

ANDREWS, VIOLA P.
Viola P. Andrews family papers, 1957-1998

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Andrews, Viola P.
Title: Viola P. Andrews family papers, 1957-1998
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 813
Extent: 12 linear ft. (23 boxes), 1 oversized papers box (OP), 3 extra oversized papers (XOP) and AV Masters: .25 linear feet (1 box)
Abstract: Papers of Viola P. Andrews, an African-American writer, columnist, and Sunday School teacher, and her family from 1957-1998. The papers include writings, correspondence, photographs, religious material, scrapbooks, and other miscellaneous papers.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Collection Description**Biographical Note**

Viola P. Andrews (1912-), African-American writer, columnist, and Sunday School teacher, was born the sixth child of nine in Morgan County, Georgia, to John Crawford Perryman and Lula (Allison) Perryman. She was raised in rural Georgia where she attended Guiding Star Elementary School and the Burney Street School through the eighth grade.

In July of 1928, she had her first of ten children, Harvey Christopher. Two years later, she married George Andrews, a sharecropper and folk artist of Morgan County, Georgia. She had nine other children: Benny Andrews (b. 1930), Valeria Belle Andrews (b. 1932), Raymond Andrews (1934 - 1991), Shirley Andrews (b. 1936), Harold Andrews (1938 - 1976), Johnny Andrews (b. 1942), Veronica Andrews (b. 1948), Deloris Andrews (b. 1950), and Gregory Andrews (b. 1953).

In the early years of Viola Andrews' marriage, she and her husband lived as sharecroppers in rural Morgan County, Georgia. By 1953, however, Viola decided to move to Atlanta with her children with the exception of Harvey and Benny who had already left home. Her husband did not go with them to Atlanta. The remaining children were raised in Atlanta and graduated from high school. All of her boys joined the military and went to college, and her daughters all also attended college. Her sons Benny and Raymond have been recognized for their accomplishments as artist and writer respectively.

When Viola moved to Atlanta, she attended Beaumont's School of Vocational Nursing. She was a nurse at McClendon Hospital for several years. Later, in 1971, after all of her children had graduated high school, she continued her education at the Atlanta School of Biblical Studies. She taught Sunday School at Hunter Hill Baptist Church since the early 1950s and integrated the white Lakewood Presbyterian Church when she began to teach evening Sunday School there in 1972.

In addition to her religious activities, Viola Andrews wrote short stories and a newspaper column. In January 1971, the literary magazine, *Time Capsule*, published her short story "Go Down Moses." In addition, Viola Andrews served as Religious Editor at the *Metro Atlanta Community Bulletin* and wrote a weekly column on religion. Her column especially focused upon eschatology, or the study of the end of the world. In addition to these published writings, Viola Andrews wrote an autobiography, several other short stories, and a book of poems entitled, "Body, Spirit, and Soul."

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of papers of the Viola P. Andrews family from 1957-1998. The papers include writings, correspondence, photographs, religious material, scrapbooks, and other miscellaneous papers.

The majority of the correspondence consists of letters from her children Benny, Gregory, Harvey, Raymond, Valeria, and Veronica from 1957 to the present. The most extensive

correspondence is with her daughter Veronica. Between 1965 and 1973, photocopies of correspondence to Veronica from Viola is also included. These letters from her children primarily focus upon family events and business, although they occasionally include reactions to current events. Letters from grandchildren are included with the parent's correspondence.

Viola Andrews constructed notebooks dedicated usually to saving greeting cards and other important papers of different members of her family. The children represented by notebooks are Benny, Deloris, Gregory, Harold, Harvey, Johnny, Raymond, Shirley, Valeria, and Veronica. Of special note, the Benny II Notebook includes a portfolio with some of Viola's religious notes. Also, her daughter Deloris frequently wrote extensive notes within her greeting cards, making them another form of correspondence. Each notebook has an introduction to each of her children.

There are extensive writings by Viola Andrews in this collection. In addition to her published column and short story, Andrews has written an autobiography, poetry, several other short stories, and family histories. There are three drafts of her autobiography: the handwritten original, a typed rough draft of Part I, and a typed draft of her whole life story. In addition there are several folders of selected documents to be included in her autobiography when published.

The audio-visual materials consist of a videotape and photographs of Viola Andrews and her family. The photographs are individual or arranged in scrapbooks. The scrapbooks were put together by Mrs. Andrews, and she devotes a small scrapbook to each of her children.

