Tennessee, 1992 March 6.

Program (cover page only); “The Service of Holy Communion and Episcopal Consecrations of the 80th Annual Holy Convocation Church of God in Christ, Inc.”, Memphis, Tennessee, 1987 November 9.

“82nd Annual Holy Convocation Church of God in Christ, Inc.”, Memphis, Tennessee, 1989 November 12.

“The Service of Holy Communion and Episcopal Consecrations of the 85th Annual Holy Convocation Church of God in Christ, Inc.”, Memphis, Tennessee, 1992 November 9.

“The Service of Holy Communion and Episcopal Consecrations of the 89th Annual Holy Convocation Church of God in Christ, Inc.”, Memphis, Tennessee, 1996 November 11.

“The Service of Holy Communion and Episcopal Consecrations of the 90th Annual Holy Convocation Church of God in Christ, Inc.”, Memphis, Tennessee, 1997 November 10.

“A Celebration of Faith in Memory of Bishop James Oglethorpe Patterson, Sr., General Assembly Church of God in Christ, Inc.”, Memphis, Tennessee, 1990 April 3.

“Pre-Musical to the 89th International Holy Convocation, Church of God in Christ”, Memphis, Tennessee, 1996 November 4.

“Rainbow/Push Coalition, Public Policy Institute”, Memphis, Tennessee, 1997 April 3.

Folder 3: Homegoing Programs

“National Homegoing Celebration for Mother Emma Frances Searcy Crouch”, 1911-1997, Dallas, Texas, 1997 January 10.

“Celebrating the Life & Memories of Dr. Odie Henderson Tolbert Jr.”, Memphis, Tennessee, 2011 October 1.

“The National Homegoing Celebration for The Right Reverend James Oglethorpe Patterson, Jr.”, Memphis, Tennessee, 2011 July 1.

“Celebrating the Life of Dr. Ernest T. Withers Jr., August 7, 1922-October 15, 2007.” Memphis, Tennessee, 2007 October 20.

Folder 4: Xerox Documents

“The National Homegoing Celebration for The Bishop James Marcus Sykes, Church of God in Christ”, Henderson, Kentucky, 1994 July 16.

“Church Celebrates 50th Anniversary, Church of God in Christ lauds founder”, pgs. 54-60, unknown publication, undated.

“The Pride of Life is of the World” by Bishop S.C. Johnson (deceased), pgs. 22-24, undated.

“Sermon by Bishop S.C. Johnson, God’s Purpose”, pgs. 20-26, undated.

“The Pentecostal Faith: Preserving the Africanism of Black Culture through Music, Role of Leaders, and Biblical Language” by Sherry Sherrod DuPree, Ed.S. 1992 January.

Printed email containing a copy of the article; “Building the church (of God in Christ)” by Joe Maxwell, Christianity Today, Vol. 40, Issue 4, pg. 22, 1996 April 8.

“A Pictorial Review of the National Headquarters of the C.O.G.I.C.” by C.H. Mason, published in Memphis, Tennessee, 1955.

“A Thesis On The History Of COGIC/Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, And Those Who Helped Make The History,” by Dr. Donald Pierce Weeks, East St. Louis, Illinois, 1987 February 27.

Folder 5: Various Documents

Pamphlet; “The Christmas Spirit Is A False Spirit” by Bishop S.C. Johnson, Bronx, New York, undated.

Program printout; “The General Assembly, Church of God in Christ, Inc., Commission on Jurisdiction Extension, Bishop C. D. Kinsey, Chairman”, Memphis, Tennessee, undated.

Newsletter; “The Saints Newsletter”, Vol. 5, No. 1, 1997 Fall.

Document; Church of God in Christ, Inc., concerning the death of the Presiding Bishop J.O. Patterson, undated.

Newsletter; “Convocation News”, Centennial Edition, 1996 November.

Document; “1991 Budget, C.O.G.I.C”, Memphis, Tennessee, 1991.

Folder 6: Pamphlets/Booklets

Pamphlet; “I am Blessed, Evangelist S.E. Mitchell Tells How the Lord Raised Him from the Dead!” by S.E. Mitchell, published in Dallas, Texas, 1966.

Booklet; “Church of God in Christ, Prayer & Bible Band Topics for Weekly Meetings”, Spring Quarter, 2010 March, April, May.

C.O.G.I.C. “The Official Quarterly Guide: Senior YPWW”, published in Memphis, Tennessee, Spring Quarter, 2001 March, April, May.

