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Descriptive Summary

Title: Lafayette County African American Family and Community Collection

Dates: 1863-1996

Physical Extent: 0.63 Linear feet (2 boxes)

Repository: Archives and Special Collections, University of Mississippi Libraries

Identification: MUM00772

Language of Material: English

Abstract: Consists primarily of photographs and personal histories of several African American families from North Mississippi (specifically Lafayette County and Oxford, Mississippi). The collection also contains information about churches, businesses, and organizations that currently exist and have existed in the area.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
Received from Susie Marshall and Niler Franklin.

Processing Information
Collection processed by Special Collections staff.

Formats
Scope and Content Note

This collection primarily contains photographs, correspondence, programs, and handwritten or typed histories of African American families and community members which were collected by Susie Marshall and Niler Franklin.

Biographical / Historical Note

In 1993, Mrs. Susie Marshall received a Mississippi Humanities Council Grant for her coordinated project, “Changes in the Senior Sewing and Savings Club,” sponsored by the Oxford Development Association and the Mississippi Humanities Council. The idea to chronicle the history of the African American community in Lafayette County, Mississippi, grew out of this initial grant project. Participants in the project, coordinated by Mrs. Susie Marshall, were asked to write a short family narrative and encouraged to submit photographs. These materials form the nucleus of the collection.

User Information

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**Arrangement**

This collection is arranged into two boxes of photographs and documents.

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**Container List**

**Box 1**

1.1 Cook-Herod, 1928-1950s. **Scope and Content:** Photo of Russel, Magnolia Cook, and their baby Charlie Mac Cook Herod in 1928. Photo of James E. Herod, in front of their store in the 1950s.

1.2 Reverend J.C. Brown, 1909-1950s. **Scope and Content:** Photo of a group of people (names not listed) in the 1950s. Photo of Rev. J.C. Brown with Timmie Pearson Brown [?] from 1909[?].

1.3 Coleman/Johnson, 1941. **Scope and Content:** Photo of “Our Grandmother”, Anna Augusta Coleman, mother of Caldia[?] Coleman Johnson, 1941. Two photos - one photo of Dovie Johnson and one photo of Harry M. Johnson.

1.4 George Washington Fox - Negatives, Undated. **Scope and Content:** Negatives of three photos of an unnamed man [George Washington Fox?], undated.

1.5 Mitchell, 1910-1998. **Scope and Content:** Photo of Mitchell Ruben, father of William Mitchell, and extended family at Bacon Farm, 1910. Photo of a family (names for most written on the photo); Letter on back of the photo from Lampton to Robert Johnson, photo from 1910 and the letter 25 November 1984.

1.6 Thompson, Photograph, 29 September 1998. **Scope and Content:** Photo of Gladys Thompson and Anne Mae Thompson Brassell

1.7 Oxford High School/W. Johnson - Photographs, 29 May 1901. **Scope and Content:** Photo of Augustus and Walter Johnson, undated. Photo of “My Graduation Class” from Oxford High School (names not listed), 29 May 1901.
1.8 Johnson - Photographs, 1930s-1950. **Scope and Content:** Photo of Dovie Wilburn Johnson (to Augusta on St. Valentine’s Day), 14 February 1950. Photo of Augusta Johnson Carothers, 1930s. Photo of A.C. Johnson, son of Augustus Johnson, undated.

1.9 Johnson (2) - Portraits, undated. **Scope and Content:** Drawing of Walter Marcarl Johnson, Sr., married to Callie Coleman; they had two sons, Walter Jr. and Augustus Johnson. Drawing of Anna Augusta Coleman, mother of Callie Coleman Johnson.