Other materials in the collection include: magazines and art exhibit catalogs by and about the Andrews family, Viola Andrews' religious materials including full-size Sunday School pedagogical posters, miscellaneous pamphlets from Morris Art museum, wedding invitations, and newspaper clippings.

Arrangement Note

Organized into (1) Audio-visual materials, (2) Correspondence, (3) Exhibit catalogs: Benny Andrews, (4) Notebooks, (5) Subject files, (6) Religious materials: Viola Andrews, (7) Writings by and about the Andrews family, (8) Writings by Viola Andrews, published, (9) Writings by Viola Andrews, unpublished, (10) Collected material.

Container List

Audio-visual materials

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Miscellaneous photographs
OP1	1	Photograph - Benny Andrews
OP1	2	Photograph - Veronica and Deloris Andrews
OP1	3	Scrapbook - Family photographs
1	2	Scrapbook - Viola Andrews and family
1	3	Scrapbooks - Children (1 of 2)
1	4	Scrapbooks - Children (2 of 2)
1	5	Scrapbooks - Viola Andrews
AV1	-	<i>The Public Affair, Guest: Viola Andrews</i> , undated [original: VHS] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id rpb2f]

Correspondence

1	6	Andrews, Benny, 1966-1969
1	7	Andrews, Benny, 1970-1973
1	8	Andrews, Benny, 1974-1977
1	9	Andrews, Benny, 1978-1980
1	10	Andrews, Benny, 1981-1988
1	11	Andrews, Benny, 1989-1994
2	1	Andrews, Benny, 1995-1998
2	2	Andrews, Benny, no date
2	3	Andrews, Gregory, 1978-1981
2	4	Andrews, Gregory, 1982-1983
2	5	Andrews, Gregory, 1984-1986
2	6	Andrews, Gregory, 1987-1989
2	7	Andrews, Gregory, 1990-1991
2	8	Andrews, Gregory, 1992-1995
2	9	Andrews, Gregory, 1996-1998
2	10	Andrews, Harvey and family, 1967-1975
2	11	Andrews, Harvey and family, 1976-1985, no date
2	12	Andrews, Raymond, 1960-1972
2	13	Andrews, Raymond, 1973-1981
2	14	Andrews, Raymond, 1982-1984
3	1	Andrews, Raymond, 1985-1986
3	2	Andrews, Raymond, 1987-1989
3	3	Andrews, Raymond, 1990-1991; no date
3	4	Andrews, Valeria, 1957-1969

3	5	Andrews, Valeria, 1970-1972
3	6	Andrews, Valeria, 1973-1975
3	7	Andrews, Valeria, 1976-1988
3	8	Andrews, Valeria, 1988-1997
3	9	Andrews, Valeria, no date
3	10	Andrews, Veronica and Viola, 1965-1968
3	11	Andrews, Veronica and Viola, 1969
3	12	Andrews, Veronica and Viola, 1970
4	1	Andrews, Veronica and Viola, 1971
4	2	Andrews, Veronica and Viola, 1972
4	3	Andrews, Veronica and Viola, 1973
4	4	Andrews, Veronica, 1974-1975
4	5	Andrews, Veronica, 1976-1980
4	6	Andrews, Veronica, 1981-1984
4	7	Andrews, Veronica, 1985-1987
4	8	Andrews, Veronica, 1988-1991
4	9	Andrews, Veronica, 1992-1998
4	10	Gruber, Rick
4	11	Hauke, Kathleen and Richard, November 1996 - August 1997
4	12	Hauke, Kathleen and Richard, September 1997 - November 1998
5	1	Hauke, Kathleen and Richard, no date
5	2	Miscellaneous, 1967-1995, no date
5	3	Sympathy Cards, regarding Harold and Raymond Andrews
5	4	Yancy, Geraldine, 1991-1995
5	5	Yancy, Geraldine, 1996-1997

Exhibit catalogs: Benny Andrews

5	6	<i>American Art Today: The Portrait</i> Organized by: Dahlia Morgan for The Art Museum at Florida University, Miami Florida, May 8, 1987 - June 3, 1987.
5	7	<i>The Artist's Mother: Portraits and Homages</i> , Organized by Barbara Coller for the Heckscher Museum Huntington, New York, November 14, 1987 -January 3, 1988 and National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C., March 26, 1988-June 5, 1988.