Pamphlet; “Vision 2000 and Beyond...Prepare for the Twenty-First Century, Presiding Bishop C.D. Owens, First Pastors’ Regional Conference”, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1996.

Pamphlet; “C.O.G.I.C., Shelby Systems, Partners in Ministry”, Cordova, Tennessee, undated.

Pamphlet; “A Celebration of our Holy Heritage, Founders Day”, Jackson, Mississippi, 1988 September 8-9.

Pamphlet; “Bishop J. Neaul Hayes, Second Assistant Presiding Bishop, Church of God in Christ, Inc.”, Dallas, Texas, 1996?

Pamphlet; “Church of God in Christ, Auxiliaries in Ministry”, Indianapolis, Indianapolis, 1996 July 1-6.

Pamphlet; "Prayer Clinic '97, Jesus Christ in Today's World, 'Christ in Redemption'", Greensboro, North Carolina, 1997 September 14-19, 2 total.

Booklet; "New Partnerships, Shopping & Dining Guide", Memphis Corporate Salute, Church of God in Christ, Memphis, Tennessee, 1994.

Pamphlet; "1999 International Prayer Clinic, Church of God in Christ", Greensboro, North Carolina, 1999 September 13-18.

Bookmark laminated; "89th National Holy Convocation", 1996 November 4-12.

Pamphlet; "42nd Women's International Convention Church of God in Christ", Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1992 May 19-24.

Pamphlet; "Power for Living, Church of God in Christ, Complementary Adult Quarterly Sunday School Lesson", 1993 November 14.

Pamphlet; "The Clarion Call: Fighting To Save The Church As Bishop Mason Left It", undated.

Pamphlet; "Church of God in Christ Summer Conventions, Targeting the World Aim '97", Charlotte, North Carolina, 1997 June 30-July 5.

Pamphlet; "The Truth About The Church On Bible Order" by Samuel Chambers, Chicago, Illinois, undated.

Booklet; Bishop P.A. Brooks, ministering notes and calendars for 1988-2000, Detroit, Michigan?

Box 6:

Folder 1: printed documents with handwritten note; dated 2009 November 17:

Golden bow ribbon invitation to Odie H. Tolbert's 70th birthday celebration in 2009.

Program for Odie H. Tolbert's 70th birthday celebration in 2009.

Brochure for "Those Funny Little People", undated.

Photo of plaque for Odie H. Tolbert in the front lobby of Mason Temple.

Article from the Tri-State Defender, pg. 17, 2009 August 27 - September 2.

"The Whole Truth", C.O.G.I.C. article about Odie H. Tolbert's 70th birthday, 2009 November.

Yearbook dedication to Odie H. Tolbert, Manassas High School, Memphis, Tennessee, 2009.

Photo of a mockup of Tolbert's makeshift town "Tolbertville", undated.

Folder 2:

"The Music Legacy of The Church of God in Christ" by Dr. James Boyer and Professor Odie H. Tolbert, Jr., undated.

Folder 3:

"Women's International Convention Church of God in Christ", Los Angeles, California, 1956 May 8-13.

Folder 4:

“The Late Apostle: C.H. Mason Speaks” by Sister Annie Smith, published in Memphis, Tennessee, 1926.

Folder 5:

“The Man, Charles Harrison Mason (1866-1961)” by Mrs. Elsie W. Mason, 1979?

Folder 6:

“14th Anniversary of New Jerusalem C.O.G.I.C”, Detroit, Michigan, 1963.

Folder 7:

“The Life and Works of Mother Mary Mangum Johnson: Founder of The Church of God in Christ in the state of Michigan” by Mary Mangum Johnson and assisted by Inez Cole Barber, Detroit, Michigan, 1936?

Folder 8:

“Church of God in Christ (1907-)” by Charles Edwin Jones, from “Black Holiness”, Metuchen, New Jersey, The American Theological Library Association and The Scarecrow Press, 1987, pgs. 98-109.

Folder 9:

Chapter 7, “The Church of God in Christ” from the book “Black Pastors and Leaders: Memphis, 1819-1972” by David M. Tucker, Memphis State University Press, Memphis Tennessee, pgs. 87-100, 1975?

Folder 10:

“African Americans in the South: Issues of Race, Class, and Gender” edited by Hans A. Baer and Yvonne Jones, Southern Anthropological Society Proceedings, The University of Georgia Press, No. 25, pgs. 111-122, 1992.