1.10 Sewing and Savings Club - Photographs, undated. **Scope and Content:** Photo of a group of women (names not listed). Photo of the Junior Sewing and Savings Club Members with names listed on the back: Hickie Mae Casey, Mable Thompson, Willie May Slack, Susie Marshall, Adela Crockett, Mae Francis Buford, Ruth [Johnson?], Johnnie McG[rawn?], Emma Harvey, Sallie B. Campbell, Rosa Lee Wilkins, Isabell Herod, Juanita Ivy, Bertha Harvey. Photo of the Junior Sewing and Savings Club Christmas Party.

1.11 Cook-Harvey - Photographs, 1930s-1950s. **Scope and Content:** Photo of Mary Francis cook (front row), daughter of Litisha and Harvey Cook; Back Row - grandparents George Harvey and Emily Harvey Cook, 1930s. Photo of Bishop and Litisha Cook Harvey, 1940s. Photo of the “children of Bishop and Litisha Harvey Cook, grandchildren of Ann and Henry Cook; names listed on back: Back Row - Ulysses, Neil, Bertha, Emily, Maurice, “Fatty”; Front Row - Corabelle, Thelma, Litisha, Bishop, 1950s.

1.12 Carothers- Photographs, 1930s-1960s. **Scope and Content:** Photo of Chester and Augusta Carothers, Rosa Lee’s brother and his wife, undated. Photo of Chester Carothers, undated. Photo of Charles and wife Carol Carothers (only grandchild of the Carothers family), undated. Photo of Jessie Carothers, undated. Photo of Mr. Harold Bennett and Mrs. Rosie Carothers Bennett and “Aunt” Alice Carothers, 1900[?]. Photo of Rosa Lee Carothers, 1930s. Photo of Carothers Family Members: Left to right, Rosa Lee, George Jr., Augusta, Edna (Edward’s wife), and Edward, 1940s. Photo of Chester Carothers (“Ches”, a WWI veteran and an auto repair mechanic. First African-American to own a 1924 T Model Ford in Oxford), 1953. Photo of Chester and Augusta Carothers, 1960s.


1.14 Roberts – Photograph, undated. **Scope and Content:** Photo of Everett Roberts.

1.15 Buford - Photograph, undated. **Scope and Content:** Photo of Buford family; names listed on separate sheet of paper – left to right: Bessie Buford Blake, Elnora[?] Buford.
Young, Mrs. Roxie[?] Brown Buford, Alberta Buford Campbell, George Buford, undated.


1.17 Taylor- Photographs, undated. **Scope and Content:** Photo of unnamed man and woman. Photo of an unnamed man. Photo of an unnamed man – born 1 April 1868 and died 1964 at age 96.

1.18 Delmount Seminary Grammar School - Photograph, undated. **Scope and Content:** Photo of women of the Delmount Seminary Grammar School; names listed on back of photo (left to right)(first row): Mary Price (teacher), Erma Brooks (teacher), Bettie Dickens (teacher), Dovie E. Johnson, Ester Goolsby; (2nd row): Rosie B. Owens, Katie Cobran[?], Alberda Nelson, E. Goolsby.


1.20 Churches and Businesses - Photographs, undated. **Scope and Content:** Photo of unnamed people in a church service. Photo of unnamed church.

1.21 Ingram - Photograph, undated. **Scope and Content:** Photo of Ingram family – Jerry Ingram (son of Robert and Euclene[?] Ingram’s father), undated.

1.22 Freedman Town Marker - Photograph, undated. **Scope and Content:** Photograph (5 August 1996).

1.23 Background Info, 2002. **Scope and Content:** Background info on the African-American Families of Lafayette County project.

**Box 2**

2.1 Cook-Herod Family - Papers, undated. **Scope and Content:** Paper that photos used to be on with labels of “Russel and Magnolia Cook with baby – Charlie Mae Cook-Herod
(now wife of Rev. Arthur Herod)” and “James E. Herod in front of store in Abbeville MS.


2.3 Reverend Jessie Brown Family - Description, undated. **Scope and Content:** Handwritten History of Rev. Jessie Brown Family.

