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EMMA CASON GREEN PAPERS, 1939–1983

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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| VOLUME OF COLLECTION: | 1 manuscript box |
| COLLECTION DATES: | Inclusive 1939–83; bulk 1970–83 |
| PROVENANCE: | Norma L. Cody, 75 Harmon, Detroit, MI 48202, November 1984 |
| RESTRICTIONS: | None |

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RELATED HOLDINGS: None

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NOTES: The Emma Cason Green Collection was donated during the Black Women in the Middle West Project. The Black Women in the Middle West Project was a collection effort to gather primary source materials of African-American women in Illinois and Indiana. The project, spearheaded by Darlene Clark Hine and Patrick Bidelman at Purdue University, was conducted in three phases from 1977–85. Project records are located at five repositories within the two states including the Indiana Historical Society (IHS) [also houses the project's administrative records], Calumet Regional Archives, and the Northern Indiana Historical Society in Indiana and the Chicago Historical Society and the Illinois State Historical Society in Illinois. (Although the implementation phase of the project was from 1984–85, several of the collections were donated to IHS in 1986). Additional information about the project is contained in *The Black Women in the Middle West Project: A Comprehensive Resource Guide, Illinois and Indiana* (E185.6 .B53 1986), edited by Hine and Bidelman, et. al and Wilma L. Gibbs's article "In Retrospect: The Black Women in the Middle West Project at the Indiana Historical Society," in *Indiana's African-American Heritage: Essays from Black History News & Notes* (E185.93 .I4 B 52 1993).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Emma Cason Green (1884–1983) was born in North Middletown, Kentucky on 11 May 1884. She was the daughter of James and Rebecca Cason. In 1905, she married Charles Green (1884–1957), a farmer from Bourbon County, Kentucky. Four children were born to this union. She lived in North Middletown and Ashland, Kentucky from 1884–1942. Her family lived in Anderson, Indiana from 1940s to 1965 and again from 1970 to 1973.

Green attended Kentucky Classical and Business College in North Middletown, Kentucky. Her religious affiliation was the Disciples of Christ. She was active in church choirs and youth groups. Throughout her life, Green worked as a self-employed dressmaker. In her spare time, she wrote poetry. Several of her poems were compiled into a book entitled, *Attempting to Express My Thoughts*. The compiler, Jimmie Curtis of Anderson, published the book in 1974.

Sources: Material in collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection spans 1939 to 1983. Most of the material relates to the life of Emma Cason Green (1884–1983). There is a small amount of correspondence in folder 1. An obituary program of her death is in folder 2. Green was an avid creative writer. Her speeches and poems are in folders 3 and 4.

Green was married for 52 years until the death of her husband in 1957. An autograph book and scrapbooks commemorating her 34th and 50th anniversaries are in folders 5–7. The last two folders of the collection contain news clippings and receipts.

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