Descriptive Summary

Creator: Vivian, C. T.
Title: C.T. and Octavia Vivian papers, circa 1923-2019 [bulk 1965-1990]
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1286
Extent: 107 linear feet (108 boxes), 9 oversize papers boxes and 1 oversize papers folder (OP), 1 extra-oversize papers folder (XOP), and AV Masters: 2 linear feet (1 box and 2 LP boxes)
Abstract: Papers of African American civil rights activist and minister C.T. Vivian and his wife Octavia including correspondence, printed material, photographs, subject files, and audiovisual material.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Separated Material
In Emory's holdings are books formerly owned by C.T. Vivian. These materials may be located in the Emory University online catalog by searching for: Vivian, C.T., former owner.

Source
Initial acquisition purchased from C.T. Vivian, 2014.
Additions purchased from Denise Morse, 2021.

Custodial History
Denise Morse is the daughter of C.T. and Octavia Vivian and the executor of the Cordy Tindell Vivian Sr. Estate. After C.T. Vivian's death, additions to the collection were placed in a storage locker until transfer could be arranged. During this time book dealer David McCord appraised the collection for financial value for Morse. Rose Library staff with the help of local movers packed and transferred the material from the storage locker to the Rose Library in 2021.

Citation
[after identification of item(s)], C.T. and Octavia Vivian papers, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Appraisal Note
Curator of African American Collections, Randall Burkett, acquired the collection as part of Rose Library's holdings in African American history and the Civil Rights Movement.
Curator of African American Collections, Clint Fluker, acquired the additions to the collection as part of the Rose Library's holdings in African American history and the Civil Rights Movement. Archivists have retained all material received with the additions.

Processing
Arranged and described at the file level by Laura Starratt and Michael Camp, 2018. Rose Library staff retained Octavia Vivian's original filing system of binders and file folders. Within those categories, staff imposed consistent descriptive conventions to aid access. Staff also imposed some physical rearrangement within categories to aggregate like materials.
Additions arranged and described at the collection level by Meaghan O'Riordan, 2021.

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Collection Description

Biographical Note
Cordy Tindell (C.T.) Vivian, African American civil rights activist and minister, was born on July 28, 1924, to Robert and Euzetta (Tindell) Vivian in Boonville, Missouri. He was educated in the desegregated public schools of McComb, Illinois, and attended college at Western Illinois
University. Following college, Vivian moved to Peoria, Illinois, where he became involved with nonviolent direct action efforts such as sit-ins, to end de facto segregation of public spaces in the city. In 1955, he began attending American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee, and became more deeply involved in the burgeoning Civil Rights Movement. In the 1960s, Vivian participated in the Freedom Rides and joined the staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), helping to organize campaigns in Albany, Georgia; Birmingham, Alabama; St. Augustine, Florida; and Selma, Alabama. Vivian is the founder of the Anti-Klan Network (later known as the Center for Democratic Renewal), Seminary without Walls (a program of Shaw University), and the Black Action Strategies and Information Center, as well as author of the book *Black Power and the American Myth*. C.T. Vivian died on July 17, 2020.

Octavia (Geans) Vivian was born in Pontiac, Michigan, to Leslie and Alvier Geans. She obtained a degree in social work from Eastern Michigan University and went on to work for the DeSota Bass Courts Housing Project in Dayton, Ohio, and as the women's and girl's supervisor for the George Washington Carver Community Center in Peoria, Illinois. C.T. and Octavia married in Peoria in 1953. Following the couple's move to Georgia, Octavia Vivian worked to desegregate the public school of DeKalb County and became the first African American deputy voter registrar in the county. In 1970, she published *Coretta*, the first autobiography of Coretta Scott King. Octavia Vivian passed away in 2011.

**Scope and Content Note**
The collection consists of papers of C.T. and Octavia Vivian including correspondence, printed material, photographs, subject files, and audiovisual material. Approximately half of the initial acquisition (Boxes 1-31) consists of binders, arranged by subject, which contain printed material, correspondence, minutes and reports, photographs, and other documents relating to the subject. Correspondence contains letters to and from C.T. and Octavia Vivian from 1965-2011. Major topics represented in the correspondence include the Vivian family, speaking engagements and workshops attended by C.T. Vivian, and civil rights museums and other historic sites. Many of the letters from the late 1960s deal with Operation Breadbasket and C.T. Vivian's other activities in Chicago, Illinois.

Binders document civil rights figures such as Ralph David Abernathy, Septima Clark, Jesse Jackson, Martin Luther and Coretta Scott King, Joseph and Evelyn Lowery, Rosa Parks, Hosea and Juanita Williams, and Andrew Young. They also document organizations and events such as the Anti-Klan Network/Center for Democratic Renewal; Black Action Strategies and Information Center; the March on Washington (1963) and subsequent anniversary marches; the Poor People's Campaign and Resurrection City; the Selma to Montgomery March; Seminary without Walls; and the SCLC. Subject files document programs and events with which C.T. and Octavia worked as well as their writing projects including Octavia’s drafts and letters with the publishing house regarding her book, *Coretta* (1970). Professional papers primarily document C.T.’s professional engagement including SCLC and their Operation Breadbasket, The Black Action Strategies and Information Center, and the National Anti-Klan Network/Center for Democratic Renewal.

