Josephus Roosevelt Coan papers, 1886-2000

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Josephus Roosevelt Coan papers, 1886-2000
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Abstract: Papers of Josephus Roosevelt Coan, African Methodist Episcopal Church missionary to South Africa, bishop, and educator, including correspondence, writings by Coan and others, diaries, notebooks, teaching files, photographs, printed material, and audiovisual material.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Collection Description

Biographical Note
Josephus Roosevelt Coan (1902-2004), African American clergyman, missionary, and educator. He served the African Methodist Episcopal Church (A.M.E.) as a teacher, pastor, missionary, and acting Bishop in South Africa and then pursued a lengthy career as a pastor and a scholar and teacher of Christian education, based mainly in Atlanta, Georgia. Born November 26, 1902, in Spartanburg, South Carolina, Coan earned a B.A. from Howard University (1930), a B.D. (1933) and an M.A. in Christian Education from Yale University (1934), and a Ph.D. from Hartford Seminary Foundation (1961).

From 1934 to 1938, Coan taught at Morris Brown College and Turner Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia. Coan travelled to the British colony of South Africa in 1938 to help establish the R.R. Wright School of Religion on the campus of Wilberforce Institute in Evaton, Transvaal Province. In 1940 he was selected to become the first Black superintendent of Wilberforce Institute. From 1940-1948, he was also the acting African Methodist Episcopal bishop over an area that included the areas covered by the modern nations of South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana, Namibia and Malawi.

After returning to the United States and settling in Georgia, Coan pursued a career as a teacher, scholar and pastor. He worked for Morris Brown College and the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta until his retirement in 1976.


Scope and Content Note
The collection contains the papers of Josephus Coan from 1896-2002. The papers include correspondence, writings by Coan and others, diaries and appointment books, records relating to the African Methodist Episcopal Church and St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia), teaching files, subject files, photographs, personal papers, printed material, and audiovisual material.

The collection documents Coan's work as a missionary in South Africa, as a pastor at St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal Church, and as an educator at Morris Brown College and the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta.

Arrangement Note
Description of Series

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Series 1
Correspondence, 1896-1990
Boxes 1-2

Scope and Content Note
The series contains both general and family correspondence from 1896-1990. The general correspondence documents Coan's friendships and his professional life. There is correspondence between Coan and other ministers in the African Methodist Episcopal Church which documents church leadership and activities. Employment correspondence documents Coan's teaching and administrative responsibilities at various institutions, including Morris Brown and the Interdenominational Theological Center. Other correspondence indicates Coan's interest in and involvement with Atlanta organizations.

The family correspondence contains letters to and from the Coan family. In particular, letters document the relationship between Coan and his wife, Sammy Fuller Coan, through their long separation during his time in South Africa.

Arrangement Note
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General correspondence

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Series 2
Writings, 1922-1987
Boxes 4-19 and BV 1-4

Scope and Content Note
The series consists of typescripts and manuscripts of writings by Coan and others from 1922-1987. Essays, book material, and speeches by Coan comprise the largest part of the series. Coan also kept a number of research files that he used to develop various writing projects. A smaller amount of material consists of writings by others that Coan collected, primarily relating to the African Methodist Episcopal Church and Christian education.

Arrangement Note
Arranged into three subseries: (6.1) Writings by Coan, (6.2) Research material, and (6.3) Writings by others.
Subseries 2.1
Writings by Coan, 1928-1987
Boxes 4-15 (folder 9) and BV 1-4

Scope and Content Note
The subseries consists of manuscripts and typescripts of Coan's writings from 1928-1987, including articles, book projects, reviews, sermons, speeches, and student writing. Folders contain typescripts, manuscripts, notes, and a small amount of correspondence. Coan's shorter writings and book projects demonstrate his interest in missions to Africa, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and the lives of individual missionaries. Of particular interest are the essays and reflections he wrote as a missionary in South Africa from 1945-1947. The bulk of Coan's student writing pertains to his doctoral work at Hartford Seminary. For lecture notes relating to his teaching, refer to the Teaching Files (Series 6).

