

# COAN, JOSEPHUS ROOSEVELT, 1902-2004.

## Josephus Roosevelt Coan papers, 1886-2000

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**Creator:** Coan, Josephus Roosevelt, 1902-2004.  
**Title:** Josephus Roosevelt Coan papers, 1886-2000  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 872  
**Extent:** 33.75 linear feet (68 boxes), 1 oversized papers box and 2 oversized papers folders (OP), 5 bound volumes (BV), 4 oversized bound volumes (OBV), and AV Masters: .25 linear feet (1 box)  
**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.

Biographical source: Mercedes Campbell Brown, *The Unconquered Mountain: Dr. Josephus Coan's life and Work in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Africa, 1938-1948*. Nashville: A.M.E. Publishing House, 1995.

**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**

Organized into eleven series: (1) Correspondence, (2) Writings, (3) Diaries/Appointment Books, (4) African Methodist Episcopal Church records, (5) St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia) records, (6) Teaching files, (7) Subject files, (8) Photographs, (9) Personal papers, (10) Printed material, and (11) Audiovisual materials.

## **Description of Series**

Series 1: Correspondence, 1896-1990

Series 2: Writings, 1922-1987

Subseries 2.1: Writings by Coan, 1928-1987

Subseries 2.2: Research material, circa 1930-1986

Subseries 2.3: Writings by others, 1922-1987

Series 3: Diaries/Appointment books, 1938-1994

Series 4: African Methodist Episcopal Church records, 1933-1989

Series 5: St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia) records, 1952-1987

Series 6: Teaching files, 1936-1994

Series 7: Subject files, 1950-1986

Series 8: Photographs, 1930-1982

Series 9: Personal papers, 1920-2002

Series 10: Printed material, 1925-1994

Series 11: Audiovisual materials

**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, Sammye Fuller Coan, through their long separation during his time in South Africa.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in chronological order.

**General correspondence**

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Content</b>          |
|------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1          | 1             | Undated                 |
| 1          | 2             | 1896, 1928, 1930-1937   |
| 1          | 3             | 1938                    |
| 1          | 4             | 1939                    |
| 1          | 5             | 1940-1943               |
| 1          | 6             | 1944-1945               |
| 1          | 7             | 1946                    |
| 1          | 8             | 1947 January-July       |
| 1          | 9             | 1947 August-December    |
| 1          | 10            | 1948 January-February   |
| 2          | 1             | 1948 March-April        |
| 2          | 2             | 1948 May-August         |
| 2          | 3             | 1948 September-December |
| 2          | 4             | 1949                    |
| 2          | 5             | 1950-1952               |
| 2          | 6             | 1953-1956               |
| 2          | 7             | 1957-1959               |
| 2          | 8             | 1960-1969               |
| 3          | 1             | 1970-1972               |
| 3          | 2             | 1973-1979               |
| 3          | 3             | 1980-1981               |

3 4 1982-1986  
3 5 1987-1989, 1993

**Coan family**

3 6 Undated  
3 7 1932-1938  
3 8 1939-1940  
3 9 1941-1946  
3 10 1947  
3 11 Eloise Morris Coan, 1981-1990

**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**

Arranged in alphabetical order with the exception of speeches, which are arranged chronologically.

**Articles and essays**

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Content</b>   |
|------------|---------------|--|
| 4          | 1             | "Adventures in South Africa," circa 1947   |
| 4          | 2             | "African Methodist Episcopal Church," no date  |
| 4          | 3             | "African Methodism and Foreign Missions," no date  |
| 4          | 4             | "A.M.E. Missionary Work," circa 1947   |
| 4          | 5             | "An Bord der Deutschland," circa 1947  |
| 4          | 6             | "Beginnings of the A.M.E. Church in Central Africa"  |
| 4          | 7             | "Birth of Ghana and the Rebirth of A.M.E. Missions," no date   |
| 4          | 8             | "Birth of Ghana: How Did It Come About?" no date   |
| 4          | 9             | "Bishop Francis Herman Gow," no date   |
| 4          | 10            | "Bishop Greene Raises \$87,000 for Morris Brown College, Request for Bishop Greene's Return is Unanimous," no date |
| 4          | 11            | "Bishop Greene's Three-Point Program for the A.M.E. Church in Georgia," no date                                    |
| 4          | 12            | "Bishop Turner, A.M.E., and the Back-to-Africa Movement," no date  |
| 4          | 13            | "Black Theological Experience and Education at ITC (Interdenominational Theological Center)," June 18, 1972        |
| 4          | 14            | "Black Women in Southern Africa," no date  |
| 4          | 15            | "Brief Sketch of the Life of Bishop L.J. Coppin," no date  |
| 4          | 16            | "By and By the Harvest," circa 1947  |
| 4          | 17            | "Challenge of the Proposed West African Trip," Commission on Promotion, Morris Brown College, no date              |
| 4          | 18            | "The Changed Field," circa 1947  |

- 4 19 "Christian Leadership Education Congress," no date
- 4 20 "The Church: Its Calling, Its Nature, Its Mission," no date
- 4 21 "The College Student Seeks a Faith: Where Does the Student Search?" no date
- 4 22 "Communicating the Christian Gospel," no date
- 4 23 "Conformers or Transformers?" no date
- 4 24 "Contemporary Missionary Challenges," no date
- 4 25 "Daniel Alexander Payne, Christian Educator," no date
- 4 26 "The Dream Came True," circa 1947
- 4 27 "Duties of a College Minister," no date
- 4 28 "Excerpts from Bishop Payne's 'Epistles on the Education of the Ministry,'" circa 1964
- 4 29 "Fire Story," no date
- 4 30 "First Days on the African Continent," circa 1947
- 4 31 "First Eight Volumes of *The Voice of Missions*," typescripts and research notes, circa 1971
- 4 32 "For Release," July 7, 1982
- 4 33 "Fourteenth Connectional Christian Education Congress: An Appraisal," no date
- 4 34 "Fresh Thrusts for African Methodism in the 1980s," no date
- 4 35 "Grace of Gratitude," no date
- 4 36 "Henry McNeal Turner, A Fearless Prophet of Black Liberation," 1973
- 4 37 "Historical Statement of the Interdenominational Theological Center," no date
- 4 38 "How I Have Implemented the 'Black Religious Experience' in My Classes," *Theories of Learning in Christian Education*, 1962
- 4 39 "How May We Get Children of Unchurched Families in Our Sunday School?" no date
- 4 40 "I Witnessed the Birth of Ghana," no date
- 4 41 "Implementing the Program of Leadership Development in the A.M.E. Church," no date
- 4 42 "Impressions of the AATS Summer Workshop," 1971
- 4 43 "Impressions of the Biennial Convention of the Religious Education Association," no date
- 4 44 "In England: The First Night," circa 1947
- 4 45 "Leadership Development," no date
- 4 46 "Membership in the African Methodist Episcopal Church," no date
- 4 47 "Missionary Pathfinders of South Africa," circa 1947
- 4 48 "Missionary Studies during the Summer Months," no date
- 4 49 "The Mission of the Black Church," Leadership Training Institute, August 1970
- 5 1 "More Receptions," circa 1947
- 5 2 "Mr. Saint Pierre Morris," no date
- 5 3 "Multiple Roles of the Black Preacher in Africa," no date



- 5 4 "Need for a Comprehensive Program of Leadership Training," no date
- 5 5 "Need of a Department of Religious Education in our Colleges and Seminars," no date
- 5 6 "Needed: A Re-Awakening in African Methodism," no date
- 5 7 "New Trends in Missionary Thought and Action," *A.M.E. Church Recorder*, June 20, 1961
- 5 8 "Obeying to the Heavenly Visions," circa 1947
- 5 9 "Observations on Missionary Stipends," no date
- 5 10 "Our Christian Mission in Light of the Gospel," no date
- 5 11 "Pastoral Counseling," no date
- 5 12 "A Peculiar Man I Have Met," no date
- 5 13 "Persecuted, But Not Forsaken," no date
- 5 14 "Petty Thief," no date
- 5 15 "Problems of the African Clergy," no date
- 5 16 "Problems of South Africa," no date
- 5 17 "Redemption of Africa: The Vital Impulse of Black American Overseas Missionaries," no date
- 5 18 "Rediscovering the Christian Mission," no date
- 5 19 Reflections, on train from Cape Town to Johannesburg, December 7, 1945
- 5 20 "Reginald Eaves Affair," no date
- 5 21 "Responsibility of the Seminary Towards its Sponsoring Denomination," no date
- 5 22 "Reverend Hannington Ziyezwa," circa 1947
- 5 23 "The Role of the Christian Church in the African Conflict," findings of the Workshop Group of the National Fraternal Council of Churches, Detroit, Michigan, April 28-30, 1953
- 5 24 "Role of the Christian Church in the New Africa," no date
- 5 25 "Seeing London," circa 1947
- 5 26 "Some Contributions of the Sixth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church to the Development of African Methodism in the Continent of Africa," no date
- 5 27 "Stolen Car," no date
- 5 28 "Theological Education for African Methodism in the 1980s," no date
- 5 29 "The Third Quadrennial Convention in Retrospect and Prospect," no date
- 5 30 "Three Pioneer Women," no date
- 5 31 "Training Builders," circa 1947
- 5 32 "Turner Theological Seminary in the Interdenominational Theological Center," February 15, 1963
- 5 33 "Unforgettable Reverend John Lester C. Membe," no date
- 5 34 "Unlucky Building," no date
- 5 35 "Who Is A General Officer?" no date

- 5 36 "Workshop on Strategy for Training Christian Education Conference Directors:  
Salient Points," 1961
- 5 37 "Worship and Practice," circa 1947

**Book projects: *African Methodist Episcopal Church in Georgia, 1864-1984***

- 5 38 Annual conferences, Georgia, notes
- 5 39 Annual conferences, Macon, Georgia, notes
- 5 40 Annual conferences, North Georgia, notes
- 5 41 Annual conferences, South Carolina, notes
- 5 42 Annual conferences, Southwest Georgia, notes
- 6 1 Brown, Bishop John Mifflin, manuscripts with notes
- 6 2 Campbell, Bishop Jabez Pitt, manuscripts with notes
- 6 3 Dickerson, Bishop William Fisher, manuscripts with notes
- 6 4 Flipper, Bishop Joseph Simeon, manuscripts with notes
- 6 5 Fountain, Bishop William Alfred, manuscripts with notes
- 6 6 Gaines, Bishop Wesley John, manuscripts with notes
- 6 7 Grant, Bishop Abraham, manuscripts with notes
- 6 8 Smith, Bishop Charles Spencer, manuscripts with notes
- 6 9 Shorter, Bishop James Alexander, manuscripts with notes
- 6 10 Turner, Bishop Henry McNeal, manuscripts with notes
- 6 11 Ward, Bishop Thomas Marcus Decatur, manuscripts with notes
- 6 12 Wayman, Bishop Alexander Washington, manuscripts with notes
- 6 13 "Chapter 20: The Administration of Bishop Harold Irvin Bearden," manuscript
- 7 1 "Introduction and outline," manuscript
- 7 2 Part I: "Beginning of the A.M.E. Church in Georgia," manuscript
- 7 3 Part I: "By Way of Summary," manuscript
- 7 4 Part I, typescript with research notes
- 7 5 Part I, typescript [1 of 2]
- 7 6 Part I, typescript [2 of 2]
- 7 7 Part II: "A Half Century of Advance, 1892-1948," manuscript
- 7 8 Part II, typescript [1 of 4]
- 7 9 Part II, typescript [2 of 4]
- 7 10 Part II, typescript [3 of 4]
- 7 11 Part II, typescript [4 of 4]
- 8 1 Part III, typescript [1 of 3]
- 8 2 Part III, typescript [2 of 3]
- 8 3 Part III, typescript [3 of 3]
- 8 4 Manuscript and typescript fragments with notes [1 of 2]
- 8 5 Manuscript and typescript fragments with notes [2 of 2]
- 8 6 Typescript [1 of 5]