Folder 11:

“History of Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. 1895-1965” by Otho B. Cobbins, Vantage Press, New York, various pages, 1966.

Folder 12:

“Stomping Grounds, A Pilgrim’s Progress Through Eight American Subcultures” by W. Hampton Sides, William Morrow and Company, Inc., New York, pgs. 179-215, 1992?

Folder 13:

“The Black Church in the African American Experience” by C. Eric Lincoln and Lawrence H. Mamiya, Duke University Press, Durham, North Carolina, 1990.

Folder 14:

“On the Finding and Statements on the question of Ordination of Women” by Mother Bailey and the Doctrinal Review Committee of the General Assembly of The Church of God in Christ, Inc., submitted by Bishop Frank Ellis, Chairman, Memphis, Tennessee, 1999 April.

Folder 15:

“Together in Harness”: Women’s Traditions in the Sanctified Church by Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Journal of Women in Culture and Society, The University of Chicago, Vol. 10, No. 4, 1985.

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The Living Heritage Calendar, Profiles of dynamic Saints in The Church of God in Christ, 1981, 1982, 1984.

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Magazines; “Assemblies of God Heritage”, 7 total in a range of issues: 2005-2010.

“A Brief Historical Doctrinal and Structural Report on the C.O.G.I.C.” by The Office of the Presiding Bishop, published in Memphis, Tennessee, 1981?

C.O.G.I.C. “The Official Quarterly Guide: Senior YPWW”, published in Memphis, Tennessee, Summer Quarter, 1991 June, July, August.

C.O.G.I.C. “The Hour Glass Report: Reflections of Past and Present”, published in Memphis, Tennessee, 1974?

“Fifty Years Achievement from 1906-1956: A Period in History of the C.O.G.I.C.” by Charles H. Pleas, published in Memphis, Tennessee, reprint 1991.

“Understanding Bible Doctrine As Taught in the C.O.G.I.C.” by Bishop P. A. Brooks and Charles Hawthorne, published in Detroit, Michigan, 1981.

“Year Book Of The Church of God in Christ” Memphis, Tennessee, 1926, Copyright 1991.

Program; “The Church of God in Christ Celebrating The 125th Birthday of the Founder”, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, Jackson, Mississippi, 1988 September 8-9.

Program; “The Service of Anointing and Re-Dedication”, Memphis, Tennessee, 1993 November 15.

Program; “The General Assembly, Church of God in Christ, Inc., Commission on Jurisdiction Extension, Bishop C. D. Kinsey, Chairman”, Memphis, Tennessee, undated.

Pamphlet; “The Christmas Spirit Is A False Spirit” by Bishop S.C. Johnson, Bronx, New York, undated.

Booklet; "The Church of God in Christ: Its Organizational Crisis" by Elder Charles E. Blake, 1965.

Booklet; "The Whole Truth About Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage" by Elder J.R. Ramsey II, published in Everett, Washington, 1979.

Booklet; "Bishop J. O. Patterson's 1980 Holy Land and European Tour" by Miriam Decosta Willis, published in Memphis, Tennessee, 1980 November.

Booklet; "Charles Harrison Mason" presented exclusively by the Evangelist Department, undated.

Oral tape and written transcript; Oral history research project of MSU, Dr. Tucker's interview with Bishop Bailey, 1972.

Hardback book; "Official Manual, Church of God in Christ", Memphis, Tennessee, 1991 edition. Teacher's Manual; "Power for Living, Senior High Teacher, Church of God in Christ", 2010 March, April, May.

Booklet; "Church of God in Christ, The Official Quarterly Guide, Senior YPWW", Spring Quarter, 2010 March, April, May.

Booklet; "The Man...Charles Harrison Mason (1866-1961)", by Mrs. Elsie W. Mason, Memphis, Tennessee, 1979 November.

Booklet; "The History and Life Work of Bishop C. H. Mason", recompiled by Miss Mary Mason in 1924, reprinted in 1987.

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Box 7: Journals and book

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"Black Music Research Journal," published by the Center for Black Music Research, Columbia College, Chicago, Illinois, 10 total in a range of issues: Vol 8, No.1 1988 - Vol. 16, No. 2 1996.

"CMBR Digest," published by the Center for Black Music Research, Columbia College, Chicago, Illinois, 5 total in a range of issues: Vol. 5, No. 1, 1992 Spring - Vol. 13, No. 2 2000 Fall.