Arrangement Note
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"How May We Get Children of Unchurched Families in Our Sunday School?" no date
"I Witnessed the Birth of Ghana," no date
"Implementing the Program of Leadership Development in the A.M.E. Church," no date
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**Book projects: African Methodist Episcopal Church in Georgia, 1864-1984**

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**Book projects: The Black Church Scholars Series**

- Correspondence,
- Typescripts

**Book projects: Daniel Alexander Payne: Christian Educator**

- Book jacket
- Typescripts and manuscripts

**Book reviews**

- *African Nationalism*, Ndabaningi Sithole, 1959
- *Beneath the Southern Cross*, Charlotte Crogman Wright, 1955
- *Better Leaders for Your Church*, Weldon Crossland, 1955
- *Children in the Church*, Iris Cully, 1960
- *The Church Redemptive*, Howard Grimes, 1958
- *Fourteen Africans vs. One American*, Frederic Fox, 1962
- *God's Mission--And Ours*, Eugene Smith, 1961
- *Global Odyssey*, Howard Johnson, 1963
- *He Followed His Star: A Pen Portrait of the Life, Personality, and Chief Exploits of William Alfred Fountain, Sr.*, by Charles Leander Hill, 1987
- "Hints for Book Reviewers," circa 1958
- *Teach Me to Teach*, Dorothy Swain, 1964

**Sermons and prayers**

- "Are You a Part of the Problem or Are You a Part of the Answer?"
- "Dear Lord of Home"
- "Hitherto and Henceforward"
- Invocation, Interdenominational Theological Center Convocation, September 27, 1979
- Litany of dedication
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Subseries 2.2
Research material, circa 1930-1986
Boxes 15 (folder 10)-18 (folder 7)

Scope and Content Note
The subseries consists of research material Coan gathered to write his books, dissertation, and articles from approximately 1930-1986. Coan used this research for multiple and overlapping writing projects. Folders contain predominately research notes, many of which are taken from articles in *The Voice of Missions* and *The Christian Recorder*. The content of the notes attests to Coan's interest in missions in Africa, especially South Africa. A smaller amount of material includes clippings and photocopies of articles Coan referred to while conceiving of his writing projects.

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Subseries 2.3  
Writings by others, 1922-1987  
Boxes 18 (folder 8)-19

Scope and Content Note
The subseries consists of typescripts and manuscripts of writings by others collected by Coan from 1922-1987. Most of the material is composed of essays, articles, and addresses pertaining to the history of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Africa. Coan collected some of these works for his research; others were sent to him for review by friends, family, and colleagues.

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Series 3
Diaries/Appointment books, 1938-1994
Boxes 20-23

Scope and Content Note
The series contains personal diaries and appointment books used by Coan between 1938 and 1994. The majority of the volumes include brief entries recording his day-to-day activities and expenditures. The earlier diaries are particularly descriptive of Coan's initial experiences in South Africa and his hopes for the development of the R.R. Wright School of Religion. Two volumes, "Journal, Meditations and other Thoughts, 1944-1946" and the 1947 diary, contain lengthy passages in which Coan reflects on a variety of issues relating to his work in South Africa, the development of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Africa, and his broader interest in religious education. The 1948 diary documents his return home and travel to numerous U.S. cities promoting reform in the African Methodist Episcopal Church's mission policy. The later diaries contain information about expenses, daily affairs, and prayer habits.

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African Methodist Episcopal Church records, 1933-1989
Boxes 24-27 and OP1, 3

Scope and Content Note
The series contains material from 1933-1989 relating to Coan's involvement in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States and Africa. Files are arranged roughly to mirror the structure of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, reflecting the operations of the General Conference and various Episcopal Districts. Published material of the Church, including conference proceedings, can be found in Printed Material (Series 10).

Most of the material pertains to the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States. Files include programs, schedules, minutes, and other material relating to activities of the General Conference, the 6th Episcopal District, the African Methodist Episcopal Ministers' Union, Coan's involvement with local churches, and missions. Of particular interest are Coan's campaigns for bishop in 1948 and 1952, as well as organizational files on the Christian Leadership Education Congress from 1950-1982.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church in Africa material pertains primarily to Coan's position as General Superintendent of the 15th and 17th Episcopal Districts. Files contain speeches and hymns, reports, travel records, financial statements, and planning for special events. Other material documents Coan's 1957 trip to Africa as an African Methodist Episcopal representative at the independence of Ghana. Additional material relating to Coan's work in South Africa at Wilberforce and as superintendent and acting bishop can be found in the scrapbook in Series 9, Personal Papers.