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| 8 | 7 | Typescript [2 of 5]       |
| 8 | 8 | Typescript [3 of 5]       |
| 8 | 9 | Typescript [4 of 5]       |
| 9 | 1 | Typescript [5 of 5]       |
| 9 | 2 | Typescript, partial draft |

**Book projects: *African Methodist Episcopal Church History: Four Nineteenth Century Giants***

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| 9 | 3 | "Chapter I: The Birth of the African Methodist Episcopal Church," typescript |
| 9 | 4 | "Henry McNeal Turner: Prophet of Black Liberation," typescript               |
| 9 | 5 | "Spirit and Message of Bishop Henry McNeal Turner," manuscript               |
| 9 | 6 | "William Paul Quinn: Pioneer Missionary," typescript                         |
| 9 | 7 | Treatise on Henry McNeal Turner, typescripts and manuscripts                 |
| 9 | 8 | Typescripts [1 of 2]   |
| 9 | 9 | Typescripts [2 of 2]   |

**Book projects: *Black American Missionaries to Africa***

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| 9  | 10 | "2nd Draft," manuscript [1 of 2]  |
| 9  | 11 | "2nd Draft," manuscript [2 of 2]  |
| 9  | 12 | "Black American Missionaries Overseas: Tentative Outline"                               |
| 9  | 13 | "Contents," typescript with notes   |
| 9  | 14 | "Joseph F.B. and Gertrude Townsend Coleman," typescripts and manuscripts with notes     |
| 10 | 1  | "Miss Anna E. Hall: God's Noble Woman," typescripts and manuscripts with notes [1 of 2] |
| 10 | 2  | "Miss Anna E. Hall: God's Noble Woman," typescripts and manuscripts with notes [2 of 2] |
| 10 | 3  | Missionaries to Liberia, typescripts and manuscripts with notes                         |
| 10 | 4  | Missionaries to Sierra Leone, manuscripts with notes                                    |
| 10 | 5  | Missionaries to the West Indies, manuscripts  |
| 10 | 6  | "Reverend Allen Henry Attaway," manuscripts with research notes                         |
| 10 | 7  | "Torchbearers," typescript  |
| 10 | 8  | "W.L. Turner," manuscripts with notes   |
| 10 | 9  | Typescript [1 of 3] [contains photographs]  |
| 11 | 1  | Typescript [2 of 3] [contains photographs]  |
| 11 | 2  | Typescript [3 of 3] [contains photographs]  |
| 11 | 3  | Typescript, 1977 [1 of 2]   |
| 11 | 4  | Typescript, 1977 [2 of 2]   |
| 11 | 5  | Typescript, Chapters 1-3  |
| 11 | 6  | Typescript, Chapters 8-12   |

- 11 7 Typescript, chapters converted to papers for the *A.M.E. Church Review*, 1987  
 11 8 Typescript fragments

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

- 11 9 Correspondence,  
 11 10 Typescripts

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

- 11 11 Book jacket  
 11 12 Typescripts and manuscripts

**Book reviews**

- 12 1 *African Nationalism*, Ndabaningi Sithole, 1959  
 12 2 *Beneath the Southern Cross*, Charlotte Crogman Wright, 1955  
 12 3 *Better Leaders for Your Church*, Weldon Crossland, 1955  
 12 4 *Children in the Church*, Iris Cully, 1960  
 12 5 *The Church Redemptive*, Howard Grimes, 1958  
 12 6 *The Church's Educational Ministry: A Curriculum Plan*, National Council of Churches, 1965  
 12 7 *Fourteen Africans vs. One American*, Frederic Fox, 1962  
 12 8 *Freedom and Faith: New Approaches to Christian Education*, J Gordon Chamberlin, 1965  
 12 9 *God's Mission--And Ours*, Eugene Smith, 1961  
 12 10 *Global Odyssey*, Howard Johnson, 1963  
 12 11 *He Followed His Star: A Pen Portrait of the Life, Personality, and Chief Exploits of William Alfred Fountain, Sr.*, by Charles Leander Hill, 1987  
 12 12 "Hints for Book Reviewers," circa 1958  
 12 13 *The Holy Spirit in Christian Education*, by Rachael Henderlite, 1964  
 12 14 *Let My People Go*, Albert Luthuli, 1962  
 12 15 *Rise Up and Walk*, Abel Muzorewa, 1978  
 12 16 *Teach Me to Teach*, Dorothy Swain, 1964  
 12 17 *Worship and Freedom: A Black American Church in Zambia*, Walter Johnson, 1977

**Sermons and prayers**

- 12 18 "Are You a Part of the Problem or Are You a Part of the Answer?"  
 12 19 "Dear Lord of Home"  
 12 20 "Hitherto and Henceforward"  
 12 21 Invocation, Interdenominational Theological Center Convocation, September 27, 1979  
 12 22 Litany of dedication

- 12 23 "Prayer for the Ecumenical Service"  
 12 24 "Prayer on the Occasion of the Funeral of Dr. John Albert Middleton," Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church, June 26, 1975  
 12 25 "Promises of God"  
 12 26 Sunrise Sermonettes, WSB-TV, 1978

### **Speeches, lectures, and addresses**

- 12 27 Installation rituals, undated-1979  
 12 28 "The Aims of Religious Education," circa 1930s  
 12 29 Notes for unidentified speeches, circa 1930s  
 12 30 "Trying to Get There," circa 1930s  
 12 31 Untitled speech, circa 1930s  
 12 32 "The Challenge of the Present Crisis," Community Center House, October 2, 1932  
 12 33 "A Worthwhile Goal," Wilberforce University, September 22, 1933  
 12 34 "Youth and the Christian Quest," Young People's Institute, Norwalk, CT, August 24, 1934  
 12 35 "Church and the Changing World with Special Reference to World Outreach," circa 1945  
 12 36 Wilberforce address to general staff, March 11, 1947  
 12 37 "Needs of the A.M.E. Church in South Africa," Quadrennial Convention of the Women Missionary Society, Memphis, Tennessee, July 7-12, 1951  
 12 38 "Our Bishop and His Program," radio address, September 16, 1951  
 12 39 "Signs of Hope in a Century of Despair," circa 1953  
 12 40 "The African Methodist Episcopal Church's Representation of the Birth of Ghana, the Newest African Nation," circa 1957  
 12 41 "Cooperative Curriculum Project," circa 1961  
 12 42 "Leadership Education in the A.M.E. Church," circa 1961  
 12 43 "Bishop Henry McNeal Turner Speaks to This Generation," Morris Brown College Annual Banquet of Turner Theological Seminary, May 26, 1961; 87th Convocation Turner Theological Seminary, February 2, 1981  
 12 44 "Chinese Buddhism," Faculty seminar on Non-Western program, Hartford Seminary, November 28, 1961  
 12 45 "An Experiment in Improving the Quality of Leadership Education," circa 1963  
 12 46 "Introduction of Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette," 1964  
 12 47 "Problems and Obstacles to Effectiveness in Theological Education," World Methodist Convocation on Theological Education, Didsbury College, Bristol, England, August 15-17, 1966  
 12 48 "Remarks to be Made at the Close of the Annual Christmas Party," sponsored by the I.T.C. Women's Fellowship, December 14, 1966

- 13 1 "Introduction of Speaker: Dr. Wilfred George Onslow Cartey," Symposium on Contemporary South Africa, circa 1969
- 13 2 "The Black Religious Experience and Theological Education at ITC Interdenominational Theological Center)," circa 1970
- 13 3 "Conformers or Transformers?" for the Dean's Hour, Interdenominational Theological Center, February 23, 1971
- 13 4 "A Tribute to the Founders, Benefactors and to President H.V. Richardson of the I.T.C.," 1975
- 13 5 "Looking Toward the Future," Mimosa Club, January 28, 1978
- 13 6 "Bishop Henry McNeal Turner, Basic Beliefs," Heritage Lecture Series No. 2, 88th Convocation Celebration of Turner Theological Seminary, Interdenominational Theological Center, February 1, 1982
- 13 7 "Two Unsung Heroes of Early African Methodism," Heritage Lecture Series, 89th Convocation Celebration of Turner Theological Seminary, Interdenominational Theological Center, February 7, 1983
- 13 8 "The African Methodist Episcopal Church in Georgia, 1864-1984," Heritage Lecture Series No. 4, 90th Convocation Celebration of Turner Theological Seminary, Interdenominational Theological Center, February 6, 1984
- 13 9 "History of A.M.E. Missions," notes for address, 1986
- 13 10 "African Methodism: What of the Future?" no date
- 13 11 "After Nine Years on the Missionary Field," no date
- 13 12 "Being True to Oneself," no date
- 13 13 "Bishop Payne Speaks," no date
- 13 14 "Challenge of the Present Crisis," no date
- 13 15 "Christian Quest in a World of Chaos" [State Christian Leadership Educational Congress], no date
- 13 16 "Church and Changing Society," no date
- 13 17 "Dimensions of the Christian Mission: The Mission of the A.M.E. Church," no date
- 13 18 "Facing Life Gallantly," no date
- 13 19 "The Function and the Future of Church-Related College," no date
- 13 20 "Future Outlook of the A.M.E. Church," no date
- 13 21 "Guiding Individual Growth" [State Christian Leadership Educational Congress], no date
- 13 22 "Jesus Decision" [State Christian Leadership Educational Congress], no date
- 13 23 Morris Brown welcome, no date
- 13 24 "Our Changing Religious World" [State Christian Leadership Educational Congress], no date
- 13 25 "Our Missionary Responsibility in a Revolutionary World," no date
- 13 26 "Pastor's Word," no date

- 13 27 "Two Black Adventurers, Two Black Apostles," State Christian Leadership Educational Congress [?], no date
- 13 28 "What I Would Like to See in the T.T.S. Alumni Association," no date
- 13 29 Young Men Progressive Club address, no date
- 13 30 Notes for unidentified speeches, no date

### Student writing

- 13 31 Hartford Seminary, "The Administration of the Work in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Africa," no date
- 13 32 Hartford Seminary, African Culture II, class assignments and notes, circa 1955
- 13 33 Hartford Seminary, book review, *The Crisis of Our Age*, by Pitirin A. Sorokin, for SW-4 course, 1955
- 13 34 Hartford Seminary, "British, French, Belgian and Portuguese Colonial Policies in Africa," January 19, 1955
- 13 35 Hartford Seminary, "A Critique of the Voice of Missions as Documentary Sources, 1896-1908," typescript
- 14 1 Hartford Seminary, "Education Among the Bantu Peoples of South Africa, paper for African Culture I, no date
- 14 2 Hartford Seminary, "Expansion of African Methodist Episcopal Church Missions in South Africa from 1896 to 1908," reprinted from *Dissertation Abstracts*, vol. XXII, No. 6, 1961
- 14 3 Hartford Seminary, "Expansion of African Methodist Episcopal Church Missions in South Africa from 1896 to 1908," thesis proposal
- 14 4 Hartford Seminary, "Expansion of African Methodist Episcopal Church Missions in South Africa from 1896 to 1908," typescript with research notes
- 14 5 Hartford Seminary, "The Expansion of Christianity into Southern Rhodesia," April 26, 1955
- 14 6 Hartford Seminary, "In the School of Missions," January 28, 1955
- BV1 - Hartford Seminary, notebook, "African Culture I," circa 1955
- BV2 - Hartford Seminary, notebook, "African Culture II," 1955
- BV3 - Hartford Seminary, notebook, "Anthropology," 1955
- BV4 - Hartford Seminary, notebook, unidentified course
- 14 7 Hartford Seminary, notes on readings and lectures, circa 1969
- 14 8 Hartford Seminary, *The Practice of Missions*, class assignments, 1954
- 14 9 Hartford Seminary, "Secularism in the Church," final paper for SW-4, May 18, 1955
- 14 10 Hartford Seminary, reading notes
- 14 11 Hartford Seminary, SW-4 class assignments, 1954-1955
- 14 12 Hartford Seminary, "The Work of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Southern Africa," May 17, 1955
- 14 13 Howard University, class notes, 1928