"Black Music in *Ebony*: An Annotated Guide to the Articles on Music in Ebony Magazine, 1945-1985" by Kimberly R. Vann, CMBR Monographs, No. 2, Center for Black Music Research, Columbia College, Chicago, Illinois, 1990.

"CMBR Monographs" by The Cleveland Public Library and published by the Center for Black Music Research, Columbia College, Chicago, Illinois. Issues: No. 3 and 4.

Journal; "Lenox Avenue, A Journal of Interartistic Inquiry", Columbia College, Chicago, Illinois, Vol. 2, 1996.

Box 8: Magazines

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“Praise!”, Detroit, Michigan, 1990 August.

“Jet”, Chicago, Illinois, Vol. 93, No. 10, 1998 February 2.

“Class, America’s Most Comprehensive Black Magazine”, New York, New York, 1989 June.

“Totally Gospel”, a Hemphill Publication, Detroit, MI, 27 total in a range of issues: Vol. 1, No. 1, 1986 March - Vol. 4, No. 4, 1989 October.

“The Savoy Sound”, published in Elizabeth, New Jersey, 12 total in a range of issues: Vol. 1, No. 2, date unknown - Vol. 3, No. 2, 1983?

Box 9:

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Newspapers; “The Gospel Star”, issues 1984 September 9 and 30.

Newspapers; “Gospelrama News”, 33 total in a range of issues: 1981 – 1985.

Magazines; “Sepia”, Sepia Publishing Co., Chicago, Illinois, issues: 1975 April and 1976 December.

Envelope with 9 cardboard mounted photos from the ALA Session on Gospel Music, 1990; 1 program for the 9th Annual ALA Poster Sessions, Chicago 1990; Document, bibliography for “Research on African American Gospel Music” from the ALA Poster Board Session 11-16, 1990 June 23.

Flyer; “Roberta Martin and the Roberta Martin Singers, The Legacy and the Music,”

Smithsonian Performing Arts, Program in Black American Culture, Baird Auditorium, Washington, District of Columbia, February 6, 7, 8.

Box 10: Magazines

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“Rejoice: The Gospel Music Magazine” published by The Center for the Study of Southern Culture at The University of Mississippi, 19 total in a range of issues: Vol. 1, No. 1, 1987 Winter - Vol. 5, No. 1, 1994 Winter.

“Gospel Magazine”, published by B&B Press, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, issues: 1994 November/December and 1995 February/March.

“American Gospel Magazine”, published by CCM Publications, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee, 6 total in a range of issues: 1991 July/August - 1992 May/June.

“The Gospel Music Connection”, published by Christian Diversified Communication International Inc., Northridge, California, issues: Vol. 1, No. 1, 1990 and Vol. 1, No. 2, 1990.

“Gospel Today”, published by Gospel Today, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, issue: Vol. 2, No. 1, 1978 July.

“Gospel Sound”, published by Gospel Sound, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, 4 total in a range of issues: Vol. 1, No. 6, 1997 May - Vol. 1, No. 9, 1977 October/November.

“Score, America’s Gospel Music Magazine”, 21 issues ranging in dates: 1990-1994.

“Gospel Today”, Nashville, Tennessee, 59 total in a range of issues: 1995-2003.

“Today’s Christian Woman”, Christianity Today, Inc., Carol Stream, Illinois, Vol. 13, No. 4, 1991 July/August.

“Living Blues”, Center for the Study of Southern Culture, The University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi, No. 86, 1989 May/June.

“UPSCALE, The Magazine For The Success-Oriented”, UPSCALE Communications, Inc., Marietta, Georgia, Vol. 9, No. 4, 1998 January.

“Sound and Spirit Magazine”, Indianapolis, Indiana, Vol. 2, No. 13, 1996?

“Sister 2 Sister”, Washington, District of Columbia, Vol. 4, No. 7/8, 1992 July/August.

“Charisma & Christian Life”, 3 issues total in a range of dates: 1994-2001.

“Signs of the Times”, Pacific Press Publishing Association, Nampa, Idaho, 2 issues total: 1992 January and 1998 February.

“the Platform”, Enixam Enterprises, Chicago, Illinois, 3 issues total in a range of dates: 1988-1989.

“Emerge”, Emerge Communications, Inc., Washington, District of Columbia, 2 issues total: Vol. 7, No. 6, 1996 April and Vol. 2, Issue 1, 1990 October.