Notebooks

5	8	Andrews, Benny (1 of 2)
5	9	Andrews, Benny (2 of 2)
5	10	Andrews, Benny II (includes religious notes of Viola Andrews)
6	1	Andrews, Deloris (1 of 3)
6	2	Andrews, Deloris (2 of 3)

6	3	Andrews, Deloris (3 of 3)
6	4	Andrews, Deloris II (1 of 7)
6	5	Andrews, Deloris II (2 of 7)
6	6	Andrews, Deloris II (3 of 7)
6	7	Andrews, Deloris II (4 of 7)
6	8	Andrews, Deloris II (5 of 7)
7	1	Andrews, Deloris II (6 of 7)
7	2	Andrews, Deloris II (7 of 7)
7	3	Andrews, Gregory (1 of 3)
7	4	Andrews, Gregory (2 of 3)
7	5	Andrews, Gregory (3 of 3)
7	6	Andrews, Gregory II
7	7	Andrews, Harold and family (1 of 4)
7	8	Andrews, Harold and family (2 of 4)
7	9	Andrews, Harold and family (3 of 4)
7	10	Andrews, Harold and family (4 of 4)
8	1	Andrews, Harvey (1 of 4)
8	2	Andrews, Harvey (2 of 4)
8	3	Andrews, Harvey (3 of 4)
8	4	Andrews, Harvey (4 of 4)
8	5	Andrews, Johnny
8	6	Andrews, Marx (son of Harvey Andrews)
8	7	Andrews, Raymond
8	8	Andrews, Shirley (1 of 2)
8	9	Andrews, Shirley (2 of 2)
9	1	Andrews, Shirley II (1 of 5)
9	2	Andrews, Shirley II (2 of 5)
9	3	Andrews, Shirley II (3 of 5)
9	4	Andrews, Shirley II (4 of 5)
9	5	Andrews, Shirley II (5 of 5)
9	6	Andrews, Tracye (daughter of Valeria Andrews) (1 of 4)
9	7	Andrews, Tracye (daughter of Valeria Andrews) (2 of 4)
9	8	Andrews, Tracye (daughter of Valeria Andrews) (3 of 4)
9	9	Andrews, Tracye (daughter of Valeria Andrews) (4 of 4)
10	1	Andrews, Valeria (1 of 6)
10	2	Andrews, Valeria (2 of 6)
10	3	Andrews, Valeria (3 of 6)
10	4	Andrews, Valeria (4 of 6)
10	5	Andrews, Valeria (5 of 6)

10	6	Andrews, Valeria (6 of 6)
10	7	Andrews, Valeria II (1 of 3)
10	8	Andrews, Valeria II (2 of 3)
11	1	Andrews, Valeria II (3 of 3)
11	2	Andrews, Valeria III (1 of 2)
11	3	Andrews, Valeria III (2 of 2)
11	4	Andrews, Veronica (1 of 2)
11	5	Andrews, Veronica (2 of 2)
11	6	Andrews, Veronica II (1 of 3)
11	7	Andrews, Veronica II (2 of 3)
11	8	Andrews, Veronica II (3 of 3)
12	1	Andrews, Viola (1 of 3)
12	2	Andrews, Viola (2 of 3) (Photos)
12	3	Andrews, Viola (3 of 3) (Photos)
12	4	Andrews, Viola II
12	5	Andrews, Viola III (1 of 2)
12	6	Andrews, Viola III (2 of 2)
12	7	Andrews, Viola, Miscellaneous cards to (1 of 3)
12	8	Andrews, Viola, Miscellaneous cards to (2 of 3)
12	9	Andrews, Viola, Miscellaneous cards to (3 of 3)
13	1	Andrews, Viola, Miscellaneous cards to II (1 of 8)
13	2	Andrews, Viola, Miscellaneous cards to II (2 of 8)
13	3	Andrews, Viola, Miscellaneous cards to II (3 of 8)
13	4	Andrews, Viola, Miscellaneous cards to II (4 of 8)
13	5	Andrews, Viola, Miscellaneous cards to II (5 of 8)
13	6	Andrews, Viola, Miscellaneous cards to II (6 of 8)
13	7	Andrews, Viola, Miscellaneous cards to II (7 of 8)
13	8	Andrews, Viola, Miscellaneous cards to II (8 of 8)