- 14 14 Howard University, Education 129, class notes and assignments, 1929
- 14 15 Howard University, Old Testament class notes, 1930
- 14 16 Yale University, book review, *A Cure of Souls*, by Charles T. Holman, 1932
- 14 17 Yale University, class notes, circa 1930s [1 of 2]
- 15 1 Yale University, class notes, circa 1930s [2 of 2]
- 15 2 Yale University, class notes, 1931
- 15 3 Yale University, Expansion of Christianity, class notes and assignments, 1931
- 15 4 Yale University, Moral Philosophy class notes, circa 1930s
- 15 5 Yale University, "Notes on the Educational Aspects of Worship," 1934
- 15 6 Yale University, Pastoral Psychology class notes, 1934
- 15 7 Yale University, Psychology of Religion class notes, 1934-1935
- 15 8 Unidentified class material, circa 1930s
- 15 9 Unidentified school, book review, *This Foundation*, July 21, 1949



**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.

**Arrangement Note**

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| 15         | 10            | African church history   |
| 15         | 11            | African Methodist Episcopal Church in Georgia, Bishop Ernest Hickman   |
| 15         | 12            | African Methodist Episcopal Church in Georgia, clippings               |
| 15         | 13            | African Methodist Episcopal Church Polity [1 of 2]                     |
| 16         | 1             | African Methodist Episcopal Church Polity [2 of 2]                     |
| 16         | 2             | African missions [1 of 9]  |
| 16         | 3             | African missions [2 of 9]  |
| 16         | 4             | African missions [3 of 9]  |
| 16         | 5             | African missions [4 of 9]  |
| 17         | 1             | African missions [5 of 9]  |
| 17         | 2             | African missions [6 of 9]  |
| 17         | 3             | African missions [7 of 9]  |
| 17         | 4             | African missions [8 of 9]  |
| 17         | 5             | African missions [9 of 9]  |
| 17         | 6             | African missions, African Methodist Episcopal Church reports           |
| 17         | 7             | African missions, Sixth Session of the South African Annual Conference |
| 17         | 8             | Bishops of South Africa  |
| 18         | 1             | Coker, Daniel  |
| 18         | 2             | Mission of the Church [1 of 2]   |
| 18         | 3             | Mission of the Church [2 of 2]   |
| 18         | 4             | "Notes of the Episcopacy," circa 1980s                                 |
| 18         | 5             | Notes from readings and lectures                                       |
| 18         | 6             | Thoburn, James Mill, Bishop  |
| 18         | 7             | "Voice of the Negro," 1971   |

**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.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order.

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|------------|---------------|---|
| 18         | 8             | Battles, Ford Lewis, "Weaving a Hair Suit for the Christian," March 3, 1959   |
| 18         | 9             | Bland, Mrs. Margaret, "Highlights of the 3rd Quadrennial Convention of the Young People's Department of the Women's Missionary Society," no date                  |
| 18         | 10            | Burnet, Rev. Amos, "Ethiopianism," <i>The Christian Missionary Review</i> , London, 1922  |
| 18         | 11            | Chapman, Carrie M., "Children and the Peace," circa 1945  |
| 18         | 12            | Cook, Ann, "Toward a Diachronic Approach to the Study of the Negro Dialect," April 10, 1967   |
| 18         | 13            | Greene, Bishop S.L., "Emancipation: A Continuous Process," no date  |
| 18         | 14            | Hilliard, Asa G. III, "Selected Bibliography (Classified) on African-American History from Ancient Times to the Present: A Resource Packet," circa 1982           |
| 18         | 15            | Lewis, Cecil and G.E. Edwards, "Historical Records of the Church of the Province of South Africa," London Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 1934         |
| 18         | 16            | Membe, Rev. John Lester C., <i>A Short History of the A.M.E. Church in Central Africa, 1900-1962</i> , typescript of book, circa 1969                             |
| 18         | 17            | Middleton, Rev. J.A., "A Paper on the Prophet Amos," no date  |
| 18         | 18            | Modisapodi, D.S., "The Future of the Church in South Africa," circa 1940s   |
| 18         | 19            | Redkey, Edwin S., "Bishop Turner's African Dream," April 1964   |
| 19         | 1             | Richardson, Harry V., "The Black Church in the Black Experience: The Black Church Overseas," 1987   |
| 19         | 2             | Robinson, Dr. James McConkey, "A Critical Inquiry into the Scriptural Bases of Confessional Hermeneutics" and "Kerygma and History in the New Testament," no date |
| 19         | 3             | Swain, David L., "Comments on Japanese cultural history," Furloughed and New Missionary Conference, Area Meeting for East Asia, June 1965                         |
| 19         | 4             | Thornton, Edward E, "A Report on the Program of Human Development at Crozer Theological Seminary," June 14, 1968  |

- 19 5 Unidentified author, book review, *George Rapp's Harmony Society 1785-1847*, by Karl J.R. Arndt, University of Pennsylvania Press, no date
- 19 6 Unidentified author, "Introduction," paper on Christianity and psychoanalysis, no date
- 19 7 Wells, James, D.D., *The Life of James Stewart*, Second Edition, circa 1920s
- 19 8 Vance, Gwendolyn W., "The Life and Thoughts of Dr. Josephus Roosevelt Coan," outline, 1978
- 19 9 Whiston, Dr. Lionel A., "Exploring the Word," no date
- 19 10 Wolfbrecht, Walter F., "What a Protestant Church Wants Its Seminaries To Be and To Do," *Theological Education*, Winter 1966
- 19 11 Zuck, Dr. Roy B., "Is Christian Education Biblical?" opening address at the Missions Seminar on Christian Education, Scripture Press Foundation, November 29-December 2, 1967

**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.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in chronological order.

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| 20         | 1             | Undated        |
| 20         | 2             | 1938 [1 of 2]  |
| 20         | 3             | 1938 [2 of 2]  |
| 20         | 4             | 1939           |
| 20         | 5             | 1940 [1 of 2]  |
| 20         | 6             | 1940 [2 of 2]  |
| 21         | 1             | 1941           |
| 21         | 2             | 1942           |
| 21         | 3             | 1943 [1 of 4]  |
| 21         | 4             | 1943 [2 of 4]  |
| 21         | 5             | 1943 [3 of 4]  |
| 21         | 6             | 1943 [4 of 4]  |
| 22         | 1             | 1944           |
| 22         | 2             | 1945 [1 of 2]  |
| 22         | 3             | 1945 [2 of 2]  |
| 22         | 4             | 1946           |
| 22         | 5             | 1947 [1 of 2]  |
| 22         | 6             | 1947 [2 of 2]  |
| 22         | 7             | 1948           |
| 23         | 1             | 1972           |
| 23         | 2             | 1980           |
| 23         | 3             | 1982           |

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| 23 | 4 | 1993 [1 of 2] |
| 23 | 5 | 1993 [2 of 2] |
| 23 | 6 | 1994          |

**Series 4****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.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by subject area, then in alphabetical order.

**General**

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| 24         | 1             | African Methodism abroad (mainly Coan's notes)  |
| 24         | 2             | African Methodist Episcopal Church Bicentennial Symposium III, Charleston, South Carolina, December 11-15, 1987 |
| 24         | 3             | African Methodist Episcopal Church cards  |
| 24         | 4             | African Methodist Episcopal Church Church organizational charts   |
| 24         | 5             | African Methodist Episcopal Church General Conference, 35th Session, Miami, Florida, May 1956                   |
| 24         | 6             | African Methodist Episcopal Church General Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 1964                               |
| 24         | 7             | Annual conference worship programs  |
| 24         | 8             | Atlanta Conference Branch Missionary Society, "One Who Cares-Shares," June 4, 1965                              |

- 24 9 "Basis, Terms and Proffer of Organic Unity," agreement between African Methodist Episcopal Church and African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, 1892
- 24 10 Bicentennial Symposium III, Focus on Henry McNeal Turner, 1987
- 24 11 Board of Missions, Annual General Meeting, New York, New York, June 14, 1950
- 24 12 Bulletins and newsletters, 1933-1983
- 24 13 Camp Baber Summer Program, 1962
- 24 14 Campaigns for Bishop, fliers, undated-1964
- 24 15 Candidates for Allen Christian Endeavor League, undated
- 24 16 Candidates for "A.M.E. Review," undated
- 24 17 Candidates for Department of Church Extension, undated
- 24 18 Candidates for Episcopal Honors, undated
- 24 19 Candidates for Secretary of Missions, undated
- 24 20 Candidates for Southern Christian Recorder, undated
- 24 21 Catechism of the African Methodist Episcopal Church
- OP1 14 Certificate of Merit, blank
- 24 22 Civil rights events, 1964
- 24 23 Clippings, 1945-1975
- 24 24 Coan's campaign for Bishop, 1948
- 24 25 Coan's campaign for Bishop, 1952
- 24 26 Commissions, flier
- 24 27 Commission on Christian Education, curriculum development for the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1962-1981
- 24 28 Commission on Christian Education, curriculum development for ministerial candidates' examination, circa 1980
- 24 29 Committee on Missions, "Report on Missions," circa 1940s
- 24 30 Committee on the Revision of Discipline, minutes from 29th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Cleveland, Ohio, 1932
- 24 31 Committee on Women's Missionary Work, circa 1965
- 24 32 Connectional Evangelistic campaign, 1962
- 24 33 Connectional Young People's Department, Third Quadrennial Convention program, 1955
- 24 34 Council of Bishops, 1948-1981
- 24 35 Council of Bishops, "African Methodism and Foreign Missions," memorandum prepared by Coan, 1952
- 24 36 Council of Bishops, Special Session "Co-ordination of Commissions," May 10-11, 1961
- 25 1 Country church and area leadership educational council, 1949
- 25 2 Delegates Elected to the General Conference, partial list, May 1956

- 25 3 Department of Minimum Salary
- 25 4 Division of Christian Education
- 25 5 Eighth district assembly
- 25 6 *Episcopal Hand Book*, Bishop BW Arnett, 1900
- 25 7 Evangelistic Planning Commission Meeting, April 14, 1953
- 25 8 Financial Department, "List of Books, Reports, Periodicals," no date
- 25 9 "Fourteenth Episcopal District At Work," 1984
- 25 10 General Board of Education, Division of Educational Institutions, 1959-1972
- 25 11 General Board of Evangelism, Quadrennial Report, 1948-1952
- 25 12 "In Fair Tennessee," Tennessee A.M.E. Rally Song
- 25 13 Jamaican Rehabilitation Fund, 1952
- 25 14 Minister's Institute, 13th Episcopal District, Chattanooga, TN, 1981
- 25 15 Musicale Extravaganza, 37th Session of General Conference, May 4, 1964
- 25 16 National Youth Conference and Convention of Sunday School Superintendents and Epworth League Presidents, July 15-20, 1952
- 25 17 *New Encyclopaedia of the African Methodist Episcopal Church*, book advertisement
- 25 18 Nineteenth Episcopal District, conference schedule, 1987
- 25 19 Opinion in the District Court of the United States, Civil Action No.6657, David H Sims v. SL Greene, 1947
- 25 20 Overseas Christian Education & Publication Services, First Quadrennial Report, 1976
- OP3 Poster, Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church
- 25 21 Prospectus for connectional campaign for evangelism of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in cooperation with world Methodism's evangelistic year 1953
- 25 22 Richard Allen Youth Council
- 25 23 "Seventeenth Biennial Session of the Lay Organization, African Methodist Episcopal Church," report, 1981
- 25 24 Silver Anniversary honoring Bishop S.L. Greene and Bishop R.R. Wright, June 20, 1961
- 25 25 Sixteenth Episcopal District, 1960-1968
- 25 26 Sons of Allen
- 25 27 South Georgia Conference, Eighth Annual Session of the Missionary Convention and Congress of Christian Education, August 5-7, 1953
- 25 28 Standing Committees of the 35th Quadrennial Session, 1956
- 25 29 Voice of Missions, Summer/Fall 1993
- 25 30 "What is the Remedy?" by R.R. Wright, Jr. (President of Wilberforce University)
- 25 31 Workshop on Christian Unity and Church Union, 1978
- 25 32 *You & Your Church*, Andrew White, Division of Christian Education, 1969
- 25 33 Young People's Department North Georgia Conference, 1974