“Say Amen”, Word Communications, Inc., Lithonia, Georgia, Vol. 3, Issue 1, 1997 Summer.

“Gospel International”, Long Beach, California, Vol. 2, No. 11, 1994 November.

“Soul Bag”, French publication, 2000 Autumn.

“Black Issues Book Review”, Cox, Matthews & Associates, Inc., Fairfax, Virginia, Vol. 1, No. 6, 1999 November-December.

“Real Blues”, Real Blues, Saltspring Island, British Columbia, Canada, Number 25, 2000.

“Christianity Today”, Christianity Today, Inc., Carol Stream, IL, Vol. 32, No. 4, 1988 March 4.

“Purpose, Giving More Meaning to Life”, Ellavation Enterprises, Inc., Columbus, Ohio, 2000 March.

“Message, A Christian Magazine of Contemporary Issues”, Review and Herald Publishing Association, Hagerstown, Maryland, 1997 January/February.

Box 11: Books and Magazines

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“Tribute, The Life of Dr. William Herbert Brewster”, Second Edition, published by The Brewster House of Sermon Songs, Memphis, Tennessee, copyright pending, undated.

“Duke/Peacock Records, An Illustrated History with Discography” by Galen Gart and Roy C. Ames, published by Big Nickel Publications, Milford, New Hampshire, 1990.

“The Gospel Music Industry Round-up 2001” by Lisa Collins, published by Eye on Gospel Publications, Los Angeles, California, 2000.

“African-American Good News (Gospel) Music” by Sherry Sherrod Dupree and Herbert C. Dupree, published by Middle Atlantic Regional Press, Washington, District of Columbia, 1992.

“The Gospel Music Industry Round-up 1999” by Lisa Collins, Eye on Gospel Publications, Los Angeles, California, 1997.

“Woke Me Up This Morning, Black Gospel Singers and the Gospel Life” by Alan Young, University Press of Mississippi, Jackson, Mississippi, 1997.

“Singing in the Spirit, African-American Sacred Quartets in New York City” by Ray Allen, University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1991.

“How Sweet the Sound, The Golden Age of Gospel” Text by Horace Clarence Boyer and Photography by Lloyd Yearwood, Elliot & Clark Publishing, Washington, District of Columbia, 1995.

“Black Gospel, An Illustrated History of the Gospel Sound,” by Viv Broughton, Blandford Press, Dorset, United Kingdom, 1985.

“The Gospel Sound, Good News and Bad Times” by Tony Heilbut, Simon and Schuster, New York, New York, 1971.

“The Savoy Label, A Discography” compiled by Michel Ruppli with assistance from Bob Porter, Greenwood Press, Westport, Connecticut, 1980.

“The Gospel Singer” by Nathaniel A. Dickens, Vantage Press, Inc., New York, New York, 1987.

“The Progress of Gospel Music, From Spirituals to Contemporary Gospel” by Mancel Warrick, Joan R. Hillsman, and Anthony Manno, Vantage Press, Inc., New York, New York, 1977.

“Through It All” by Andrae Crouch with Nina Bell, Word Books, Waco, Texas, 1974.

“Happy in the Service of the Lord, Afro-American Gospel Quartets in Memphis” by Kip Lornell, University of Illinois Press, Urbana, Illinois, 1988.

“Gospel Music, An African American Art Form” by Joan R. Hillsman, Ph.D., Middle Atlantic Regional Press, Washington, District of Columbia, 1990.

“Catalog and General Procedures, Middle Atlantic Regional Gospel Music Festival” by E. Myron Noble, Mus C.D., Middle Atlantic Regional Press, Washington, District of Columbia, 1991.

“The Gospel of Music, A Key to Understanding A Major Chord of Ministry” by Myron Noble, Middle Atlantic Regional Press, Washington, District of Columbia, 1986.

“The Gospel Songs, Lore of the Black Church Experience” by Big Mama, The National Writer’s Press, 1990.

“The Hymnody, The Mother Church”, C.O.G.I.C., 1980 November.

“The Gospel Sound, Good News and Bad Times” by Anthony Heilbut, revised and updated, Limelight Editions, New York, New York, 1985.

“The New Grove: Gospel, Blues and Jazz” by Paul Oliver, Max Harrison, and William Bolcom, W.W. Norton & Company, New York, New York, 1986.

