

SOJOURNER TRUTH CLUB RECORDS, 1922-1975

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 boxes (.5 linear feet)

COLLECTION DATES: Inclusive 1922-1975; Bulk 1922-1940

PROVENANCE: Heloise Bragg (Bertha Burton Collection, Black Women in the Middle West Project), Richmond, IN

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

ACCESSION NUMBER: 91.0683X

NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Sojourner Truth Club organized in Richmond, Indiana, in October, 1921. The club was the first Richmond organization to join the Indiana Federation of Colored Women Clubs.

The constitution of the club list 'social and moral uplift of the community' as its purpose. The club's records reflect that throughout its history, activities revolved around the community. The club sponsored health programs and an annual scholarship to a college-bound student. It also contributed money, food, and holiday baskets to the needy. A committee regularly visited the sick and shut-in. Money-raising efforts included teas, suppers, and rummage sales. The Sojourner Truth Club disbanded in 1976.

Sources: Materials in the collection

Wilma L. Dulin, "Sojourner Truth Club," *Black History News Notes*, # 31, p. 1.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of two manuscript boxes. The first box contains materials related to the Sojourner Truth Club including its constitution and by-laws, history, and minutes from 1922-1935. Additional minutes 1935-1947 are contained in box 2, along with general correspondence, membership lists, and financial records pertaining to the club.

The remainder of box 2 contains more general information pertaining to Richmond's black citizenry. Most of the material relate to individuals. Obituaries for Margaret Archey, Rev. Vallie Louise Burrell, Lucy Chambers, John Fletcher, Nellie Mae Fox, and Mary Susan Leavell are included in Folder 12. There are also programs from the Indiana State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. Two undated and unsigned play manuscripts, "Thursday Evening" and "The Dreamy Kid," are contained. The clippings include information about golden wedding anniversaries, the Jolly 12 Club, churches, and community activities.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

BOX 1:

Folder

1 Constitution; By-laws; History; Minutes, 1922-1923

2 Minute Book, 1923-1928

3 Minute Book, 1928-1935

BOX 2:

Folder

1 Minutes, 1935-1939

2 Minutes, 1946, n.d.

3 Membership and Officers Rolls, 1935-1940

4 Correspondence, 1935-1940

5 Account Leger, 1942-1963

6 Receipts, 1928-1940

7 Program from 20th Annual Session (1932) of Indiana Federation of Colored Women's Club

8 Programs

9 Poems by Rev. J. Clinton Brown

10 Play Manuscripts

11 Business Literature

12 Obituaries

13 Misc. Notes

14 Clippings

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Sojourner Truth Club (Richmond, Ind.)

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Truth, Sojourner, d. 1883

Indiana State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs

Afro-American women--Indiana--Richmond--Societies, etc.

Afro-Americans--Indiana--Richmond--Societies, etc.

Women--Indiana--Richmond--Societies and clubs

Obituaries--Indiana--Richmond

Richmond (Ind.)--Social life and customs

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