25 34 Youth Jubilee Week, February 10-17, 1946

### **6th Episcopal District**

25 35 African Methodist Episcopal Television Ministry, 1985  
 25 36 Annual retreats, undated  
 25 37 Awards banquet, 1982  
 25 38 Bishop Wilkes Memorial Lectures on Preaching, 1983-1984  
 25 39 Bulletin of annual conference, 1948  
 25 40 Clippings, 1975-1976  
 25 41 C.M.E. Missionary Institute, 1968  
 25 42 Committee on the Black Family, 1981  
 25 43 Committee on Church Extension, 1975  
 25 44 Committee on Education, 1965-1981  
 25 45 Committee on Public Schools, 1975  
 25 46 Committee on the State of the Church, 1979  
 25 47 Committee on the State of the Country, 1974, no date  
 25 48 Committee on Temperance, 1975  
 25 49 Commissions, 1958  
 26 1 Conferences, 1966-1988  
 26 2 Directory of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, State of Georgia,  
 1980-1981  
 26 3 Finances, 1969-1988  
 26 4 Finances, conferences, 1969-1988  
 26 5 Founders' Day Exercises, 1956  
 26 6 Laymen's Fund for Theological Education, 1966-1968  
 26 7 Literary report of annual conference, 1994  
 26 8 Newsletter, October 1962  
 26 9 Notes  
 26 10 Post Conference Convocation, 1983  
 26 11 Prayer and Fellowship Breakfast, November 6, 1981  
 26 12 Presiding elders, pastors, lay leaders and workers council, 1954  
 26 13 Schedule of conferences, 1951-1953, 1955, 1962, 1965, 1981, 1986  
 26 14 Schedule of events, 1982  
 26 15 Spiritual Retreat, 1965  
 26 16 State Advisory Committee on Christian Education, 1980-1982  
 26 17 Strategies for Mission and Service, circa 1981  
 26 18 West Atlanta District, 1982-1983

### **State Conferences**

26 19 Americus Georgia Annual Conference, educational night program, undated

- 26 20 Atlanta Georgia Annual Conference journals, 1910-1913
- 26 21 Atlanta Georgia Annual Conference journals, 1920-1924
- 27 1 Atlanta Georgia Annual Conference journals, 1925-1926, 1928, 1930
- 27 2 Atlanta Georgia Annual Conference program, 1951
- 27 3 Atlanta-North Georgia Conference, 1974-1983
- 27 4 Atlanta-North Georgia Conference, souvenir journal, 1987
- 27 5 Atlanta-North Georgia Conference, souvenir programs, 1993-1994
- 27 6 Augusta Georgia Annual Conference journals, 1921-1923
- 27 7 East Tennessee Annual Conference minutes, 1901
- 27 8 Georgia Annual Conference journals, 1889-1890
- 27 9 Georgia Annual Conference journal, 1895
- 27 10 Georgia Annual Conference journal, 1908
- 27 11 Georgia Annual Conference journals, 1910-1911
- 27 12 Georgia Annual Conference journals, 1913-1918
- 27 13 Georgia Annual Conference journals, 1923, 1925
- 27 14 Georgia State Tri-Convention, 1940
- 27 15 Macon Georgia Annual Conference journals, 1909-1912
- 66 1 Macon Georgia Annual Conference journals, 1913-1914
- 66 2 Macon Georgia Annual Conference, souvenir program, 1951
- 66 3 Macon Georgia Annual Conference, souvenir program, 1969
- 66 4 North Georgia Annual Conference journals, 1886, 1888, 1894, 1912, 1923-1924
- 66 5 South Atlanta District Conference, 1965-1966
- 66 6 South Carolina Conference, program and directory, 1952
- 66 7 South Georgia Annual Conference journals, 1920-1924, 1929
- 66 8 South Georgia Annual Conference, program and directory, 1933
- 66 9 Southwest Georgia Annual Conference journals, 1908-1911
- 66 10 West Atlanta District Conference, programs, 1962-1966, 1988

### **African Methodist Episcopal Ministers' Union**

- 66 11 Atlanta jail visits, 1982
- 66 12 Calendars, 1978-1986 and no date
- 66 13 Committees
- 66 14 Constitution, directory, and program booklets, 1964-1986
- 66 15 Finances, 1980-1983 and no date
- 66 16 Installation Services, 1980, 1985
- 66 17 Meeting minutes and notes, 1978-1989
- 66 18 Membership rosters
- 67 1 Passion Week, 1979-1984
- 67 2 Programs and fliers, 1978-1987
- 67 3 Retirement and hospitalization plan

67 4 Unidentified notes

### **Christian Education Leadership Congress**

67 5 Atlanta District, 1951  
 67 6 Connectional Congress of Christian Education, 1954, 1958  
 67 7 Connectional Christian Education Conference and Institute on Aging and the Black Aged, June 25-28, 1974  
 67 8 Georgia Congress "The Centennial Anniversary of Christian Service," August 12, 1965  
 67 9 Georgia State Annual Congress programs, 1949-1957  
 67 10 Mid-Century Congress of Christian Education, August 1-4, 1950  
 67 11 Monticello District, 1951  
 67 12 Ninth Episcopal District, Leadership Training Institute, 1951, 1955  
 67 13 North Georgia Conference convention, 1951  
 OP1 11 Poster, "Christian Workers Conference!", Georgia Conference, August 15-19, 1949  
 67 14 Sixth Episcopal District, undated  
 67 15 Sixth Episcopal District, August 1-4, 1950  
 67 16 Sixth Episcopal District, August 6-10, 1951  
 67 17 Sixth Episcopal District, August 1-5, 1955  
 67 18 Sixth Episcopal District, August 15-17, 1956  
 67 19 Sixth Episcopal District, 1960  
 67 20 Sixth Episcopal District, 1961  
 67 21 Sixth Episcopal District, 1963  
 67 22 Sixth Episcopal District, 1964  
 67 23 Sixth Episcopal District, 1965  
 67 24 Sixth Episcopal District, 1967  
 67 25 Sixth Episcopal District, 1973  
 67 26 Sixth Episcopal District, 1974  
 67 27 Sixth Episcopal District, 1975  
 67 28 Sixth Episcopal District, 1981  
 68 1 Sixth Episcopal District, 1982  
 68 2 Sixth Episcopal District, directories of Congress workers, 1954-1964, no date

### **Women's Missionary Society**

68 3 Atlanta, Georgia Conference, First Quarterly Meeting, February 10, 1966  
 68 4 Atlanta North Georgia Conference, Annual Convention, 1987-1988  
 68 5 Atlanta North Georgia Conference, First Quarterly Meeting, February 12, 1970  
 68 6 Atlanta North Georgia Conference, Second Quarterly Meeting, May 13, 1965  
 68 7 Fifth Session, July 14-16, 1948

- 68 8 Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Program Guide Book, "Thy Kingdom Come," September 1955-August 1956
- 68 9 New Jersey Conference Branch, 52nd Annual Session, April 7-8, 1948
- 68 10 Quadrennial Convention, 1951
- 68 11 Quadrennial Convention, Coan's course for Religious Training Group, July 9-14, 1955
- 68 12 South Carolina 36th Annual State Convention, August 21-22, 1952
- 68 13 Women's Mite Missionary Society, New England Conference Branch, June 2-3, 1933
- 68 14 *YPD Newsletter*, January-December 1984

### **Africa**

- 68 15 African Methodist Episcopal Church Golden Jubilee, 1946
- 68 16 Annual conferences and conventions, 1943
- 68 17 Annual conferences and conventions, 1945-1946
- 68 18 Brief histories of African Methodist Episcopal churches in South Africa written by South Africans
- 68 19 Certificate of guarantee, February 9, 1945-1946
- 68 20 Christian Council of South Africa
- 68 21 Church dedications, Founders Memorial Temple 1939, Emmanuel Church 1940
- 68 22 Episcopal Message, Fifteenth Episcopal District, South Africa, 1941
- 68 23 Forty First Cape Annual Conference and Missionary Convention, souvenir program, 1939
- 68 24 Fundraising, "Mavuso Chapel," Natal, South Africa, 1949
- 68 25 Hymns in Bantu
- 68 26 Hymns in Secuana, translated by S.L. Lesabe
- 68 27 Members information book, in Cibemba, 1947
- 68 28 Notes and cards
- 68 29 Pastor's report form, annual conference, no date
- 68 30 Proposal to be African Methodist Episcopal Church representative at birth of Ghana, 1957
- 68 31 Research materials on African Methodist Episcopal Church in Orange Free State collected by Fred Arnot
- 68 32 Research project, evaluation of the educational experiments of African Methodist Episcopal Church for Bantu and Coloured racial groups in South Africa, 1950s
- 68 33 Schedule, Presiding Elder's Appointments, Johannesburg District of the Transvaal Annual Conference, 1945, Springs District, 1948
- 68 34 Special resolution on Episcopal districts, 1947
- OP1 13 St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church, Official Role, Kensington, 1948
- 68 35 Transvaal and Zambesi Annual Conferences journal, 1948
- 68 36 Travel materials, Coan's trip for Inauguration of Independence of Ghana, 1957

- 68 37 Welcome addresses to Coan, 1938-1947
- 68 38 Worship service materials

**Series 5****St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia) records, 1952-1987****Boxes 28-31****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.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by subject area, then in alphabetical order.