2.4 Penamon Family, undated. **Scope and Content:** Original and copy of newspaper article discussing Mary Penamon’s 113th birthday. Original and copy of newspaper article discussing Mary Penamon’s 107th birthday. Typed History of Mary Penamon. Handwritten History of Mary and Andrew Penamon.

2.5 Mitchell Family - Description, undated. **Scope and Content:** Handwritten Berkley Mitchell Family History.

2.6 Rogers Family, undated. **Scope and Content:** Copy of newspaper article discussing Rev. Will Rogers 100th birthday. Typed History of the Rogers Family.


2.8 Solomon Morgan and Family – Notes, undated. **Scope and Content:** Handwritten notes about Solomon Morgan and of the Morgan Family.

2.9 Martin Family – Notes, undated. **Scope and Content:** Handwritten Martin Family History by Orusta Martin. Handwritten notes about Commodore Martin History Alex Martin Family Unit.

2.10 Coleman Family – Notes, undated. **Scope and Content:** Handwritten notes.

2.11 George Washington Fox – Description, undated. **Scope and Content:** Typed George Washington Fox Family Unions.

2.12 W.T. Houston, undated. **Scope and Content:** Typed History of Wilmer T. Houston. Handwritten notes for History of Wilmer T. Houston.

2.13 Mitchell Ruben - Notes, undated. **Scope and Content:** Typed notes about Mitchell Ruben.
2.14 Correthers Family - Description, undated. **Scope and Content:** Typed Correthers Family History.

2.15 Nick Tyson – Notes, undated. **Scope and Content:** Handwritten notes about the Nick Tyson Family.


2.19 Harvey Cook Papers, undated. **Scope and Content:** Paper with labels for photos (photos separated and in a different box) of Mary Francis Cook and daughter and Emma Harvey.

2.20 Carothers Family - Description, undated. **Scope and Content:** Handwritten History “Carothers Family Photographs,” undated.


2.22 Boy Scouts - Small Poster, undated. **Scope and Content:** Small poster “Soul Force Boy Scouts and Black History Week” with photo of Troup 55.

2.23 Roberts Family, undated. **Scope and Content:** Completed draft interview for Field Committee Members - Myrtle Parker. Blank draft interview for Field Committee
Members. Scans of a Family Memories book for the Roberts Family from Myrtle Parker (3 scans).


2.25 Jim Owens, undated. **Scope and Content:** Handwritten family history “The Late Jim Owens and Callie Family History.” Printed graphic depicting the Owens Family Tree.

2.26 Roberson and Johnson Family - Photograph and Description, undated. **Scope and Content:** Copy of photo from a newspaper article of Nettie Cannon (103) and daughter Ella Flowers (80) with handwritten info about the Burl Roberson/John Wesley Johnson Family. Copy of photo from a newspaper article of Nettie Cannon (103) and daughter Ella Flowers (80) with typed info about the Burl Roberson/John Wesley Johnson Family (2 copies).


2.29 Taylor Family - Description, undated. **Scope and Content:** Handwritten history “Saga of Thomas Taylor and Mary Avant Taylor.” Typed history “A Talk with Tommie Wendell Taylor - The Taylor Family Saga” written by Richard S. Griffin.

2.30 Delmount Seminary Grammar School - Papers, undated. **Scope and Content:** Paper with labels for a photo (photo separated and in a different box) for the Delmount Seminary Grammar School with names listed at the bottom of the page.

2.32 Churches and Businesses - Description, undated. **Scope and Content:** Typed information about churches in the Oxford-Lafayette area. Typed information about businesses and occupations in the Oxford-Lafayette area.


2.34 Ingram Family - Description, undated. **Scope and Content:** Typed history of the Ingram Family.


2.36 Mrs. Lena M. Peterson - Photograph and Commemoration, 30 November 1959. **Scope and Content:** Copy of a photo of Mrs. Lena Mae Peterson and Copy of the Commemoration Service information.

2.37 African-American Family Project - Description, undated