Subject files

14	1	African "Age Set System"
14	2	Art exhibit pamphlets - Andrews family
14	3	Art exhibit pamphlets - Morris Art Museum (1 of 2)
14	4	Art exhibit pamphlets - Morris Art Museum (2 of 2)
14	5	Family history project
14	6	Miscellaneous - Original certificates
14	7	Wedding invitations
14	8	Program in Honor of Viola P. Andrews and Deacon Lurie R. Reese, November 21, 1998

Religious materials: Viola Andrews

- 14 9 Book/Pamphlet: Gutzke, Manford, *Ten Testimonies that Blessed My Ministry*
 14 10 Correspondence - Lakewood Presbyterian Church, GA
 14 11 Correspondence - Metropolitan-Duane Church, NY
 14 12 Correspondence - St. Johns Church, CA (includes an essay on California)
 14 13 Newsletter - *The Christian Jew*
 14 14 Notes
 OP2 1-8 Sunday School Pedagogical Charts, 8 charts (Photographic negatives for 3 charts available)
 14 15 Sunday School Pedagogical Chart, Daniel 2:31-49

Writings by and about Andrews family

- 15 1 *American Artist*, April 1988, p. 42-45. (about Benny Andrews) (Photocopied insert regarding Benny Andrews)
 15 2 *artsmagazine*, Summer 1970, p. 18-20. (about Benny Andrews)
 15 3 *Ataraxia 4: Special Issue Benny Andrews*, 1975 (about and by Benny Andrews)
 15 4 *Athens Magazine* June 1989, p. 38-50. (about Benny and Raymond Andrews)
 15 5 *Athens Magazine* September/October 1989, p. 36-42. (by Raymond Andrews)
 15 6 *Black Creation: A Review of Black Arts and Letters*, 1974-1975, p. 95-96. (by Benny Andrews)
 15 7 *Catalyst, A Magazine of Heart and Mind*, Fall 1989, p. 102-108. (about Raymond Andrews)
 15 8 *Encore American and Worldwide News*, December 8, 1975, p. 4. (Benny Andrews on Editorial Board)
 15 9 *Encore American and Worldwide News*, March 8, 1976, p. 4. (Benny Andrews on Editorial Board)
 15 10 *Encore American and Worldwide News*, October 16, 1978 [front cover] p. 22-32. (about Benny Andrews)
 15 11 *Encore American and Worldwide News*, September 20, 1976, p. 4. (Benny Andrews on Editorial Board)
 15 12 *Encore American and Worldwide News*, September 7, 1976, p. 4. (Benny Andrews on Editorial Board)
 15 13 Newspaper Clippings (about Benny Andrews)
 15 14 *Sports Illustrated* November 7, 1966, p. S7 (by Raymond Andrews)
 15 15 *Wooden Boat: The Magazine for Wooden Boat Owners, Builders and Designers*, September/October 1979, p. 46-48 (by C.J. Andrews)

Writings by Viola Andrews, Published

- 16 1 "Go Down Moses"
 16 2 "Go Down Moses," original drafts

16	3	Religion Column, <i>Metro Atlanta Community Bulletin</i> , 1980- 1981
16	4	Religion Column, <i>Metro Atlanta Community Bulletin</i> , 1982-1983
16	5	Religion Column, <i>Metro Atlanta Community Bulletin</i> , 1984-1986
16	6	Religion Column, <i>Metro Atlanta Community Bulletin</i> , 1987-1988
16	7	Religion Column, <i>Metro Atlanta Community Bulletin</i> , 1989
16	8	Religion Column, <i>Metro Atlanta Community Bulletin</i> , 1990-1991
16	9	Religion Column, <i>Metro Atlanta Community Bulletin</i> , 1992-1993
16	10	Religion Column, <i>Metro Atlanta Community Bulletin</i> , 1994- 1995
17	1	Religion Column, <i>Metro Atlanta Community Bulletin</i> , 1996-1998

