Inventory of the
Sterrett-Hodge Family Papers, 1886 - 1978
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Descriptive Summary

Title: Sterrett-Hodge Family Papers,

Dates: 1886 - 1978

Creator: Sterrett and Hodge Families

Abstract: Bascom Franklin Hodge (1898-1978), a WWI veteran and WWII Tuskegee Airman, was the grandson of Reverend Norman Bascom Sterrett (1841-1921), founder and pastor of Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston, S.C. Hodge was born in New York, the son of Gertrude Minerva Sterrett (1866-1946) and her husband Leander Watson Hodge (1861-1934). He attended the Charles Reynaud School for Embalming and embarked in the funeral home business with his mother and cousin, Norman B. Sterrett, Jr. (1879-1944), an Avery Normal Institute graduate who ran for New York State Legislature on the Equal Rights Party. In the army reserves, Hodge served as a captain of the Tuskegee Airmen 99th Pursuit Squadron until 1958. Hodge compiled documents pertaining to the Sterrett, Hodge and related families of Charleston, S.C. and New York, N.Y., including photographs and government records.

The papers are divided in two series. The photograph series consists of original individual and family portraits of Sterrett-Hodge family members with notations on back by Bascom Franklin Hodge stating their relationship to him. Included are images of Noisette, Cole, Romay, Dillahunts and other family members. The biographical and printed material series consists of correspondence, ephemera, and material on birth, death, and marriage of the Sterrett-Hodge family members. It also includes a photographic booklet (1943) of the Tuskegee Army Flying School with an inscription by Captain Bascom F. Hodge.

Extent: 0.5 linear feet (27 folders)

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Biographical Note

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Collection Overview

Photographs, correspondence, printed materials, legal documents, and ephemera (1886-1978) document the lives of members of the Sterrett and Hodge families of Charleston, SC and New York, NY. Materials are arranged in two series. The first series: Photographs, mostly undated, document several individuals including members of the Noisette, Cole, Romay, Dillahunts and other family members. The second series: Manuscript materials consists of correspondence, printed materials, and legal records.

Collection Arrangement

1. Photographs
2. Manuscript materials

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

No restrictions.

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Subject Headings

Hodge, Bascom Franklin, 1898-1978.
Sterrett, Norman Bascom, 1841-1921.
Noisette family.
Sterrett family.
Hodges family.
Cole family.
Romay family.
Dillahunts family.
Equal Rights Party (New York, N.Y.)
African American air pilots.
Funeral homes -- New York (State) -- New York.

African American clergy.

Avery Normal Institute--History.

Emanuel A.M.E. Church (Charleston, S.C.) -- History.

Administrative Information

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Acquisitions Information

Materials were donated by Elizabeth Johnson in 1996.

Processing Information

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Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Photographs, c. 1900-1944, undated

Box 1 Folder 1 Mabel Hodge, , undated
Box 1 Folder 2 Susan James Sterrett and Elizabeth Sterrett, , undated
Box 1 Folder 3 Jesse Luerita Hodge, , undated
Box 1 Folder 4 Gertrude Minerva Sterrett-Hodge, , undated

   Two photographs and four tin types.

Box 1 Folder 5 Bascom Franklin Hodge and Lelia Maybin Hodge, , c. 1900s-1944
Box 1 Folder 6 Rev. Norman Bascom Sterrett, D.D. and Bascom F. Hodge, , 1914, undated
Box 1 Folder 7 Vernon Sterrett Hodge, , undated
Box 1 Folder 8 Leander Watson Hodge, Jr., , undated
Box 1 Folder 9 Family photographs, , c. 1904-1905
Box 1 Folder 10 Lyde Sterrett, , undated
Box 1 Folder 11 Norman B. Sterrett, Jr., , 1923, undated
Box 1 Folder 12 Sadie Noisette, , undated
Box 1 Folder 13 Rosa King Cole and Henry Cole, , undated
Box 1 Folder 14 Cora Early Romay, , undated
Box 1 Folder 15 Rosmary Smith, , undated
Box 1 Folder 16 Felicita Sterrett Hodge, , undated
Box 1 Folder 17 Louise and George Dillahunts, , undated
Box 1 Folder 18 Claudius Purvis Sterrett, , undated
Box 1 Folder 19 Jennie Sterrett, , undated
Box 1 Folder 20 O'Neil King, , undated
Box 1 Folder 21 Jack Smith, , undated
Box 1 Folder 22 Mamye Sterrett Dillahunt and Norman B. Sterrett, Jr., , undated


Box 1 Folder 23 Correspondence, , 1915-1939
Box 1 Folder 24 Tuskegee Army booklet, , 1943
Box 1 Folder 25 Printed matter and ephemera, , 1886-1978, undated
| Box 1 Folder 26 | Photocopy of pension records, 1891-1921  
|                 | Records for Norman B. Sterrett from National Archives |
| Box 1 Folder 27 | Birth, Death, and Marriage records, 1892, 1944-1978 |