

# GIBBS, WILLIAM C., 1925- William C. Gibbs, Jr., and Eththelle Faye Byoune Gibbs papers, 1926-2015

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## Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Gibbs, William C., 1925-  
**Title:** William C. Gibbs, Jr., and Eththelle Faye Byoune Gibbs papers, 1926-2015  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1385  
**Extent:** 10.5 linear feet (21 boxes)  
**Abstract:** The collection consists of correspondence documenting the lives of William C. Gibbs, Jr., and Eththelle Faye Byoune Gibbs, an African American couple from Chicago, as well as clippings they collected documenting politics and race relations in the United States.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### Source

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### **Citation**

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### **Processing**

Arranged and described at the folder level by Taylor Thomas, February 2017.

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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.

**Arrangement Note**

Organized in original order.

## Container List

### African American Art

Box	Folder	Content
9	2	Art and notes on African American artists, 1994-1999
10	18	Art and notes on African American artists, 2001-2002
11	5	Articles from Hampton University Museum publication, undated
10	3	Notes on African American artists, 2003-2004
9	3	Printed material on artist John Biggers, 2000-2001
9	4	Printed material on African American artists, 2000
9	5	Printed material on African American artists, 1998
9	6	Printed material on artist Jacob Lawrence, 1996-2001
9	7	Printed material on artist Annie Lee, 1990-1993
9	8	Printed material on African American artists, 2001-2005
9	9	Printed material on African American artists, 1991-2001
9	10	Printed material on African American artists, 1998-2002
9	11	Printed material on African American artists, 1990-2002
9	12	Printed material on African American artists, 1992-2003
10	1	Printed material on African American artists, 1990-2000
10	2	Printed material on African American artists, 1996-2006
10	4	Printed materials on African American artists, 2001-2004
10	5	Printed materials on African American artists, 2000-2004 [1 of 2]
10	6	Printed materials on African American artists, 2000-2004 [2 of 2]
10	7	Printed materials on African American artists, 1994-2003
10	8	Printed materials on African American artists, 1996-2003
10	9	Printed materials on African American artists, 1998-2001
10	10	Printed materials on African American artists, 1992-2004
10	11	Printed materials on African American artists, 2001-2002
10	12	Printed materials on African American artists, 2000-2003
10	13	Printed materials on African American artists, 2001-2002
10	14	Printed materials on African American artists, 2002-2003
10	15	Printed materials on African American artists, 1998-2003
10	16	Printed materials on African American artists, 1997-2003
10	17	Printed materials on African American artists, 2001-2003
10	19	Printed materials on African American artists, 1999-2001
11	1	Printed materials from Crisis magazine, circa 1998
11	2	Printed materials on African American artists, circa 2001
11	3	Printed materials on African American artists, 1996-2003
11	4	Printed materials on African American artists, 1995-2001

11	6	Printed materials on African American artists, 1996-2002
11	7	Printed materials on African American artists, 1995-1998
11	8	Printed materials on African American artists, circa 1992
11	9	Printed materials on African American artists, 2001-2003
11	10	Printed materials on African American artists, undated [1 of 7]
11	11	Printed materials on African American artists, undated [2 of 7]
11	12	Printed materials on African American artists, undated [3 of 7]
11	13	Printed materials on African American artists, undated [4 of 7]
11	14	Printed materials on African American artists, undated [5 of 7]
11	15	Printed materials on African American artists, undated [6 of 7]
11	16	Printed materials on African American artists, undated [7 of 7]
17	7	Printed materials on African American artists, 1994-2005
17	8	Printed materials on African American artists, 2002-2004
17	9	Printed materials on African American artists, circa 2004
17	10	Printed materials on African American artists, 1999-2004
17	11	Printed materials on African American artists, 1992-2003
17	12	Printed materials on African American artists, 2000-2004
17	13	Printed materials on African American artists, 1993-2005
17	14	Printed materials on Native American art, circa 2001
17	15	Printed materials on Native American art, circa 2002

### **Clippings**

21	1	Clippings, 1966-2003
20	16	Clippings, 1988-1994
11	17	Clippings, 1997 January-1997 February
11	18	Clippings, 1997 February-1997 March
11	19	Clippings, 1997 March-1997 April
11	20	Clippings, 1997 April-1997 July
11	21	Clippings, 1997 July-1997 August
12	1	Clippings, 1997 August-1997 September
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12	3	Clippings, 1997 October-1997 November
12	4	Clippings, 1997 November-1997 December
12	5	Clippings, circa 1997 December
12	6	Clippings, circa 1998 January
12	7	Clippings, circa 1998 February [1 of 2]
12	8	Clippings, circa 1998 February [2 of 2]
12	9	Clippings, circa 1998 March [1 of 2]
12	10	Clippings, circa 1998 March [2 of 2]
12	11	Clippings, circa 1998 April