**Committees and general files**

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Content</b>   |
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| 28         | 1             | Administrative   |
| 28         | 2             | Billy Graham Evangelistic Association                  |
| 28         | 3             | Children and youth ministries                          |
| 28         | 4             | Christian Education Leadership Congress                |
| 28         | 5             | Classes and study groups                               |
| 28         | 6             | Commission on Evangelism                               |
| 28         | 7             | Commissions and trustees, 1982-1985                    |
| 28         | 8             | Confirmation and orientation classes, 1979-1980        |
| 28         | 9             | Easter programs, 1983-1985                             |
| 28         | 10            | Founder's Day, 1982                                    |
| 28         | 11            | Missionary society                                     |
| 28         | 12            | New members, rosters and materials, no date, 1979-1984 |
| 28         | 13            | Special event days                                     |
| 28         | 14            | Sunday School Board, 1974-1980                         |
| 28         | 15            | Tuesday mailing  |
| 28         | 16            | Worship and announcements                              |

**Financial records**

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| 28 | 17 | no date   |
| 28 | 18 | 1964-1965 |

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| 28 | 19 | 1966              |
| 28 | 20 | 1967              |
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| 28 | 22 | 1977              |
| 28 | 23 | 1978              |
| 28 | 24 | 1979              |
| 28 | 25 | Ledger, 1980-1985 |
| 29 | 1  | 1980              |
| 29 | 2  | 1981              |
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| 29 | 6  | 1985              |
| 29 | 7  | 1986              |
| 29 | 8  | 1987              |

**Printed material**

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| 29 | 9  | 57th Anniversary calendar, 1952  |
| 29 | 10 | 85th Anniversary of the Trustee Board program, June 29, 1980                       |
| 29 | 11 | A.M.E. Minister's Union and Wives Alliance, Installation Service, February 1, 1966 |
| 29 | 12 | A.M.E. Minister's Wives Alliance, 68th Anniversary program, July 27, 1980          |
| 29 | 13 | Baby contest program, March 8, 1981  |
| 29 | 14 | Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church young adult choir program, July 27, 1980 |
| 29 | 15 | Church bulletins, no date, 1962-1965   |
| 29 | 16 | Church bulletins, 1966   |
| 29 | 17 | Church bulletins, 1973-1994  |
| 29 | 18 | Church service programs  |
| 29 | 19 | Coronation of "Miss St. Mark," program, June 24, 1966                              |
| 29 | 20 | Easter program, April 19, 1981   |
| 29 | 21 | Educational ministry bulletin, no date   |
| 29 | 22 | Homecoming program, April 29, 1973   |
| 29 | 23 | Hundredth Anniversary yearbook   |
| 30 | 1  | Lenten devotional guides, 1986-1987  |
| 30 | 2  | Louise Henderson Usher Board, 4th Anniversary program, February 15, 1981           |
| 30 | 3  | Men's Day programs, no date, 1964-1991   |
| 30 | 4  | Missionary Day programs, 1976, 1981  |
| 30 | 5  | M.L. Hood Stewardess Board, 4th Anniversary Program, March 27, 1966                |
| 30 | 6  | "Rediscovering Our Heritage" program, no date                                      |

- 30 7 Re-Entrance Day Service program, June 5, 1977
- 30 8 Religious Education Seminar program, January 29, 1965
- 30 9 Reverend and Mrs. M.L. Hood, Fifth Anniversary Observance, May 2- 8, 1966
- 30 10 Reverend Ulric George concert program, April 10, 1983
- 30 11 Requiem for Dr. Thomas J. Davis, April 16, 1974
- 30 12 Ribbon cutting and dedicatory and entrance service bulletin, June 6, 1976
- 30 13 Tennessee Conference Choir program, October 19, 1980
- 30 14 Thanksgiving Sunday School program, November 20, 1983
- 30 15 Women's Day programs, no date, 1982
- 30 16 Women's Day programs, 1986, 1990

### **Vacation Bible School**

- 30 17 Christian Education materials, no date, 1982
- 30 18 Finances, no date, 1977-1985
- 30 19 Notes and lesson plans, no date, 1970s-1980s
- 30 20 Remlap printing, no date
- 30 21 Schedules, 1978-1984
- 31 1 Student rosters, no date, 1978
- 31 2 Teacher rosters, no date
- 31 3 Teaching materials, "Everybody Sing," no date
- 31 4 Teaching materials, junior activities, no date
- 31 5 Teaching materials, "Meyer's Paramount Sunday School Teacher's Class Book," no date
- 31 6 Teaching materials, Song Book, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Department of Christian Education, no date
- 31 7 Teaching materials, "Springtime Surprises," African Methodist Episcopal Church, Division of Christian Education, 1971
- 31 8 Teaching materials, "Anchors aweigh!" Great Commission Publications, 1979
- 31 9 Teaching materials, Cokesbury, 1979
- 31 10 Teaching materials, catalog, United Methodist, 1981
- 31 11 Teaching materials, Leader's Handbook, Urban Ministries, 1981
- 31 12 Teaching materials, Cokesbury catalog, 1982
- 31 13 Teaching materials, "Pioneers with Jesus," Urban Ministries, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Department of Christian Education, 1982
- 31 14 Teaching materials, "God's People," brochure, Abingdon, 1983
- 31 15 Teaching materials, "Superheroes: Past, Present, Future," 1984
- 31 16 Teaching materials, "Powerful Parables," 1985
- 31 17 Teaching materials, certificates of recognition, Abingdon, no date, 1986



**Series 6**  
**Teaching files, 1936-1994**  
**Boxes 32-48**

**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.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by school, then in alphabetical order.

**Atlanta Theological Association**

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| 32         | 2             | Board of Governors, 1970-1972   |
| 32         | 3             | Church and Community Ministries Field in the Doctor of Sacred Theology (S.T.D.), 1973 |
| 32         | 4             | Doctor of Ministry Drafting Committee, 1971-1973 [1 of 5]                             |
| 32         | 5             | Doctor of Ministry Drafting Committee, 1971-1973 [2 of 5]                             |
| 32         | 6             | Doctor of Ministry Drafting Committee, 1971-1973 [3 of 5]                             |
| 32         | 7             | Doctor of Ministry Drafting Committee, 1971-1973 [4 of 5]                             |
| 32         | 8             | Doctor of Ministry Drafting Committee, 1971-1973 [5 of 5]                             |
| 33         | 1             | Graduate Professional Studies Committee, 1972-1975                                    |
| 33         | 2             | Graduate Professional Studies Committee, minutes, 1972-1973                           |

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33 3 Budget for 1957-1958

**Interdenominational Theological Center administration**

33 4 Administrative files, 1959-1961  
 33 5 Administrative files, 1962  
 33 6 Administrative files, 1963-1964  
 33 7 Administrative files, 1965-1968  
 33 8 Administrative files, 1969-1970  
 34 1 Administrative files, 1971-1973  
 34 2 Administrative files, 1974  
 34 3 Administrative files, 1975  
 34 4 Administrative files, 1976-1977  
 34 5 Administrative files, no date  
 34 6 Budgets  
 34 7 Coan's expense reports, 1971-1972  
 34 8 Curriculum Committee Meeting, 1968  
 34 9 Directories, 1965-1983  
 35 1 Field Education supervision, 1970-1971  
 35 2 International student advising

**Interdenominational Theological Center courses**

35 3 "Administration and Leadership Development"  
 35 4 "African Independent Church Movement"  
 35 5 "A.M.E. Church Polity"  
 35 6 "The Bible in Christian Education"  
 35 7 "The Bible in Christian Education," student writing  
 35 8 "The Bible in Life and Practice"  
 35 9 "The Bible in Life and Practice," student writing  
 35 10 "The Black Religious Experience in America"  
 35 11 "The Black Religious Experience in America," student writing  
 35 12 "Christian Church and Non-Christian Cultures"  
 35 13 "The Christian Church in Africa"  
 35 14 "The Christian Mission in History"  
 36 1 "The Christian Mission in History," student papers  
 36 2 "Christianity at Work in Africa"  
 36 3 "Christianity at Work in Africa," student writing  
 36 4 "Church and Society"  
 36 5 "The Church's Educational Ministry"

- 36 6 "The Church's Educational Ministry," student writing
- 36 7 "The Church's Ministry with Youth"
- 36 8 "Curriculum in Christian Education"
- 36 9 "Curriculum in Christian Education," student writing
- 36 10 "Curriculum of Religious Education"
- 36 11 "Denominational History, History of the A.M.E. Church"
- 36 12 "Denominational History, History of the A.M.E. Church," student writing
- 36 13 "Education for Mission and Evangelism"
- 37 1 "Education for Mission and Evangelism," student writing
- 37 2 "Field Education in Administration"
- 37 3 "Foreign Missions"
- 37 4 "Foundations of Christian Education," assignments and notes
- 37 5 "Foundations of Christian Education," student writing [1 of 3]
- 37 6 "Foundations of Christian Education," student writing [2 of 3]
- 37 7 "Foundations of Christian Education," student writing [3 of 3]
- 37 8 "Foundations of Christian Education," syllabuses
- 38 1 "History of the Black Church"
- 38 2 "History of Christian Missions," assignments and notes
- 38 3 "History of Christian Missions," student writing
- 38 4 "History of Christian Missions," syllabuses
- 38 5 "Introduction to Religious Education"
- 38 6 "Leadership Training in Religious Education"
- 38 7 "Leadership Training in Religious Education," student writing
- 38 8 "Mission of the Church," assignments and notes
- 38 9 "Mission of the Church," student writing
- 38 10 "Mission of the Church," syllabi
- 38 11 "Missionary Biography," lecture notes [1 of 2]
- 39 1 "Missionary Biography," lecture notes [2 of 2]
- 39 2 "Missionary Biography," student writing
- 39 3 "Missionary Biography," syllabuses and assignments
- 39 4 "Missionary Education in the Local Church"
- 39 5 "Missionary Education in the Local Church," student writing
- 39 6 "Missionary Idea in the Old Testament"
- 39 7 "Missionary Problems and Opportunities"
- 39 8 "Missionary Problems and Opportunities," student writing
- 39 9 "The Missionary Task of the Church at Home and Abroad"
- 39 10 "Old Testament Introduction"
- 39 11 "Old Testament Prophecy"
- 39 12 "Pathfinders of the Missionary World"

- 39 13 "Principles and Practices of Missions"
- 39 14 "Psychology of Religion"
- 39 15 "Psychology of Religion," student writing
- 39 16 "The Purpose and Program of the Christian Church"
- 39 17 "Religion in Higher Education"
- 39 18 "Religions of the World," lecture notes [1 of 2]
- 40 1 "Religions of the World," lecture notes [2 of 2]
- 40 2 "Religions of the World," student writing
- 40 3 "Religions of the World," syllabuses and assignments
- 40 4 "World Christianity"
- 40 5 "World Christianity," student writing [1 of 3]
- 40 6 "World Christianity," student writing [2 of 3]
- 40 7 "World Christianity," student writing [3 of 3]
- 40 8 Unidentified classes, course material
- 40 9 Unidentified classes, student writing [1 of 3]
- 41 1 Unidentified classes, student writing [2 of 3]
- 41 2 Unidentified classes, student writing [3 of 3]

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- 41 3 10th Anniversary Observance
- 41 4 Annual Thanksgiving Dinners, 1966-1967
- 41 5 Association of Professors of Missions, 1963-1975
- 41 6 Chapel services, programs, 1959-1979
- 41 7 Chapel services, readings and prayers, no date
- 41 8 Clippings, 1964-1978
- 41 9 Conferences, 1st Conference on the Christian World Mission, January 30-31, 1961
- 41 10 Conferences, 2nd Conference on the Christian World Mission, January 25-27, 1962
- 41 11 Conferences, 3rd Conference on the Christian World Mission, February 6-8, 1963
- 41 12 Conferences, 4th Conference on the Christian World Mission, February 5-7, 1964
- 41 13 Conferences, Association for Professional Education for Ministry, June 15-18, 1972
- 42 1 Conferences, Center for African-African American Studies of Atlanta University, Conference on African Religion, April 30-May 2, 1970
- 42 2 Conferences, Conference on the Ministry, June 10-13, 1975
- 42 3 Conferences, Educational Ministry of the Church, 1967
- 42 4 Conferences, Interdenominational Conference of Overseas Personnel, August 10-16, 1972

- 42 5 Conferences, National Conference for Black Seminarians, February 28-March 3, 1979
- 42 6 Conferences, National Convocation on the Church and Violence in the Nation, March 11-14, 1969
- 42 7 Conferences, Pre-General Conference Meeting, Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church, Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, 1964
- 42 8 Conferences, Religious Heritage of the Black World, Conference of Black Church Fathers, April 1971
- 42 9 Consultation on Evangelism, February 8-10, 1967
- 42 10 Continuing Education, 1968-1973
- 42 11 Correspondence, no date, 1960-1984
- 42 12 Eden Theological Seminary
- 42 13 Fact Research Service
- 42 14 Faculty News
- 42 15 Gammon Theological Seminary
- 42 16 International Students Association of Interdenominational Theological Center
- 42 17 Interdenominational Theological Center Library
- 43 1 Interdenominational Theological Center Library, book orders
- 43 2 Interdenominational Theological Center Library, Charles S. Butcher Collection, 1973-1975
- 43 3 Lectures on African Religions, October 28-30, 1970
- 43 4 Methodist Board of Missions, 1966
- 43 5 Notes
- 43 6 Professors of Religious Education, 1967-1971
- 43 7 Programs, Charter Day, 1971-1987
- 43 8 Programs, commencement exercises, 1977-1988
- 43 9 Programs, Founders' Day Convocations, 1963-1977
- 43 10 Programs and fliers, no date, 1964-1985
- 43 11 Student Manifesto, 1969
- 43 12 Student recommendations, no date, 1959-1973
- 44 1 Student recommendations, 1974-1984
- 44 2 Tuesday Mailing, 1968-1973
- 44 3 Williamson, Dr. Ralph

