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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

A.MVCA

Unit ID

/repositories/2/resources/88

Unit Date

1930-1982

Language

English .

Creator

Parker, Mayme C.

Creator

Davis, Bernice Carter

Extent

.42 Linear Feet 1 Hollinger box

Repository

Archives of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association

Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Mount Vernon Citizens' Association was a neighborhood organization for the area surrounding Mount Vernon that represented the interests of local residents. Two of its members, Mayme Parker and Bernice Carter Davis, started the annual tradition of hosting a Birthnight Ball in 1947 to celebrate the anniversary of George Washington's birth with proceeds donated to Mount Vernon. Both women were also interested in local history and wrote articles on the subject, along with participating in other regional events. The Mount Vernon Citizens' Association eventually dissolved into other organizations such as the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations and the Mount Vernon Civic Association. In 1995 the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Friends accepted the responsibility of hosting the Birthnight Ball every year which continues to be a major fundraiser for Mount Vernon.

Scope and Contents

This small collection combines papers and memorabilia of Mayme Parker and Bernice Carter Davis. A major focus is the annual Birthnight Ball, as well as the Mount Vernon Citizens' Association's annual fair and each woman's interest in local history. The collection includes programs, news clippings, event notices, personal correspondence, ephemera, and photographs. Dates range for the material is 1930-1982 inclusive.

Arrangement

Alphabetical by folder title.

Description of Subordinate Components

Annual Fair

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/37397

Unit Date 1948-1952

Text 1 (box)

Birthnight Ball - Invitations

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/37398

Unit Date undated, 1972

Text 1 (box)

Birthnight Ball - Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/37399

Unit Date undated, 1948-1949

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Black and white photographs of the Birthnight Ball including three proof sheets with multiple photos on each.

Birthnight Ball - Programs

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/37400

Unit Date 1949

Unit Date 1952

Unit Date 1964-1966

Unit Date 1969

Text 1 (box)

Birthnight Ball - Programs

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/37401

Unit Date 1970-1975

Text 1 (box)

Birthnight Ball - Script for monologue and skit

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/37402

Unit Date undated, 1972

Text 1 (box)

Map - "Glynn's" original map of Mount Vernon, Virginia

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/37403

Unit Date 1967

Maps 1 (box)

News clippings - Birthnight Ball and Annual Fair

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/37404

Unit Date 1949-1979

Text 1 (box)

Papers of Bernice Carter Davis

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/37405

Unit Date undated, 1949-1976

Text 1 (box)

Creator Davis, Bernice Carter

Papers of Mayme Parker

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/37406

Unit Date 1930-1982

Text 1 (box)

Creator Parker, Mayme C.

Papers of Mayme Parker - Mount Vernon events ephemera

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/37407

Unit Date undated, 1981

Text 1 (box)

Creator Parker, Mayme C.

Papers of Mayme Parker - Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/37408

Unit Date undated, 1981

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Creator Parker, Mayme C.

Scope and Contents

Includes black and white photographs of her home and family, color photographs of events, and one photograph of Frank Morse, former employee of Mount Vernon.

Keywords

Morse, Frank

Photographs - George Washington Memorial Parkway, Bernice Carter Davis

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/37409

Unit Date undated

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Keywords

Davis, Bernice Carter

Souvenir ribbons

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/37410

Unit Date 1949

Realia 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Ribbons of different color with lettering "MVCA '49"