Writings by Viola Andrews, Unpublished

17	2	“Body, Soul, and Spirit” (1 of 4)
17	3	“Body, Soul, and Spirit” (2 of 4)
17	4	“Body, Soul, and Spirit” (3 of 4)
17	5	“Body, Soul, and Spirit” (4 of 4)
17	6	Autobiographical - “I Have Travelled”
17	7	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt I (1 of 8)
17	8	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt I (2 of 8)
17	9	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt I (3 of 8)
17	10	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt I (4 of 8)
17	11	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt I (5 of 8)
17	12	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt I (6 of 8)
18	1	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt I (7 of 8)
18	2	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt I (8 of 8)
18	3	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt II (1 of 6)
18	4	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt II (2 of 6)
18	5	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt II (3 of 6)
18	6	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt II (4 of 6)
18	7	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt II (5 of 6)
18	8	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt II (6 of 6)
18	9	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt III (1 of 5)
18	10	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt III (2 of 5)
18	11	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt III (3 of 5)
19	1	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt III (4 of 5)
19	2	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt III (5 of 5)
19	3	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt IV (1 of 5)
19	4	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt IV (2 of 5)
19	5	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt IV (3 of 5)
19	6	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt IV (4 of 5)
19	7	Autobiography - Handwritten - Pt IV (5 of 5)

- 19 8 Autobiography - Typed - Part I - Introductory pages, pp. 1-50
- 19 9 Autobiography - Typed - Part I - pp. 51-100
- 19 10 Autobiography - Typed - Part I - pp. 101-150
- 19 11 Autobiography - Typed - Part I - pp. 151-200
- 20 1 Autobiography - Typed - Part I - pp. 201-250
- 20 2 Autobiography - Typed - Part I - pp. 251-300
- 20 3 Autobiography - Typed - Part I - pp. 301-350
- 20 4 Autobiography - Typed - Part I - pp. 351-416
- 20 5 Autobiography - Typed - Part II - Introductory pages, pp. 1-50
- 20 6 Autobiography - Typed - Part II - pp. 51-100
- 20 7 Autobiography - Typed - Part II - pp. 101-150
- 20 8 Autobiography - Typed - Part II - pp. 151-200
- 20 9 Autobiography - Typed - Part II - pp. 201-248
- 20 10 Autobiography - Typed - Part III- Introductory pages, A-ZZ
- 20 11 Autobiography - Typed - Part III - AAA- Z25
- 20 12 Autobiography - Typed - Part III - Z26-Z75
- 20 13 Autobiography - Typed - Part III - Z76-Z125
- 20 14 Autobiography - Typed - Part III - Z126-Z200
- 21 1 Autobiography - Typed - Part III - Z201-Z245
- 21 2 Autobiography - Typed - Rough Draft (1 of 3)
- 21 3 Autobiography - Typed - Rough Draft (2 of 3)
- 21 4 Autobiography - Typed - Rough Draft (3 of 3)
- 21 5 Autobiography Inserts - Selected Documents to Insert into Autobiography (1 of 3)
- 21 6 Autobiography Inserts - Selected Documents to Insert into Autobiography (2 of 3)
- 21 7 Autobiography Inserts - Selected Documents to Insert into Autobiography (3 of 3)
- 21 8 Autobiography Inserts - Sayings to Insert into Autobiography (1 of 2)
- 21 9 Autobiography Inserts - Sayings to Insert into Autobiography (2 of 2)
- 21 10 Biography of Harvey Andrews
- 21 11 Family history

Collected material: Kathleen A. Hauke

- 22 1 Letters to Kathleen A. Hauke from Viola Andrews: 1996
- 22 2 Letters to Kathleen A. Hauke from Viola Andrews: 1997
- 22 3 Letters to Kathleen A. Hauke from Viola Andrews: 1998
- 22 4 Letters to Kathleen A. Hauke from Viola Andrews: 1999
- 22 5 Letters to Kathleen A. Hauke from Viola Andrews: 2000
- 22 6 Letters to Kathleen A. Hauke from Viola Andrews: 2001

- 22 7 Interview: Bob Russell on Raymond Andrews, Atlanta, Georgia, November 8, 1996, 1 microcassette
- 22 8 Interview: Viola P. Andrews, Atlanta, Georgia, November 5, 1996, 4 microcassettes
- 22 9 Interview: Viola P. Andrews, Atlanta, Georgia, November 5, 1996, transcript
- 22 10 Photographs: Dr. Robert Ensign [Morris Brown College], Benjamin OdHouli [Emory University], Kathleen Hauke, Viola Andrews, and Pamela Turner, April 24, 1997; also several of Andrews family visiting the Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, 1998; various photographs of Andrews family and properties

Unprocessed additions

- 23 Family correspondence [99-10-01]
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