### **Morris Brown College**

- 44 4 Administrative file, no date-1972
- 44 5 Administrative file, 1973-1987
- 44 6 American Issues Forum, 1976
- 44 7 Class, "African Methodism in South Africa" [1 of2]
- 44 8 Class, "African Methodism in South Africa" [1 of2]

- 45 1 Class, "The Bible in Christian Education"
- 45 2 Class, "The Bible in Life and Practice"
- 45 3 Class, "The Bible in Religious Education"
- 45 4 Class, "The Black Religious Experience in America"
- 45 5 Class, "Christianity in Africa"
- 45 6 Class, "The Essentially Missionary Character of Christianity"
- 45 7 Class, "Evangelism"
- 45 8 Class, "The History of the Expansion of Missions"
- 45 9 Class, "The Missionary Task of the Church at Home and Abroad"
- 45 10 Class, "Old Testament Prophecy"
- 45 11 Class, "Psychology 201," 1937
- 45 12 Class, "The Purpose and Program of the Christian Church"
- 45 13 Class, "Religion 202"
- 45 14 Class, "World Christianity"
- 45 15 Class lectures, unidentified classes
- 45 16 Clippings, 1950-1984
- 45 17 Correspondence, no date, 1952-1968
- 45 18 Inauguration of Calvert Hayes Smith, Thirteenth President of Morris Brown College, September 20, 1985
- 45 19 National Alumni Association Awards Dinner Dance, May 14, 1977
- 45 20 Nhlapo, Dr. Jacob
- 45 21 Programs, "Africa at Worship," March 13, 1951 and July 30, 1961
- 45 22 Programs, chapel services, 1948-1966
- 45 23 Programs, commencement exercises, 1937-1983
- 46 1 Programs, Founders' Day, 1952-1981
- 46 2 Programs and fliers, no date, 1949-1994
- 46 3 Religious Emphasis Week, 1936-1937
- 46 4 Report of the Treasurer, 1946-1947
- 46 5 Student writing
- 46 6 Unidentified author, "A Few Outstanding Facts of Fountain Administration of Morris Brown College, 1928-1950," booklet, no date

### **Turner Theological Seminary**

- 46 7 Administrative file, 1962-1982
- 46 8 Administrative file, Albert Dunn case, 1963
- 46 9 Annual Catalogue, 1957-1958
- 46 10 Brochures, fliers, and programs, 1950-1986
- 46 11 Class, "The Black Religious Experience in America"
- 46 12 Class, "Extension Course"
- 46 13 Class, "Old Testament," 1957

- 46 14 Class, "Organization and Administration of Religious Education," 1950
- 46 15 Classes on missionary work
- 46 16 Clippings, 1981
- 46 17 84th Convocation Celebration, 1978
- 46 18 87th Convocation Celebration, 1981
- 46 19 88th-91st Convocation Celebrations, 1982-1985
- 46 20 93rd Convocation Celebration, 1987
- 46 21 Correspondence, 1968-1985
- 47 1 Flipper Collection in the Turner Theological Seminary Library, circa 1957
- 47 2 Founders' Day, 1966
- 47 3 Founders' Day, 1967
- 47 4 Founders' Day, 1968
- 47 5 Founders' Day, 1969-1971
- 47 6 Student writing, 1958
- 47 7 Turner Theological Seminary Alumni Association, 1965-1986

### **Wilberforce Institute of South Africa**

- 47 8 Achievements of Wilberforce under the Superintendency of J.R. Coan, 1946
- 47 9 Annual Reports, 1940-1947
- 47 10 Bank Statements, 1945-1947
- 47 11 Bulletin of Information, booklet, no date
- 47 12 Disciplinary action, circa 1945-1946
- 47 13 Exam agreements, November 28, 1940
- 47 14 Farewell Reception for Coan, 1947
- 47 15 Financial records, circa 1946-1947
- 47 16 Founders' Day, 1936 and 1949
- 47 17 Memorial service for Brother John S. Adams, September 23, 1951
- 47 18 Nhiapo, Dr. J.M., "Wilberforce Institute: Fanny Coppin Hall," 1949
- 47 19 Reception in Honour of Bishop J.A. Gregg, September 15, 1951
- 47 20 Rules and Regulations, 1946
- 48 1 Service of Dedication Programme, April 15-18, 1959
- 48 2 Student papers and sermons, circa 1940s
- 48 3 Student theses, A-M, 1941-1943
- 48 4 Student theses, N-Z, 1941-1943
- 48 5 Wright School of Religion
- 48 6 Xabanisa vs. Coan, briefs, 1946-1947
- 48 7 Xabanisa vs. Coan, correspondence and notes, 1946-1947

### **Unidentified**

- 48 8 Class materials [1 of 2]

48 9 Class materials [2 of 2]



**Series 7**  
**Subject files, 1950-1986**  
**Boxes 49-54 and BV 5**

**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.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order.

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| 49  | 2      | American Society of African Culture, 1959-1963 [1 of 3]   |
| 49  | 3      | American Society of African Culture, 1959-1963 [2 of 3]   |
| 49  | 4      | American Society of African Culture, 1959-1963 [3 of 3]   |
| 49  | 5      | American Society of African Culture, 3rd Annual Conference, University of Pennsylvania, June 22-26, 1960 [1 of 2] |
| 49  | 6      | American Society of African Culture, 3rd Annual Conference, University of Pennsylvania, June 22-26, 1960 [2 of 2] |
| 49  | 7      | American Society of African Culture, Fourth International Conference, Howard University, April 11-13, 1963        |
| 50  | 1      | American Society of African Culture, Eighth Annual Meeting, Atlanta University, June 24-26, 1965 [1 of 2]         |
| 50  | 2      | American Society of African Culture, Eighth Annual Meeting, Atlanta University, June 24-26, 1965 [2 of 2]         |
| 50  | 3      | Atlanta Job Corps Center, 1979-1984   |
| 50  | 4      | Atlanta Region Open Housing Coalition, no date  |
| 50  | 5      | Atlanta University Center, 1962-1977  |
| 50  | 6      | Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta, 1975-1976  |
| 50  | 7      | Church/Business Jobs Network, circa 1982  |
| 50  | 8      | Civil Rights, circa 1960-1965 [1 of 2]  |
| 50  | 9      | Civil Rights, circa 1960-1965 [2 of 2]  |
| 50  | 10     | Consultation on Church Union, Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, MA, May 1-4, 1967                          |
| 50  | 11     | Dissertation publication, 1962-1968   |
| 51  | 1      | <i>Encyclopaedia Africana</i> , 1962-1963   |

- 51 2 Ford Foundation Research Project, circa 1965 [1 of 3]
- 51 3 Ford Foundation Research Project, circa 1965 [2 of 3]
- 51 4 Ford Foundation Research Project, circa 1965 [3 of 3]
- 51 5 Methodist Church Board of Education "Curriculum Memo," 1961
- 51 6 National Council of the Churches of Christ, 1952-1986 [1 of 4]
- 51 7 National Council of the Churches of Christ, 1952-1986 [2 of 4]
- 51 8 National Council of the Churches of Christ, 1952-1986 [3 of 4]
- 52 1 National Council of the Churches of Christ, 1952-1986 [4 of 4]
- 52 2 National Council of the Churches of Christ, Cooperative Curriculum Project, 1963
- 52 3 National Council of the Churches of Christ, Cooperative Curriculum Project, Stage V, meeting minutes, 1964
- 52 4 National Council of the Churches of Christ, Cooperative Curriculum Project, Stage V, reports, 1964 [1 of 4]
- 52 5 National Council of the Churches of Christ, Cooperative Curriculum Project, Stage V, reports, 1964 [2 of 4]
- 52 6 National Council of the Churches of Christ, Cooperative Curriculum Project, Stage V, reports, 1964 [3 of 4]
- 52 7 National Council of the Churches of Christ, Cooperative Curriculum Project, Stage V, reports, 1964 [4 of 4]
- 53 1 Newspaper Institute of America, 1967-1979 [1 of 2]
- 53 2 Newspaper Institute of America, 1967-1979 [2 of 2]
- BV5 - Newspaper Institute of America
- 53 3 Nielsen TV ratings, 1981-1982
- 53 4 Ohio Wesleyan Conference on American Methodism, 1967
- 53 5 Payne Theological Seminary, circa 1964
- 53 6 Providence Industrial Mission Project, Dr. D.S. Malekebu, circa 1950
- 53 7 Russell Street Baptist Church, 1964-1973
- 53 8 Sammye E. Coan Middle School, 1963-1968
- 53 9 Southern Collective of African American Writers, 1978-1979
- 53 10 United Methodist Church, Board of Missions, 1964-1965 [1 of 2]
- 54 1 United Methodist Church, Board of Missions, 1964-1965 [2 of 2]
- 54 2 Urban Training Organization of Atlanta, 1958-1972
- 54 3 Veterans Administration, no date
- 54 4 W.A. Fountain, 1950
- 54 5 Zimbabwe, 1980

**Series 8**  
**Photographs, 1930-1982**  
**Boxes 55-56; OP 1-2; and OBV 1-3**

**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.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by subject area, then in alphabetical order.

**Coan**

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| 55         | 2             | Portraits, no date [photographer: Adair Tate]                                     |
| 55         | 3             | Portrait, no date [photographer: A.L. Adams Studio, Atlanta, Georgia]             |
| 55         | 4             | Portraits, no date [photographer: Jack London Studio, Johannesburg, South Africa] |
| 55         | 5             | PhD graduation, Hartford Seminary Foundation, 1961                                |
| 55         | 6             | Snapshot, 1965  |
| 55         | 7             | Portrait, January 6, 1980   |

**Coan with others: undated**

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| 55 | 8  | Unidentified, no date   |
| 55 | 9  | In Africa, no date  |
| 55 | 10 | At a mission in Africa, no date   |
| 55 | 11 | Groundbreaking of a chapel in Africa, no date                                 |
| 55 | 12 | The Inn Buck Hills Falls, Pennsylvania, no date                               |
| 55 | 13 | Interdenominational Theological Center, no date [photographer: H.C. Williams] |
| 55 | 14 | Lyuchi circuit, Isoka, near old Fife, no date                                 |
| 55 | 15 | Minister and wife, Wareeniging, no date                                       |
| 55 | 16 | Reverend Peter Lesabe and driver Mr. Opperman, no date                        |
| 55 | 17 | With choir in Africa, no date   |
| 55 | 18 | With colleague, no date   |

OP1 1 Women's Missionary Society, Transvaal Conference Branch, no date

**Coan with others: dated**

55 19 Howard University graduation, 1930  
 55 20 The School of Religion, 1939  
 OP2 - Divinity School photo, 1932  
 55 21 Annual conference with Bishop Young, 1947  
 55 22 With ministers visiting Dr. and Mrs. D.S. Malekebu at Mission Chiradzulu, Nyasaland, East Africa, 1947  
 OP1 9 With Representatives of Workshop and Seminar Groups of the 43rd Session of the Georgia State Christian Education Leadership Congress, Morris Brown College, August 1951  
 55 23 Bishop Francis Herman Gow, Dr. and Mrs. Bright, Ghana, 1957  
 55 24 January 1957  
 55 25 PhD graduation, Hartford Seminary Foundation, 1961  
 55 26 October 1962  
 55 27 1965  
 55 28 May 1969  
 55 29 May 18, 1969  
 55 30 Morris Brown College Leadership Group, 1974 [photographer: Dodson Studio, Atlanta, Georgia]  
 55 31 80th Birthday party, 1982