12	12	Clippings, 1998 May-1998 July
12	13	Clippings, 1998 August-1998 September
12	14	Clippings, circa 1998 October
12	15	Clippings, circa 1998 November
12	16	Clippings, circa 1998 December
12	17	Clippings, circa 1999 January [1 of 2]
12	18	Clippings, circa 1999 January [2 of 2]
13	1	Clippings, circa 1999 February [1 of 3]
13	2	Clippings, circa 1999 February [2 of 3]
13	3	Clippings, circa 1999 February [3 of 3]
13	4	Clippings, circa 1999 March
13	5	Clippings, 1999 April-1999 June
13	6	Clippings, circa 1999 June
13	7	Clippings, circa 1999 July [1 of 2]
13	8	Clippings, circa 1999 July [2 of 2]
13	9	Clippings, circa 1999 August
13	10	Clippings, circa 1999 September [1 of 2]
13	11	Clippings, circa 1999 September [2 of 2]
13	12	Clippings, circa 1999 October
13	13	Clippings, circa 1999 November
13	14	Clippings, circa 1999 December
13	15	Clippings on the 2000 Presidential election, 2000 November [1 of 5]
13	16	Clippings on the 2000 Presidential election, 2000 November [2 of 5]
13	17	Clippings on the 2000 Presidential election, 2000 November [3 of 5]
13	18	Clippings on the 2000 Presidential election, 2000 November [4 of 5]
13	19	Clippings on the 2000 Presidential election, 2000 November [5 of 5]
14	1	Clippings on the 2000 Presidential election, 2000 December [1 of 5]
14	2	Clippings on the 2000 Presidential election, 2000 December [2 of 5]
14	3	Clippings on the 2000 Presidential election, 2000 December [3 of 5]
14	4	Clippings on the 2000 Presidential election, 2000 December [4 of 5]
14	5	Clippings on the 2000 Presidential election, 2000 December [5 of 5]
14	6	Clippings, circa 2001 January [1 of 3]
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15 1 Clippings, circa 2001 July [1 of 2]  
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15 16 Clippings, circa 2003 February [3 of 3]  
15 17 Clippings, circa 2003 March [1 of 2]  
15 18 Clippings, circa 2003 March [2 of 2]  
15 19 Clippings, circa 2003 April  
16 1 Clippings, circa 2003 May  
16 2 Clippings, circa 2003 June [1 of 2]  
16 3 Clippings, circa 2003 June [2 of 2]  
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- 17 1 Clippings, 2006 September-2006 October
- 17 2 Clippings, circa 2006 November [1 of 3]
- 17 3 Clippings, circa 2006 November [2 of 3]
- 17 4 Clippings, circa 2006 November [3 of 3]
- 17 5 Clippings, circa 2006 December [1 of 2]
- 17 6 Clippings, circa 2006 December [2 of 2]

