PRIMO, QUINTIN E. (QUINTIN EBENEZER), 1913-1998.
Quintin E. Primo, Jr. family papers circa 1877-2014

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Primo, Quintin E. (Quintin Ebenezer), 1913-1998.
Title: Quintin E. Primo, Jr. family papers circa 1877-2014
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1079
Extent: 4 linear feet (4 boxes), 2 oversized bound volume (OBV), 3 bound volumes (BV), 2 extra-oversized papers (XOP), and AV Masters: 1 linear foot (1 box)
Abstract: Family papers of African American Episcopal Bishop Quintin E. Primo, Jr., his parents, minister Quintin E. Primo, Sr. and Alvira Wilhelmina Wellington Primo, and his sister, Margaret Primo McKay, including correspondence, sermons, church records, photographs, printed material, audiovisual material, and born digital material.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Source
Gift of Susan Primo, 2007. Additions were donated by Cynthia Primo Martin in 2019 and 2020.
Custodial History
Susan Primo and Cynthia Primo Martin are the daughters of Bishop Quintin E. Primo, Jr.

Citation
[after identification of item(s)], Quintin E. Primo, Jr. family papers, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Processing
Arranged and described at the collection level, 2007. Additions received in 2019 and 2020 were arranged and described at the collection level by Sarah Quigley, August 2020.

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Biographical Note
Quintin E. Primo (1913-1998) was the first African American Bishop Suffragan in the Chicago Diocese of the Episcopal Church. As a priest, he championed civil rights and founded numerous social programs in the parishes he served. As Bishop, he was the first to ordain women priests in Chicago. Primo received his education from Fort Valley Normal and Industrial Institute (Albany, Georgia), Lincoln University (Lincoln, Pennsylvania), and Virginia Theological Seminary (Alexandria, Virginia). Prior to entering the priesthood in 1941, he taught high school in Florida from 1937-1940. He was married to Winifred Thompson Primo and the couple had three children: Susan Primo, Cynthia Primo Martin, and Quintin E. Primo, III.

Quintin E. Primo (1877-1958) was an African American minister who served at several churches in Georgia and Florida throughout his lifetime. Primo was born in British Guyana, but moved to the United States in the early 20th century. Between 1920 and 1931, he served churches in Liberty County and Albany, Georgia. From 1931 to 1948, he preached at several churches in Delray Beach, Florida. In 1948, he returned to Albany, Georgia and lived there until his death on February 3, 1958. His wife, Alvira Wilhelmina Wellington Primo (1892-1958), was an African American teacher and musician. The couple married in 1910 and had five children, including Margaret Ernestine Primo (1911-) who became a teacher, and Quintin E. Primo, Jr.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of papers relating to the Quintin E. Primo, Jr. family, including correspondence, sermons, church records, photographs, printed material, audiovisual material, and born digital material. The collection contains personal and professional correspondence to and from Quintin E. Primo, Sr. as well as correspondence to and from Alvira Primo and Margaret Primo. The church records include membership rolls of Ebenezer Second Church (Limerick, Georgia) and other records of baptisms, confirmations, and marriages. The photographs include images of British Guyana and the Primo family in the United States. The
collection also contains records, photographs, and recordings of the Primo Lecture Series, named for Quintin E. Primo, Jr., as well as some of Bishop Primo’s regalia.

**Arrangement Note**
Arranged by record type.
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