**Africa**

55 32 African Methodist Episcopal Church members, Karonga Circuit, North Nyasa, Reverend John Lester C. Membe, Brother Ronald R.K. Mkandawiri, no date  
 55 33 African Methodist Episcopal Church members, Kasenga Circuit, Mzimba, P.D. Njakwa, P.Z. Mkandawiri, John Lester C. Membe, no date  
 55 34 Bloemfontein, no date  
 55 35 Carriers traveling from Karonga to Njakwa, approaching Livingstonia Mission, no date [photographer: J.L.C. Membe]  
 55 36 Conferences of Karonga and Kaporo circuits with J.B.C. Munthali and S. Chirambo, no date  
 55 37 David Sangweni, no date  
 55 38 Durban, no date  
 55 39 Evaton huts, no date  
 55 40 Mdabwi African Methodist Episcopal Church schoolchildren with Reverend Mvula, Kasungu, no date  
 55 41 Membe, John Lester C., children and wife, no date  
 55 42 Ministers at Kimberly, no date  
 55 43 Ministers of the Witbank district, no date

- OP1 12 Miss Wilberforce and court, Universal Studios, Jeppe, no date  
 55 44 Natal, including Adams College, no date  
 55 45 N.K. Masuabi, principal at coloured school in Kimberly, no date  
 55 46 People and places, unidentified, no date  
 55 47 Seeiso Griffith Lerotholi, no date  
 55 48 Sekukuniland pastors, Transvaal, no date  
 55 49 Trip to Nyasaland, Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Tanganyika, no date  
 55 50 Unidentified man, Film Tests studio, Johannesburg, no date  
 55 51 Vereeniging, no date  
 55 52 Wilberforce Institute, including Bishop Wright's visit, no date  
 55 53 Winnie Lange, no date  
 55 54 Witbank choir, no date  
 55 55 Bethlehem, Bethel, and Ventersdorp, 1940  
 56 1 Calendar, 1941  
 56 2 Bishop John A. Gregg, visit to Wilberforce, 1944 [includes photos with Coan]  
 56 3 Reverend and Mrs. Lawrence, Easter 1944  
 56 4 Babsie and Nic Christians, May 4, 1945 [photographer: Candid Photo Service, Heathfield]  
 56 5 African Methodist Episcopal Church members of the district conference, J.L. Shaba, John Lester C. Membe, Fort Jameson, Northern Rhodesia, 1946  
 56 6 John and Sophia Adams, 1946 [photographer: 20th Century Studios]  
 56 7 Mbeya African Methodist Episcopal Church, pastors' council including John Lester C. Membe, Tanganyika, January 1948  
 56 8 Reverend Lawrence, from Cape Town, May 1948  
 56 9 New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Nyasaland, April 17, 1949  
 56 10 Trip to Ghana for Independence, 1957-1958

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- 56 11 African-American congregation, no date [includes photo with Coan] [possible early pastorate]  
 56 12 A.J. Carey Jr, no date  
 56 13 Claudia Burriss, no date [photographer: Green & Haynes Photographers, Anderson, South Carolina]  
 56 14 John Epps, A.L., no date [photographer: Adams Photo Studio]  
 56 15 Principal and Mrs. Amos J. White at their home, no date  
 56 16 Reverend G.R. Crayton, no date  
 56 17 Reverend Isaac P. Makhale, South Africa, no date  
 56 18 Ruth B Lewis, no date  
 56 19 Ruth Gaston Mueller, no date  
 56 20 Sam, Atlanta, GA, no date

- 56 21 Unidentified, no date [photographer: Green & Haynes Photographers, Anderson, South Carolina]
- 56 22 Unidentified family, no date [photographer: Snap Shot Service, Atlanta, Georgia]
- 56 23 Unidentified man, no date [photographer: P. Daniel & Fourie Photographers]
- 56 24 Unidentified man, no date [photographer: Respass-Grimes Engraving Co, Jacksonville, Florida]
- OP1 2 Unidentified woman, no date
- 56 25 Unidentified woman, no date [photographer: Auburn Optical Co., Atlanta, Georgia]
- 56 26 Unidentified, no date [1 of 2]
- 56 27 Unidentified, no date [2 of 2]
- 56 28 Unidentified, 1957
- 56 29 Unidentified, 1959
- 56 30 Unidentified, 1960
- 56 31 Unidentified, 1961
- 56 32 Unidentified, 1964
- 56 33 Unidentified, 1966
- 56 34 Unidentified woman, Miami Beach Mall, February 1965 [wife?]
- 56 35 Shirley Wilcher, 1968-1969 [family]
- 56 36 Children: Susan, Thomas, Kathy, 1982

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- OBV1 1930s
- OBV2 Africa, no date
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- 56 37 African Methodist Episcopal Church religious service, no date [includes photos with Coan]
- 56 38 Funeral, no date
- 56 39 Parsonage of Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church, no date
- 56 40 Sammie Fuller Coan's grave, no date [includes photo with Coan]
- 56 41 Speaking event, no date [includes photos with Coan]
- 56 42 African Methodist Episcopal Church Conference, Kansas City, 1948 [includes photo with Coan]
- 56 43 Unidentified places, no date, 1957, 1960
- 56 44 Interdenominational Theological Center faculty retreat, Hinton Rural Life Center, Haynesville, NC, 1969 [includes photo of Coan]

### Postcards and photocards

- 56 45 Africa [1 of 2]

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| 56 | 46 | Africa [2 of 2]                      |
| 56 | 47 | Europe [includes postcard with Coan] |
| 56 | 48 | United States and Canada             |

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**Series 9**  
**Personal papers, 1920-2002**  
**Boxes 57-62; OP1; and OBV 4**

**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).

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by record type.

**Coan, Eloise Morris**

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| 57         | 2             | Atlanta Association of Media Women, 1994                            |
| 57         | 3             | Birth affidavit   |
| 57         | 4             | Celebrations, no date   |
| 57         | 5             | Certificates and awards, 1983                                       |
| 57         | 6             | Church Women United, no date  |
| 57         | 7             | Church Women United in Atlanta, 1979-1980                           |
| 57         | 8             | Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, 1994                                    |
| 57         | 9             | Family evaluation, no date  |
| 57         | 10            | Materials on aging, 1992  |
| 57         | 11            | Memorial programs, 1994   |
| 57         | 12            | National Council of Negro Women, 1993                               |
| 57         | 13            | Reed High School Reunion, May 6-9, 1982                             |
| 57         | 14            | South Carolina State College alumni materials, circa 1980s [1 of 2] |
| 57         | 15            | South Carolina State College alumni materials, circa 1980s [2 of 2] |
| 58         | 1             | South Carolina State College alumni materials, 1990                 |
| 58         | 2             | Women's Day, Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1993    |
| 58         | 3             | Women's Missionary Society, circa 1970s-1980s                       |



58 4 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Finer Womanhood Banquet, March 26, 1977

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58 5 Biographical sketch  
58 6 Commencement exercises, Atlanta University, 1926  
OP1 3 Diploma, Spelman Seminary, 1920  
OP1 4 Diploma, Atlanta University, 1926  
OP1 5 Diploma, Spelman College, 1933  
58 7 Obsequies, February 28, 1963  
58 8 Sammye E Coan Honor Society, Honors Day Program and Banquet, 1966  
58 9 Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, certificate, November 8, 1944

**Financial records**

58 10 Bank statement, January 1967  
58 11 Bank statements and checks, December 1970  
58 12 Bank statements and checks, February 1976  
58 13 Bank statements and checks, May 1976  
58 14 Bank statements and checks, August 1976  
58 15 Bank statements and checks, September 1976  
58 16 Bank statements and checks, October 1976  
58 17 Bank statements and checks, November 1976  
58 18 Car property taxes, 1950s-1980s  
58 19 Car registration, South Africa, 1944  
58 20 Check transaction registers, 1968  
58 21 Check transaction registers, 1969  
58 22 Check transaction registers, 1970  
58 23 Check transaction registers, 1971  
58 24 Check transaction registers, 1972  
58 25 Check transaction registers, 1973  
58 26 Check transaction registers, 1974  
59 1 Check transaction registers, 1975  
59 2 Contributions  
59 3 Deposit slips, 1969-1976  
59 4 Deposit receipt slips, 1969-1975  
59 5 Employer taxes, Sallie Bymes, 1969  
59 6 Employer taxes, Sallie Bymes, 1970  
59 7 Employer taxes, Sallie Bymes, 1971  
59 8 Employer taxes, Sallie Bymes, 1972  
59 9 Employer taxes, Sallie Bymes, 1973  
59 10 Employer taxes, Sallie Bymes, 1975

- 59 11 Employer taxes, Sallie Bymes, 1977
- 59 12 Employer taxes, Sallie Bymes, 1978
- 59 13 Employer taxes, Sallie Bymes, 1979
- 59 14 Employer taxes, Sallie Bymes, 1980
- 59 15 Employer taxes, Sallie Bymes, 1981
- 59 16 Employer taxes, Sallie Bymes, 1982
- 59 17 Employer taxes, Sallie Bymes, 1983
- 59 18 Georgia League Credit Union
- 59 19 Hartford Seminary expenses
- 59 20 Howard University account book
- 59 21 Morris Brown College, travel expenses
- 59 22 North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance
- 59 23 Notebook, personal finances, 1982-1989
- 59 24 Permit to export bank notes, currency, gold, or securities, South Africa, 1947
- 59 25 Personal expenses, 1944
- 59 26 Personal tax, Transvaal, 1942-1945
- 59 27 Promissory notes, 1942-1945
- 60 1 Property, West Lake Avenue, Atlanta
- 60 2 Property taxes, no date, 1950s-1960s
- 60 3 Property taxes, 1970s-1990s
- 60 4 Receipts
- 60 5 Taxes, 1977
- 60 6 Taxes, 1978
- 60 7 Taxes, 1981
- 60 8 Taxes, 1985
- 60 9 Taxes, 1986
- 60 10 Taxes, 1987
- 60 11 Turner Theological Seminary, Student Aid Fund statements and receipts, 1966
- 60 12 Wheel tax, Transvaal, 1940

### **Legal records**

- 60 13 Consulate registration papers, 1940
- 60 14 Copyright certificate, Library of Congress, 1962
- 60 15 Customs papers, South Africa, 1938, 1947
- 60 16 Marriage license, Josephus Coan and Eloise Morris, 1970
- 60 17 Passport materials and vaccination records
- 60 18 Power of attorney, 1942
- 60 19 Selective service papers

### **Memorabilia**

- 60 20 80th birthday celebration, 1982
- 60 21 100th birthday celebration, 2002
- 60 22 Appreciation ceremony, 1986
- 60 23 Card, Airlines clergy bureau
- 60 24 Cards, others
- 60 25 Cards, personal
- 60 26 Certificate of academic credit, International Council of Religious Education, 1932
- OP1 6 Certificate from the State of Tennessee, in recognition of outstanding service to the City of Chattanooga, presented by the Honorable Clarence B. Robinson, April 23, 1981
- 61 1 Certificate, Sacred Heart Spiritual Society
- 61 2 Certificate, St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal Church, Women's Day, 1979
- 61 3 Dorthula Cook's Birthday Celebration, 1993
- 61 4 Homegoing celebration, February 14, 2004
- 61 5 Quality Living Services Luncheon, 1986
- 61 6 Retirement recognition banquet, 1974
- 61 7 Ribbon, 93rd Anniversary, Antioch African Methodist Episcopal Church, Decatur, Georgia, July 2-9, 1961
- 61 8 Special edition print commemorating Second Inauguration of William Jefferson Clinton and Albert Gore, Jr., February 1997
- 61 9 Special Recognition Award, Center for International Security Studies, 1979