### **Correspondence**

- 18 6 Correspondence between William and Eththelle Gibbs, 1945-1948
- 18 7 Correspondence between William and Eththelle Gibbs, circa 1946 [1 of 6 ]
- 18 8 Correspondence between William and Eththelle Gibbs, 1944-1946
- 18 9 Correspondence between William and Eththelle Gibbs, 1946-1948 [1 of 2]
- 18 10 Correspondence between William and Eththelle Gibbs, 1946-1948 [2 of 2]
- 18 11 Correspondence between William and Eththelle Gibbs, 1946-1949 [1 of 2]
- 18 12 Correspondence between William and Eththelle Gibbs, 1946-1949 [2 of 2]
- 18 13 Correspondence between William and Eththelle Gibbs, circa 1946 [2 of 6]
- 18 14 Correspondence between William and Eththelle Gibbs, circa 1946 [3 of 6]
- 18 15 Correspondence between William and Eththelle Gibbs, circa 1946 [4 of 6]
- 18 16 Correspondence between William and Eththelle Gibbs, circa 1946 [5 of 6]
- 18 17 Correspondence between William and Eththelle Gibbs, circa 1946 [6 of 6]
- 20 15 Correspondence between William and Eththelle Gibbs, 1946-1996
- 1 1 Correspondence, 1989 December-1990 July
- 1 2 Correspondence, 1990 July-1990 October
- 1 3 Correspondence, 1990 October-1991 January
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- 1 12 Correspondence, 1992 September-1992 November
- 1 13 Correspondence, 1992 November-1993 February
- 1 14 Correspondence, 1993 February-1993 July
- 1 15 Correspondence, 1993 July
- 2 1 Correspondence, 1993 July-1993 September
- 2 2 Correspondence, 1993 October-1993 November
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18	3	Correspondence between Marvin Gibbs and Apriel Gibbs, circa 2004
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6	6	Correspondence, 2005 February-2005 April
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17	17	Correspondence between Marvin Gibbs and Apriel Gibbs, circa 2005 [1 of 4]
17	18	Correspondence between Marvin Gibbs and Apriel Gibbs, circa 2005 [2 of 4]
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18	2	Correspondence between Marvin Gibbs and Apriel Gibbs, circa 2005 [4 of 4]
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18	5	Correspondence between Gibbs family members, 2010
7	1	Correspondence, 2010 January-2010 March
7	2	Correspondence, 2010 March-2010 May
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7	4	Correspondence, 2010 July-2010 September
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8	9	Correspondence, 2014 November-2014 December
8	10	Correspondence, 2015 January-2015 February
8	11	Correspondence, 2015 February-2015 April
8	12	Correspondence, 2015 May-2015 June
8	13	Correspondence, 2015 June-2015 August
8	14	Correspondence, 2015 August-2015 October
8	15	Correspondence, 2015 October-2015 December

### **Personal papers**

21	3	Art publications, 1977-2005
21	4	"Anthology of Poems for the Primary Grades, Collected by Eththel [sic] F. Gibbs", 1952
19	1	Eththelle Gibbs, disciplinary correspondence as principal, 1970-1971
19	2	Eththelle Gibbs, ephemera.1935-2009
19	4	Eththelle Gibbs, superintendent contract, Harvey Public Schools, 1988-1989
19	5	Eththelle Gibbs, public schools career files, 1966-1969
19	10	Eththelle Gibbs, speeches, undated, [1 of 2]
19	11	Eththelle Gibbs, speeches, undated [2 of 2]
19	12	Eththelle Gibbs, greeting cards and correspondence, 1973-2006
20	1	Eththelle Gibbs, personal files, 1946-1998
20	2	Eththelle Gibbs, personal files, 1998-2003
20	3	Eththelle Gibbs, correspondence as superintendent of Harvey Public Schools, 1986-1990
20	4	Eththelle Gibbs, files as superintendent of Harvey Public Schools, 1992-1995
20	5	Eththelle Gibbs, notes as superintendent of Harvey Public Schools, 1990-1991
20	6	Eththelle Gibbs, employment contract information, 1985-1989
20	7	Eththelle Gibbs, retirement and family files, 1960-1993
20	10	Eththelle Gibbs, Parents Pushing for Better Education, 1973-1974
20	11	Eththelle Gibbs, superintendent contract and vita, 1988-1993
20	12	Eththelle Gibbs, correspondence, 1992-2001
20	14	Eththelle Gibbs, professional files, 1967-2004
20	17	Eththelle Gibbs, professional files, circa 2002
20	18	Eththelle Gibbs, church and family documents, 1984-1998
20	19	Eththelle Gibbs, Harvey Public Schools documents, 1981-1990
21	2	Eththelle Gibbs, certificates and cards, 1973-2010
20	9	Illinois State University law seminar, 1991
19	6	Japanese study team's visit to Harvey Public Schools, 1988 [1 of 4]

19	7	Japanese study team's visit to Harvey Public Schools, 1988 [2 of 4]
19	8	Japanese study team's visit to Harvey Public Schools, 1988 [3 of 4]
19	9	Japanese study team's visit to Harvey Public Schools, 1988 [4 of 4]
8	16	Legal documents and funeral arrangements for Minnie C. Gibbs, 1984
8	17	Legal documents and funeral arrangements for William C. Gibbs, Sr., 1984-1986
8	18	Legal documents and correspondence from William C. Gibbs, Sr.'s estate, 1986
17	16	Photocopies of correspondence pertaining to African American men in the Chicago Postal Service, 1926-1931
20	13	Publications, 1887-1985 [BULK, 1965-1985]
9	1	San Antonio Black Business Directory, 1998-2004
20	8	The University of Chicago School Mathematics Project, 1987-198

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