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Collection Description

Biographical Note
William C. Gibbs, Jr., and Eththelle Faye Byoune Gibbs were a Chicago, Illinois-based African American couple working primarily in the twentieth century. William Gibbs was born in Chicago, Illinois, on April 30, 1925 to Dr. William C. Gibbs, Sr. and Minnie C. Gibbs. He attended the University of Chicago (Illinois), and worked for the Chicago Post Office from 1948 to 1987 in a variety of positions, including Mailing Division Clerk; Letter Carrier; Supervisor; Civil Service Examiner; Contract Compliance Officer; Hearing Officer-Investigator; Postal Service Officer; Employee Relations Branch Manager; Director of Support, Springfield District Office; and Director of Finance Division, Chicago Post Office.

Eththelle Gibbs, born the first of six children in Montgomery, Louisiana, on April 14, 1924, graduated from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1946. She was an elementary school teacher in Chicago, and Harvey, Illinois before being promoted to principal and later superintendent of Harvey Public Schools in 1971. She was an active member of the Southern University Alumni Association and of her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, of which she was selected as Woman of the Year in 2006.

William and Eththelle were married in June 1946 and resided in Chicago, Illinois, before moving to Harvey, Illinois, in 1954, where they were active at Shaffer Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church. The couple had three sons, Spencer, Marvin, and William C. II, all of whom attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, as well as five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren Eththelle retired in 1991, and the couple then moved to San Antonio, Texas. There, they joined the St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church, where William Gibbs served as Steward Pro-Tem for twelve years before being designated Steward Emeritus in 2009. Eththelle Gibbs died October 4, 2009.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of the papers of William C. Gibbs, Jr., and Eththelle Faye Byoune Gibbs. The files include correspondence between William and Eththelle during their courtship and their respective correspondence with friends and peers throughout the twentieth and beginning of the twenty-first centuries. Also included in the papers are printed materials from art museums and art publications that showcase or examine African American artists and their art, as well as newspaper clippings from 1966-2006, with a strong emphasis on politics and activism by African American individuals. Files relating to Eththelle Gibbs’s career as Harvey Public Schools principal and superintendent are also included. Eththelle’s name appears throughout the collection as Eththelle, Eththell, and Eththel, though the finding aid reflects the most common form, Eththelle.
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