

HUDSON, WINSON, 1916- Winson Hudson papers, circa 1916-2004

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Hudson, Winson, 1916-
Title: Winson Hudson papers, circa 1916-2004
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1296
Extent: 9 linear ft. (9 boxes, 1 oversized paper (OP), and AV Masters: .5 linear feet (1 box))
Abstract: Papers of African American civil rights activist Winson Hudson including material relating to her work with the NAACP in Mississippi and drafts of her unpublished autobiography.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

Unrestricted access.

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Source

Purchase, 2014.

Citation

[after identification of item(s)], Winson Hudson papers, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Processing

Unprocessed collection.

Collection Description

Biographical Note

Winson Hudson (1916-2004) was born in Harmony, Mississippi, to John Wesley Gates and Emma Kirkland, the tenth of thirteen children. At the age of 19, she married Cleo Hudson; the couple had one child, a daughter named Annie Maude. Hudson worked as a school teacher in rural Mississippi and in 1937 first tried to register to vote. Despite years of resisting threats from the Ku Klux Klan and fighting the bureaucracy of segregated Mississippi, Hudson finally succeeded in registering to vote in 1962. In 1961, at the urging of her friend Medgar Evers, she helped found the Leak County chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and served as the group's chairperson for 38 years. In 1963, she brought the first lawsuit to desegregate schools in rural Mississippi, which she won the following year. During Freedom Summer (1964) she housed young civil rights workers in her home, and following the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965, Hudson became a voter registrar herself. She died in 2004.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Winson Hudson from circa 1916-2004. The collection documents Hudson's activism in the Civil Rights Movement and includes material relating to her work with the Leak County, Mississippi, chapter of the NAACP and her friendship with Medgar Evers, as well as drafts of her unpublished autobiography. There are also photographs, awards, printed material, and sound and video recordings.

Arrangement Note

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Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	-	Meeting agendas, minutes, award certificates
2	-	Political action committee material, periodicals/magazines
3	-	Fundraising, outreach, NAACP
4	-	NAACP, family health, welfare programs
5	-	Meeting minutes, clippings
6	-	Awards, additions to autobiography, Medgar Evers materials
7	-	Photographs, book proposal, interview transcripts
8	-	NAACP, meeting minutes, agendas
9	-	NAACP, book proposal, memorials, clippings
AV1	-	"Aunt Winson": The Making of the Book Mississippi Harmony, November 23, 2002 [original: VHS] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmpxq]
AV1	-	NAACP Banquet, 1990 [original: VHS] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmpzv]
AV1	-	Tony Brown's Journal, Show #923: "The Tear on the Face of America" [original: VHS] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmq17]
AV1	-	Family singing, Winson, Dovie, Joe Green, Alice, includes "Nobody's Fault but Mine" [original: audio cassette] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmg52]
AV1	-	Madison Yazoo Leake Health Center; NAACP Banquet [original: audio cassette] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmg7b][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmg4x]
AV1	-	Hal Howard sermon [original: audio cassette] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmf63]
AV1	-	Edward Kennedy, NAACP [original: audio cassette] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmg9m][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmf77]
AV1	-	Jimmy Dell sermon [original: audio cassette] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmg66][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmf5z]
AV1	-	Richard Polk, NAACP Banquet, 1985; unidentified gospel singers [original: audio cassette] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmg3s][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmf8c]
AV1	-	New Friendship Church [original: audio cassette] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmg2n]
AV1	-	Reverend Vaughn [original: audio cassette]

- [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmg8g][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmg1h]
- AV1 - NAACP Youth Night: Jesse Jackson [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmh41][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmh7f]
- AV1 - NAACP Telethon: WSSI, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Gates, and Mrs. Honeysucker as hosts [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmh69][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmh2r]
- AV1 - Homecoming Service Morning, Galilee Baptist Church, 1992 [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmh8k][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmhn3]
- AV1 - Never Turn Back [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmhrh]
- AV1 - Freedom Awards Banquet, Sister Francesca Thompson [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmhp7][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmhqc]
- AV1 - Speech at Philidelphia [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmhmz][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmhkt]
- AV1 - NAACP Radiothon: "Come Home to the NAACP", Lake Townsend, NC, WSSI 98.3, Mrs. Hudson (local president); Women's Day (March 8): "God Acts Through Women: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, and Forever" [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmpgx][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmpbc]
- AV1 - Medgar Evers Memorial Service; Jackson, Mississippi; Myrlie Evers-Williams on Medgar Evers [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmp97][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmp00]
- AV1 - Reverend Jimmy Greer and Choir, Nashville, Tennessee [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmp28][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmp4j]
- AV1 - NAACP meeting "The Legacy of MLK": Willie Horton, panel on "Keeping King Alive", Mississippi; The Boogy Boys, Album: City Life, 1985 [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmpdn][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmpch]
- AV1 - Unidentified gospel singers [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmp14][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmp5p]

- AV1 - NAACP Telethon, WSSI, Ruby Graham, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Honeysucker as hosts, feat. local president Mrs. Hudson, First Baptist Church Choir, 1992 [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmp3d][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmpfs]
- AV1 - NAACP Telethon, WSSI, Old Main Office of Carthage Bank, songs of Sandra Krauss, Donovan Horton as host [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmpj6][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmp7z]
- AV1 - Unidentified speaker, sermon on the spirit's power [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmq72][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmq9b]
- AV1 - Unidentified gospel singers, "I Ain't Never", True Light, September 17, 1988 [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmp6t]
- AV1 - Reverend Wash, church service; speech for class of 1924 [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmp83][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmpwk]
- AV1 - Unidentified sermon and choir [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmq3h][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmq2c]
- AV1 - Winson Hudson on education, October 20, 1993 [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmqbg]
- AV1 - Black History Celebration; unidentified woman singing [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmqj9][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmqh5]
- AV1 - Unidentified gospel radio station [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmqg1]
- AV1 - Sermon; gospel singers [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmq86][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmqcm]
- AV1 - Unidentified sermon and singing [original: audio cassette]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmpkb][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pmph2]
- OP1 - Posters
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