There are also photographs that document the Vivians’ work. Many of these images were taken by Elaine Tomlin, the SCLC’s official photographer, most likely as part of her work there. These
images include SCLC staff as well as other civil rights leaders such as Ralph Abernathy, Joseph and Evelyn Lowry, Martin Luther and Coretta Scott King, and Jesse Jackson. There are also images of the 20th anniversary of the March on Washington, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major for Justice Award dinners, and Resurrection City.

Additions acquired in 2021 include audiovisual material, born digital material, calendars, printed material, correspondence, photographs, notes, speeches, and subject files. C.T. Vivian was the creator of most of this material. A significant amount of the audiovisual material consists of lectures given by contemporaries of Vivian in the field of religious studies. There are also many handwritten notes by Vivian composed while preparing for sermons.

**Arrangement Note**
Organized into 7 series: (1) Binders, (2) Correspondence, (3) Photographs, (4) Printed materials, (5) Professional papers, (6) Subject files, and (7) Additions.
Description of Series

Series 1: Binders, 1955-2005
Series 2: Correspondence, 1940, 1960-2011
Series 4: Printed material, 1962-2017
Series 5: Professional papers, 1965-2011
Series 6: Subject files, 1952-2011
Series 7: Additions, 1938-2019
Series 1
Binders, 1955-2005
Boxes 1-11, 30

Scope and Content Note
The series consists of subject binders created by C.T. and Octavia Vivian from 1955-2005. Octavia Vivian collected clippings, printed materials, correspondence, and other materials related to the Civil Rights Movement and arranged those materials in binders. The people documented in these binders include Martin Luther King, Jr. (and his family), Ralph Abernathy, Hosea Williams, John Lewis, Jesse Jackson, Andrew Young, and others. Topics such as the 1965 March from Selma to Montgomery, the 1968 Poor People's Campaign, and Operation Breadbasket in Chicago are covered. Other topics include Octavia Vivian's biographical writings on Coretta Scott King and Rosa Parks, South African apartheid, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change.

Arrangement Note
Arranged in alphabetical order.

Processing Note
Rose Library staff removed documents from their original binders and in some cases rearranged based on the content. While there is overlap in this series and Series 6: Subject files, the separation was created by Octavia Vivian and her original arrangement has been retained. In some cases, the archivist removed materials from one binder (folder) to another but those folder names retained the binder number (created by Octavia). In some cases, there were no binder number. Titles created by the archivist are written in brackets.

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**Collected notes for her autobiography**


These include notes for her writings including her autobiography and for Coretta
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Writings, Octavia Vivian, 1985

Writings, Octavia Vivian, *Coretta* chapters #104 [2]

Writings, Octavia Vivian, *Coretta*, drafts #98, undated


Topics include information on the Midwest Community Council, a "Map of the Far Right," High school reports on community organizings and racial bias

Writings, unidentified, undated
Series 2
Correspondence, 1940, 1960-2011
Box 12

Scope and Content Note
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Arrangement Note
Arranged in chronological order.

Processing Note
C.T. and Octavia Vivian arranged their correspondence with other materials located throughout the collection. The archivist kept that original order, so correspondence found with other materials is arranged in other series.

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Scope and Content Note
The series includes loose photographs not arranged by the Vivians with other materials. The photographs encompass primarily the 1950s-1980s, but there are also images of C.T. as a child as well as some later images. Most of the photographs include civil rights leaders or document marches and protests. Many of the images were taken by Elaine Tomlin, the SCLC's official photographer, most likely as part of her work there. These images consist of images of the SCLC staff as well as other civil rights leaders such as Ralph Abernathy, Joseph and Evelyn Lowery, Martin Luther and Coretta Scott King, and Jesse Jackson. There are also images of the 20th anniversary of the March on Washington, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major of Justice Award dinners, and Resurrection City.

Arrangement Note
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Processing Note
Images with no other identification are filed by the photographer's name when available. Elaine Tomlin's images are arranged with other photographs of SCLC members and activities as she was the official photographer for the organization.

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Scope and Content Note
The series consists of newspaper clippings, programs, pamphlets, and other promotional materials from 1962-2017. The majority of the materials are newspaper clippings, or in some cases, whole newspaper sections, that document the Vivians' work as civil rights activists, the work of their colleagues, and the role of race in America. In addition, there are fliers, programs, and pamphlets that highlight the work of organizations with which they were involved as well as a number of funeral programs including Dr. J. Archie Hargraves; Marie Foster; Kelly Miller Smith, Sr. and Corretta Scott King. There were also souvenir programs for events and places such as the 25th anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery march, the groundbreaking of the Holman United Methodist church, Men's Day celebrations, and lecture series.

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**Scope and Content Note**
The series includes material related to C.T. Vivian's professional activity from 1965-2011. Materials consist of meeting minutes, memoranda, correspondence, and printed material. There are also several folders of writings by C.T. Vivian. Major topics covered in the series include the National Anti-Klan Network (which later was renamed the Center for Democratic Renewal), the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Much of the series has to do with memory and memorialization of the Civil Rights Movement.

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Scope and Content Note
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Arrangement Note
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