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Scope and Content Note
Coan served as pastor and later assistant pastor at St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal Church in Atlanta, Georgia. These files contain financial records, printed material, Vacation Bible School material, and other files relating to organizations and activities in the church. The committees and general files contain information about church membership, board meetings, and organizations within the church. The financial records provide information about the church budget and expenses. The printed material contains twenty years of church bulletins, giving insight into worship and activities at St. Mark's. Other materials in printed provide a picture of activities happening at the church. The Vacation Bible School materials show the types of material created and used within the African Methodist Episcopal and United Methodist churches. Together these files show Coan's involvement in the administration and leadership of St. Mark's Church and his commitment to local church community over the course of decades.

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Scope and Content Note
The series consists of files relating to Coan's teaching career at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), Morris Brown College, Turner Theological Seminary, and The Wilberforce Institute in South Africa from 1936-1994. Other files relate to Coan's involvement with various education development committees at the Atlanta Theological Association during his time at ITC.

Coan's ITC files make up the largest part of the series, followed by Morris Brown College and Turner Theological Seminary. The majority of the material consists of administrative and course files. The administrative files contain faculty meeting minutes, memorandums, correspondence, scheduling documents from the Office of the Registrar, and reports on college administration and curriculum. Coan's course files are arranged by class and contain syllabi, assignments, lectures, notes, and student writing. In particular, Coan's courses provide material on various aspects of missions, Christianity in Africa, and religious education. Student writing demonstrates student work at the schools where Coan taught.

The significant themes in Coan's teaching career are evident in looking at his course files across schools. A smaller amount of material within teaching files pertains to conferences, events, and campus organizations Coan was affiliated with through his role as administrator and teacher. The Wilberforce Institute files differ somewhat in content from the other schools. Most of the material relates to Coan's role as superintendent and include rules and regulations, disciplinary action, receptions, and legal proceedings. Other material includes programs, fliers, and correspondence to and from Coan relating to his teaching.

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Scope and Content Note
The series contains files on other organizations and associations that Coan was involved with, as well as some files on topics of interest to Coan. In particular, there are a number of files on the American Society of African Culture, including conference materials. There are also a number of files on the National Council of the Churches of Christ, including reports of the Cooperative Curriculum Project, a religious curriculum development plan that Coan was involved with in the 1960s. Other files speak to Coan’s involvement and awareness in Atlanta, including the Atlanta Job Corps, the Russell Street Baptist Church and the Church/Business Jobs Network. There is also a file on Sammye E Coan Middle School, named in memory of Coan’s first wife.

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**Scope and Content Note**
The series contains photographs from across Coan's adult life. There are images from Coan's graduation from Howard University to his time teaching at the International Theological Center. The series also contains a significant number of photos from Coan's time in Africa. These are photos of people connected to the African Methodist Episcopal Church and Wilberforce Academy, as well as general photos from South Africa. There also photos from Coan's travels outside of South Africa, to places including Zambia, in his role as Superintendent with the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The photos provide insight into the people that Coan worked and associated with during his time in Africa. Photos in the United States document events and places and Coan's associates. The series also contains a number of photo postcards, from Africa, the United States, and Canada. Some additional photographs relating to Coan's time in Africa can be found in the scrapbook in Series 9, Personal Papers.

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Scope and Content Note
The series contains the personal papers of Coan, his first wife, Sammye Fuller Coan, and his second wife, Eloise Morris Coan. Papers include financial and legal records, memorabilia, student and professional materials, and items from Coan's time in South Africa. Coan's detailed financial records document his income and expenses. The memorabilia contains certificates, cards, and materials from events such as birthdays and parties.

The items relating to South Africa are of particular interest. They include Coan's tickets to South Africa, gas ration cards, and customs and immigration papers. The South Africa materials also contain Coan's membership cards for the African United Cultural & Domestic Workers' Club and the Bantu Men's Social Centre. The Bantu Men's Social Centre included activists such as Nelson Mandela among its members.

The Sammye Fuller Coan materials include her diplomas and other academic materials. The Eloise Morris Coan materials contain items primarily relating to her church and alumni activities. For Coan's student writings, see Writings by Coan (Subseries 2.1).

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Printed material, 1925-1994
Boxes 63-65 and OP1

Scope and Content Note
The series consists of printed material collected by Coan dating from 1925-1994. The printed material includes items by and about Coan and relating to individuals, churches, and organizations. Additional printed material relating to Coan's time in Africa can be found in the scrapbook in Series 9, Personal Papers.

Arrangement Note
Arranged by subject, then in alphabetical order.

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Florida A&M College, 1950
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Series 11
Audiovisual materials

Scope and Content Note
The series contains audiovisual materials. There are sound recordings made by Coan at the Interdenominational Theological Center. There is also an unidentified film reel.

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