“A Discography of Gospel Records 1937-1971” compiled by Cedric J. Hayes, published by Karl Emil Knudsen, Denmark, 1973.

“Big Five, Sweet Wonder, Special Song Book”, 521 Songs, The Wonder Books, Los Angeles, California, undated.

“Movin’ on up” by Mahalia Jackson with Evan McLeod Wylie, Avon Book, New York, New York, 1966.

“The Gospel Sound, Good News and Bad Times” by Anthony Heilbut, Anchor Books, Garden City, New York, 1975.

“Ministries Today”, Vol. 16, No. 4, 1998 July/August and Vol. 17, No. 6, 1999 November/December.

“Charisma and Christian Life”, Vol. 21, No. 4, 1995 November and Vol. 24, No. 8, 1999 March.

Box 12:

Folder 1: Gospel Programs Miscellany

Program; “Shirley Caesar Outreach Ministries 22nd Annual Convention”, Memphis, Tennessee, 1993 July 17-23.

Program; “The Mighty Clouds of Joy 25th Silver Anniversary”, 1985.

Souvenir Book, “The 1986 Gospel Stars of Yesterday & Today”, undated.

Program; “The Winans”, Orpheum Theatre, Memphis, Tennessee, 1989 November 9.

Folder 2: Gospel Music Miscellany

Xerox copy of photos from the Black History Month Exhibit at the UofM McWherter Library, 1996 February.

Flyer; “Mississippi Gospel Music Gathering, A Music Festival of Biblical Proportions”, Jackson, Mississippi, 1998 July 23-26.

Flyer; “Gospel Musical Comedy Sisters Born to Sing” by Chrysti Chandler Robinson, playwright, Shelby State Community College Theatre, Memphis, Tennessee, 2 in total, February 20, 21, 22.

Pamphlet; advertising the CD “Roots of Rhythm” for sale, undated.

Folder 3: Dupree Gospel Music Exhibit

Pamphlet; “The Gospel Sound...When Good News Music Was Golden 1940s-1960s” Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville, Florida, undated

Pamphlet/flyer; “The Gospel Sound, An Exhibit on Gospel Musicians, Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville, Florida, undated

Document; Santa Fe Community College “Free Panel Discussion About Gospel Music”, undated

Program; “African-American Good News (Gospel) Music, An Exhibit” Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville, Florida, 1995 January 4th – February 6th

Document; “African-American Good News (Gospel) Music, The Golden Era of Gospel, 1940s-1960s”, 1995.

Folder 4: Smithsonian Programs

Smithsonian Institution events, 34 programs total ranging in dates: 1981-1996.

“Concert Selections Chosen From The Best Known Songs of the Alex Bradford Catalogue,” Washington, District of Columbia, undated.

“Wade in the Water, African American Sacred Music Traditions,” National Museum of American Traditions and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, Washington, District of Columbia, 1997.

Box 13: Newspapers

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“Memphis Mirror, All Church Press, First Assembly of God”, Memphis, Tennessee, 208 total in a range of issues: Vol. 49, 1973 - Vol. 57, 1980-1981.

AV Box 1

VHS Tapes, 2 Bill & Gloria Gaither Gospel Music VHS Tapes, Letters; The Gaither Companies dated 1996 and 1997 and 1 pink note with a missed phone call message for Odie from Bill Gaither’s secretary dated 1997 February 3, copy of envelope is attached.

Tapes and flyers; 1 VHS tape, “Dupree’s Traveling Gospel Music Exhibit”, and 4 pamphlet/flyers, “The Gospel Sound, An Exhibit on Gospel Musicians”, Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville, Florida, undated, copy of envelope is attached.

VHS tapes; “Pentecostal Temple Classic TV Gospel Time”, 13 total in a range of episodes: 17-66, and one of the tapes is non-series, drama plays.

VHS Index; “TV Gospel Time”, Tapes 1-11, undated.

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Vinyl record, “Bessie Johnson, 1928-1929” Sanctified Vol. 1, Herwin Records, Inc., 33 rpm, undated.

Vinyl record, “Lonnie McIntosh, Whole World in His Hands, 1927-1936” Sanctified, Vol. 3, Herwin Records, Inc., 33 rpm, undated.

Vinyl record, “McCollum – Clayborn – Head, The Rural Blues – Sacred Tradition, 1927-1930”, Herwin Records, Inc., 33 rpm, undated.