



Guide to the Minnie A. Flanagan Papers

Collection Overview

Identifier	A.89.13, V.89.7, and L.89.6
Creator	Flanagan, Minnie A., 1902-1987
Title	Minnie A. Flanagan papers
Dates	1935-1987
Extent	1.13 linear feet (4 boxes)
Language	The materials are in English.
Repository	Dallas Historical Society
Source	Gift of Cheryl Flanagan, 1989.

Abstract

The Minnie A. Flanagan papers are made up of membership and association records relating to organizations that Flanagan was actively involved in throughout her adult life. There are also photographs of family, friends, and Flanagan at professional engagements. Additionally, the collection contains a family bible and newspaper clippings.

Biographical Note

Minnie A. Flanagan was born in Chandler, Texas in 1902. In 1918, Flanagan moved to Dallas where she began her involvement in civic affairs. An active member of the Democratic Progressive Voters League, Flanagan was also involved with the Dallas Negro Chamber of Commerce and was president of the Daughters of Smith Chapel AME.

Throughout the 1950s and 1960s, Flanagan was an active participant in the civil rights movement, traveling around the country and organizing local demonstrations against segregated public facilities in Dallas. She served as president of the Dallas NAACP from 1959 to 1961. Flanagan was also very involved in other local community groups such as the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas. She opened the Oak Cliff Youth Center in her home in the 1950s to provide a place for teens in the area to meet on weekends.

Minnie A. Flanagan died in May, 1987.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of materials pertaining to the personal life and career of civil rights activist Minnie A. Flanagan. It spans from 1935-1987, with the bulk of the materials documenting Flanagan's involvement with local associations and religious groups. Flanagan was an active member of the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and Democratic Progressive Voters League. Flanagan's career in Dallas civic affairs began in 1918 and continued through the 1960s.

The collection contains pamphlets, fliers, certificates, membership cards, invitations, handwritten notes, newspaper clippings, memorandums, reports, and correspondence. The other half of the collection consists of photographs, including a family album. The photographs in this collection are mainly of Flanagan at various social events, but there are also several of her immediate and extended family. There is also a family bible.

Subjects

People

Flanagan, Minnie A., 1902-1987

Topics

Civil rights movement--United States

Social Justice--United States

20th Century (1900-1999), United States--Texas

African Americans--Civil rights--History

African American families--Texas--Dallas--History

Organizations

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

YMCA of the USA

Chamber of Commerce (Dallas, Tex.)

Places

Dallas, Texas--History

Oak Cliff (Dallas, Tex.)

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in five series:

Series I. Membership and Association Files, 1935-1987

Series II. Photographs and Prints, undated

Series III. Bible, undated

Series IV. Newspaper Clippings, 1935-1969

Series V. Miscellaneous, 1941-1982

Access Restrictions

Open for research by appointment only. Some items within this collection are restricted. See the series inventory for details.

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Revision Note

Revised finding aid created by Yaima Villarreal.

Container List

Series I: Correspondence, 1936-1982

This series contains handwritten and typed correspondence received by Flanagan. The bulk of the materials are condolence letters and telegrams.

Box 1, Folder 1: Correspondence, 1936-1982

Series II: Membership and Association Files, 1935-1987

This series consists of documents including pamphlets, fliers, brochures, correspondence, invitations, forms, and lists from associations that Flanagan participated in during her lifetime.

Box 1, Folder 2: NAACP, 1936-1974

Box 1, Folder 3: NAACP, undated

Box 1, Folder 4: Progressive Democratic Voters League, 1935-1966, undated

Box 1, Folder 5: YMCA, 1940-1961, undated

Box 1, Folder 6: United Nations, 1954-1955, undated

Box 1, Folder 7: United Nations - pamphlets, 1953-1955, undated

Box 1, Folder 8: Women's groups, 1944-1977

Box 1, Folder 9: Religious organizations, 1941-1987, undated

Series III: Photographs and Postcards, undated

This series contains photographs of Minnie A. Flanagan and her immediate and extended family. There are also photos of Flanagan with friends and at social engagements. The materials primarily consist of individual photographs and one family album. There are also some postcards and prints.

Box 2, Folder 1: Women's groups, undated

Box 2, Folder 2: George Paul Flanagan, Sr., undated
Box 2, Folder 3: Pat Flangan, undated, undated
Box 2, Folder 4: Miscellaneous groups, undated
Box 2, Folder 5: Family photographs, undated
Box 2, Folder 6: George Paul Flanagan II family, undated
Box 2, Folder 7: George Paul Flanagan, Sr. family, undated
Box 2, Folder 8: Miscellaneous family and friends, undated
Box 2, Folder 9: Miscellaneous family and friends, undated
Box 2, Folder 10: Miscellaneous family and friends, undated
Box 2, Folder 11: Miscellaneous postcards, undated
Box 3: Family album, undated

Series IV: Bible, undated

This series consists of one clothbound volume.

Box 4: Flanagan Family Bible

Series V: Newspaper Clippings, 1935-1969

This series is made up of newspaper clippings from local Dallas newspapers.

Box 1, Folder 10: Newspaper clippings - Flanagan Family, 1938-1967, undated

Box 1, Folder 11: Newspaper clippings, 1935-1969, undated

Series VI: Miscellaneous, 1941-1982

This series consists of fliers, invitations, pamphlets, handwritten notes, and property records.

Box 1, Folder 12: Miscellaneous files, 1941-1973, undated

Box 1, Folder 13: Miscellaneous files, 1982, undated

Access to Folder 13 is restricted. Consult the repository for more information.