

**PIERCE, JOSEPH A. (JOSEPH ALPHONSO),1935-
Joseph A. and Aaronetta Pierce
family papers, circa 1836-2018**

Emory University
Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library
Atlanta, GA 30322
404-727-6887
rose.library@emory.edu

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Pierce, Joseph A. (Joseph Alphonso),1935-
Title: Joseph A. and Aaronetta Pierce family papers, circa 1836-2018
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1291
Extent: 4.25 linear feet (5 boxes) and 1 oversized papers box (OP)
Abstract: Papers of African American anesthesiologist Joseph A. Pierce, Jr. and his wife Aaronetta Pierce including correspondence, printed material, financial records, and Pierce family genealogical material.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

Unrestricted access.

Terms Governing Use and Reproduction

All requests subject to limitations noted in departmental policies on reproduction.

Source

Gift of Joseph A. and Aaronetta Pierce, 2014. Joseph A. and Aaronetta Pierce donated additions in 2019.

Custodial History

Joseph A. and Aaronetta Pierce packed and shipped both the original donation and the subsequent addition from their home in San Antonio, Texas, to the Rose Library.

Citation

[after identification of item(s)], Joseph A. and Aaronetta Pierce family papers, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Emory Libraries provides copies of its finding aids for use only in research and private study. Copies supplied may not be copied for others or otherwise distributed without prior consent of the holding repository.

Appraisal Note

Randall Burkett, Curator of African American Collections, acquired the collection as part of the Rose Library's holdings in African American culture and history. Pellom McDaniels, III, Curator of African American History, acquired additions to the collection as part of Rose Library's holdings in African American culture and history.

Processing

Processed at the collection level by Sarah Quigley, 2014. Additions processed at the collection level by Sarah Quigley, February 2020.

Collection Description**Biographical Note**

Joseph Alphonso Pierce, Jr. (1935-) is an African American doctor, the son of mathematics and statistics professor Joseph Alphonso Pierce, Sr., and the great-grandson of George Foster Pierce, Methodist bishop and Emory University president (1848-1854). Pierce, Jr. is an anesthesiologist living in San Antonio, Texas, and a former captain in the United States Army Medical Corp. In 1964, he married Aaronetta Hamilton, an active member of the arts and volunteer communities in San Antonio. Together, the Pierces founded Premier Artworks, Inc., which promotes African American artists around the country.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Joseph and Aaronetta Pierce from circa 1900-2012, including correspondence, financial records, Pierce family genealogical material, printed material, and documents relating to the couple's involvement with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order by record type.

Container List

| Box | Folder | Content |
|------------|---------------|---|
| 4 | - | Correspondence, family papers, printed material |
| 5 | - | Correspondence, family papers, printed material |
| 1 | - | Correspondence, financial records, printed material |
| 2 | - | Correspondence, Pierce family scrapbook, SNCC materials |
| 3 | - | Correspondence, photographs, printed material |
| OP1 | - | Newspapers: <i>Richmond Enquirer</i> , <i>The Globe</i> , <i>New York Tribune</i> , circa 1836-1850 |
