

HESTER B. CHILDS COLLECTION, 1944-1987

Collection #
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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME of COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box

COLLECTION DATES: 1944-1987

PROVENANCE: Barbara McQueen, Indianapolis, IN

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Hester Blanche Childs (17 July 1909--7 October 1987) was born in Duncan, Mississippi. She lived in Indianapolis

most of her life. Employed as a nurse, she was affiliated with the National Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses, Inc. Childs was active in numerous civic and social organizations. She was program chairman of the Old Settler's Club and a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Council of Negro Women--Indianapolis Section.

Source: Materials in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection contains materials pertaining to Hester B. Childs and other family members including her mother Minnie B. Ward, step-father Willie Ward, uncle John Biggs, sister Rosie Lee Carr and nephew Constance D. Carr. It also highlights her activities in different clubs and organizations. The collection is comprised of one manuscript box.

Folders 1-5 contain Child's personal materials including correspondence, her autograph book and photographs. Folders 6-12 consist of family information which includes photographs and funeral records. An extensive visual representation of the family home located at 1122 W. 27th Street Indianapolis, Indiana is in folders 13-27. The last half of box 1 emphasizes her social and civic activities. Folders 28-35 contain a Mt. Zion Baptist Church bulletin and plate. The plate is dated 1872-1955. The dates appear to commemorate the location(s) of the church prior to it moving to its current location on North Boulevard. The plate contains images of the church building and the pastor in 1955. Also, there is a photo album of the National Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses, Inc. convention, and materials pertaining to Childs membership with the Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis Metros Booster Club. Folders 36-43 include obituaries, sympathy cards, a photo album, and identified and unidentified photographs of individuals. The Box concludes with identified and unidentified wedding photographs along with a wedding napkin and program. There are photographs of a trip to the Bahamas and a 1978 edition of *The Forty-Two Herald*, a newsletter pertaining to Indianapolis Public School # 42.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box 1: Hester B. Childs, Family Materials, Family Home, Organizations, Obituaries **Folder Contents**

- 1 Correspondence, 1944-1987, n.d.
- 2 Autograph Book, n.d.
- 3 Riley Cancer Research for Children Certificate, n.d.
- 4 (VC) Hester B. Childs: 1 color
- 5 Hester B. Childs, Funeral Program
- 6 (VC) Minnie B. Ward: 1 b/w; 1 color
- 7 Minnie B. Ward, Funeral Program
- 8 (VC) Willie Ward: 1 b/w
- 9 Willie Ward, Vocational Training Certificate, 1940
- 10 John Biggs, Memorial Record

- 11 Rosie Lee Carr, Memorial Record
- 12 Constance D. Carr, Memorial Record
- 13 (VC) House, Exterior: 1 b/w; 2 color
- 14 (VC) House, Interior- Enclosed Porch: 1 color
- 15 (VC) House, Interior- Hallway: 1 color
- 16 (VC) House, Interior- Living Room: 1 color
- 17 (VC) House, Interior- Dining Room: 1 color
- 18 (VC) House, Interior- Kitchen: 1 color
- 19 (VC) House, Interior- Side Bedroom: 1 color
- 20 (VC) House, Interior- Bedroom: 1 color
- 21 (VC) House, Interior- Downstair Bathroom: 1 color
- 22 (VC) House, Interior- Upstair Living Room: 1 color
- 23 (VC) House, Interior- Upstair Kitchen: 1 color
- 24 (VC) House, Interior: Upstair Front Bedroom,1 color
- 25 (VC) House, Interior- Upstair Back Bedroom: 1 color
- 26 (VC) House, Interior- Upstair Bathroom: 1 color
- 27 (VC) House, Interior- Unidentified Room: 1 color
- 28 Mt. Zion Baptist Church
- 29 Mt. Zion Baptist Church Plate,1955 (ART #R517)
- 30 (VC) Old Settler's Club, Photo Album, color
- 31 Old Settler's Club, 1976-1987
- 32 (VC) National Federation of Licensed Pratical Nurses, Inc, Identified: 1 color
- 33 (VC) National Federation of Licensed Pratical Nurses, Inc, Unidentified, 2 color
- 34 (VC) National Federation of Licensed Pratical Nurses, Inc, Photo Album, color
- 35 Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis Metros Booster Club
- 36 Obituaries, 1976-1983, n.d.
- 37 Sympathy Cards, n.d.
- 38 (VC) Identified Individuals: 1 b/w; 1 color

39 (VC) Unidentified Individuals: 1 b/w; 2 color
40 (VC) Identified Groups: 1 b/w; 1 color
41 (VC) Unidentified Groups: 1 b/w; 2 color
42 (VC) Unidentified: Photo Album, color
43 (VC) Identified Places: 1 color
44 (VC) Unidentified Places: 1 b/w; 1 color
45 (VC) Wedding, Identified: 1 color
46 (VC) Wedding, Unidentified: 1 color
47 Wedding Napkin and Program, 1979
48 (VC) Bahamas, Unidentified: 1 color
49 *The Forty-Two Herald*, School Publication, 1978

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Childs, Hester B. (Hester Blanche), 1909-1987

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Childs, Hester B. (Hester Blanche), 1909- 1987--Photographs

National Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses

Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Indianapolis, IN.)--Photographs

Old Settlers Social and Civic Club (Indianapolis, Ind.)

Afro-Americans--Indiana--Indianapolis--Photographs

Nurses--Indiana--Indianapolis

Churches--Indiana--Indianapolis--Photographs

Weddings--Indiana--Indianapolis--Photographs

Obituaries--Indiana--Indianapolis

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