### **Professional**

- 61 10 Biographical sketches and résumés
- 61 11 Business card, Interdenominational Theological Center and Turner Theological Seminary
- 61 12 Business card, Wilberforce Institute, Transvaal
- 61 13 Certificate of Participation, Conference on the Ministry, June 13, 1973
- 61 14 Clergy appointments and ordinations, 1927-1988
- 61 15 Clergy permit application forms
- 61 16 Home dedication, Deacon Saint Pierre Morris, 1977
- OP1 7 Letter, Georgia's Outstanding Citizens, February 21, 1990
- 61 17 Letters of introduction, 1938
- 61 18 List of writings
- OP1 8 Membership renewal certificate, St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1987
- 61 19 Notebooks, no date, 1947 [1 of 2]
- 61 20 Notebooks [2 of 2]
- 61 21 Notes
- 61 22 Railroad clergy permits

**South Africa**

- 61 23 Certificate of inoculation and vaccination, Union of South Africa, 1947
- 61 24 Certificate of Minister of Religion, South Africa, no date
- 61 25 Gas ration cards, South Africa, 1940s
- 61 26 Identification card, 1942
- 62 1 Immigration papers and correspondence, South Africa, 1940s
- 62 2 Letter of authority, Bishop Reid, 1940
- 62 3 Membership card, African United Cultural & Domestic Workers' Club, 1943
- 62 4 Membership card, Bantu Men's Social Centre, 1939
- 62 5 Minister's Identification card, South Africa, 1946
- 62 6 Postage stamps, Union of South Africa
- OBV4- Scrapbook [containing records, printed material, and photographs relating to Coan's service in South Africa]
- 62 7 Ticket, Union-Castle Line, Capetown from England, August 5, 1938
- 62 8 Ticket envelope, S.S. Deutschland, New York to England, July 14, 1938
- 62 9 Wireless radio license, 1939-1947

**Student material**

- 62 10 Coan's grades, 1922-1949
- 62 11 Hartford Seminary commencement program, 1961
- 62 12 Hartford Seminary student materials
- 62 13 Howard University, commencement programs, 1930 and 1934
- 62 14 Howard University, room rent card, 1928
- 62 15 Howard University, student manual and souvenir programs, 1927-1931
- 62 16 Phi Beta Sigma fraternity
- 62 17 State College student schedule and recitation card
- 62 18 Union Theological Seminary
- 62 19 University of London Lodgings Bureau
- 62 20 Yale alumni materials
- 62 21 Yale commencement and anniversary programs, 1931-1938
- 62 22 Yale photo key, 1930-1932
- 62 23 Yale rules and registration forms

**Series 10**  
**Printed material, 1925-1994**  
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**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.

**About Coan**

| Box | Folder | Content  |
|-----|--------|--|
| 63  | 1      | Book advertisement, undated  |
| OP1 | 10     | Broadside, "Hear Rev. Josephus R. Coan: Reports for 9 Years of Service in South Africa," Dusable High School, September 21, 1947 |
| 63  | 2      | "Three Books You Ought to Read," promotional literature, no date   |
| 63  | 3      | Newspaper clippings, no date, 1935-1984  |

**By Coan**

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| 63 | 4  | "African Methodism and Foreign Missions," no date  |
| 63 | 5  | "Hymns, Spirituals, Gospel Songs" in Sotho, Xhosa, Zulu, Afrikaans, Achewa, no date  |
| 63 | 6  | "The Year of Jubilee," The South African Christian Recorder, November-December 1946  |
| 63 | 7  | "Post-Jubilee Annual Conference," The South African Christian Recorder, January-February 1947  |
| 63 | 8  | "The Summons to Advance in Christian Missions," and "The A.M.E. Church and Foreign Missions," Western Christian Recorder, May 25, 1950 |
| 63 | 9  | "Witch-Hunting, Or Seeking Deep Underlying Causes?" The Southwestern Christian Recorder, September 18, 1954                            |
| 63 | 10 | "Announcement," The Christian Recorder, February 2, 1956   |
| 63 | 11 | "The Georgia Council of Churches in Retrospect and Prospect," The Southwestern Christian Recorder, January 5, 1957                     |
| 63 | 12 | "Expansion of Christianity in Southern Rhodesia," The Center, Vol.1, No.1, Spring 1960   |
| 63 | 13 | "The Expansion of Missions of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Africa, 1896-1908," Dissertation Abstracts, 1961         |
| 63 | 14 | "New Trends in Missionary Thought and Action," A.M.E. Christian Recorder, June 20, 1961  |

- 63 15 "Redemption of Africa," Journal of the Interdenominational Theological Center,  
Vol.1, No.2, 1974

### Churches

- 63 16 Alexander Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 63 17 Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 63 18 Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church (Greenville, South Carolina)
- 63 19 Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Hartford, Connecticut)
- 63 20 Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Little Rock, Arkansas)
- 63 21 Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (New Haven, Connecticut)
- 63 22 Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Savannah, Georgia)
- 63 23 Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Summerville, South Carolina)
- 63 24 Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 63 25 Bridge Street African Methodist Episcopal Church (Brooklyn, New York)
- 63 26 Calvary African Methodist Episcopal Church (Braddock, Pennsylvania)
- 63 27 Calvary African Methodist Episcopal Church (Orangeburg, South Carolina)  
[includes materials relating to Coan's efforts to rebuild the church]
- 63 28 Cobb Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 63 29 Cosmopolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 63 30 Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church (Detroit, Michigan)
- 63 31 Ethiopian Orthodox Church (New York, New York)
- 63 32 Fidelity African Methodist Episcopal Church (Bolton, Georgia)
- 63 33 First Baptist Church (Nashville, Tennessee)
- 63 34 First Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church (Buffalo, New York)
- 64 1 Flipper Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 64 2 Friendship Baptist Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 64 3 Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 64 4 John Wesley Methodist Church (Greenville, South Carolina)
- 64 5 Jones Tabernacle African Methodist Episcopal Church (Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania)
- 64 6 Lee Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Nashville, Tennessee)
- 64 7 Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church (Washington, D.C.)
- 64 8 Mt. Carmel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Doraville, Georgia)
- 64 9 Mt. Vernon Baptist Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 64 10 New Hope African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 64 11 New Westside Baptist Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 64 12 Payne African Methodist Episcopal Church (no location)
- 64 13 Ridge Hill Baptist Church (Ridge Springs, South Carolina)
- 64 14 Riverside Church (New York, New York)
- 64 15 Russell Street Baptist Church (Detroit, Michigan)

- 64 16 St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 64 17 St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 64 18 St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 64 19 St. Matthews African Methodist Episcopal Church (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)
- 64 20 St. Mary African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 64 21 St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 64 22 St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church (Hamilton, Bermuda)
- 64 23 St. Peter African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 64 24 St. Philip African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 64 25 Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 64 26 Turner Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 64 27 Turner Monumental African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 64 28 Union Chapel Methodist Church (Marietta, Georgia?)
- 64 29 Warren Temple Methodist Church (LaGrange, Georgia)
- 64 30 Wheat Street Baptist Church (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 64 31 Wilkes Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia)

### Individuals

- 64 32 Branch, G. Murray, Retirement Testimonial Dinner (Atlanta, Georgia), 1979
- 64 32 Clark, Isaac Rufus (Dr.), Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia), funeral, 1990
- 64 32 Cunningham, Elizabeth Holmes, Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia), funeral, 1994
- 64 32 Cunningham, Frank (Dr.), Morris Brown College, memorial, 1965
- 64 32 Edge, Gwendolyn R., Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia), funeral, 1994
- 64 32 Greene, Sherman L., Sr. (Bishop), Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia), funeral, 1967
- 64 32 Grier, Joseph Dell (Rev.), United Methodist Church, retirement, 1994
- 64 32 Hall, W.H. (Rev. and Mrs.), Dedication of Valdosta, Georgia, home, 1965
- 64 32 Hunter, Milton Dial, South Carolina State College, memorial 1989
- 64 32 Hunter, Milton Dial, Williams Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, memorial, 1989
- 64 32 James, Lucy, Chapel-Sellers Brothers, funeral, 1978
- 64 32 Middleton, John Albert, Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church (Atlanta, Georgia), funeral, 1975
- 64 32 Reed, Sarah Atwater, Ebenezer Baptist Church (Atlanta, Georgia), retirement, 1993
- 64 32 Thomas, George Benjamin and Farrel Harmon, 25th Anniversary (Atlanta, Georgia), 1978
- 64 32 Turner, Henry McNeal (Bishop), Savannah, Georgia street naming, 1985

- 64 32 Wilkes, William Reid, Sr., (Bishop), Texas African Methodist Episcopal Church  
(Eatonton, Georgia), memorial, 1981

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- 64 33 Africa (organizations in), 1942-1969  
 64 34 American Bible Society, 1971  
 64 35 African-American Relief Foundation, no date  
 64 36 American National Red Cross, 1942, 1945  
 64 37 Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, 1950  
 64 38 Atlanta Life Insurance Company, no date  
 64 39 Atlanta Urban League Guild, 1994  
 64 40 Brotherhood, 1964  
 64 41 Buena Vista High School (Georgia)  
 64 42 Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc., 1974, 1978-1979  
 65 1 Ecumenical Institute, 1957  
 65 2 Feed the Hungry Foundation, no date  
 65 3 Florida A&M College, 1950  
 65 4 Friendship Press (National Council of Churches), 1948-1978  
 65 5 Hampton Institute, 1950  
 65 6 Hartford Seminary Foundation, 1977-1979  
 65 7 Interdenominational Theological Center (Atlanta, Georgia), 1965-1988  
 65 8 International Council of Religious Education, no date  
 65 9 Kappa Alpha Psi, 1994  
 65 10 The Metropolitan Bible School (Waukesha, Wisconsin), no date  
 65 11 Morehouse College, 1979  
 65 12 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), no date  
 65 13 National Council of the Churches of Christ, no date  
 65 14 National Student Christian Federation, 1964-1965  
 65 15 Progressive Brothers & Sisters of Light, Sixth District, 1984  
 65 16 Protestant Radio Center (Atlanta, Georgia), no date  
 65 17 Shorter College (North Little Rock, Arkansas), 1958  
 65 18 South Carolina State Agricultural & Mechanical College, 1925-1926  
 65 19 Turner Theological Seminary, 1986  
 65 20 United Church Women/Church Women United, 1979  
 65 21 World Wide Revival Prayer Movement, no date  
 65 22 Women's Missionary Society, United Lutheran Church of America, 1945-1948  
 65 23 Yale Divinity School, 1932  
 65 24 Young Women's Christian Association, Phyllis Wheatley Branch (Atlanta, Georgia), 1952, 1965-1966



## 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.

#### Arrangement Note

Arranged by type of material.

#### Audio recordings

| Box | Folder | Content  |
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| AV1 | -      | "Convocation Tape 1," no date [original: reel to reel tape]<br>[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id bt80t]  |
| AV1 | -      | Interdenominational Theological Center, April 1, 1965 [original: reel to reel tape]<br>[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id bt7zk][Digital/<br>digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id bt7xf]  |
| AV1 | -      | Stafford, W.J. (Dr.) and the Free for All Choir, "I Don't Know" (What This<br>World is Coming To), LeFevre Sound [Free for All Baptist Church, Atlanta,<br>Georgia]<br>[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id cjncz][Digital/digitized<br>copy available in the Reading Room: id cjnbt] |

#### Motion picture film

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| - | - | Coan's footage of Africa, no date<br>[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pnv8p] |
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