

MS-533: Dayton Unit NAACP Records

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Summary/Abstract:

The Dayton Unit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded in 1915, six years after the national organization was established in 1909. The collection includes brief summary histories of the organization, annual reports, program books from the annual Freedom Fund Banquet, and newspaper articles.

Quantity/Physical Description: 1.65 linear foot and 97.1 MB

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Repository:

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Acquisition:

The collection was donated to Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries, by the organization's president Derrick Lee Foward, in August 2016.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

A computer with software capable of reading *.PDF file format will be needed to view electronic records in this collection.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms533.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Related Material:

Dayton Unit NAACP web site: <https://naacpdayton.org/>

[MS-38: Dayton Urban League Records.](#)

[MS-322: James H. McGee Papers.](#)

MSS34140: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Records, Library of Congress, <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.ms008007>.

Processing Information:

In most cases, preservation photocopies were created for all newspaper clippings, and the original newsprint copies were returned to the donor. However, in the case of two complete newspaper issues concerning the election of President Barack Obama, the original newsprint edition was retained.

Processed by:

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Lisa Rickey, August 2018.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged in 4 series:

Series I: History, 2016

Series II: Reports, 2007-2017

Subseries II-A: Annual Reports, 2007-2017

Subseries II-B: President's Annual Reports, 2007-2017

Subseries II-C: Annual Meeting Reports, 2012-2017

Series III: Freedom Fund Banquet Programs, 2002, 2004-2015

Series IV: Newspaper Articles, 2003-2010

Biographical/Historical Note:

The Dayton Unit (Chapter #3181) of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded on February 9, 1915, at Zion Baptist Church, six years after the establishment of the national organization in 1909. The Dayton Unit was officially chartered by the NAACP Board of Directors on May 10, 1915.

The first officers of the chapter were: James C. Farrow, President; Moses H. Jones, Vice President; William O. Stokes, Secretary; Miss L.M. Troy, Treasurer; Rev. Robert T. James, Chaplain. The First Executive Committee Members were: Charles Price; W. D. Chamberlain; Frederick Rike; Mrs. Charles S. Kumler; E. C. Harley; Rabbi David Lefkowitz; Rev. E. E. Thompson; Mrs. Julia Carnell; and Dr. B. A. Rose.

In its first year, the chapter had 75 members. Its primary objective that year was to stop attempts at segregation in Dayton Public Schools, and the chapter raised \$96 towards this cause.

Over its more than 100 year history, the Dayton Unit NAACP has fought for civil rights in many areas, especially education, employment, and law enforcement. About 1951, it began holding its annual Freedom Fund Banquet, a major fundraising event. In 2005, the organization founded the Littlejohn Junior NAACP Youth Council (Unit #3919).

As of 2018, the Dayton Chapter has elected 33 chapter presidents, including: Clarence J. McLin, Sr. (8th president, 1937-1938), later member of the Ohio House of Representatives (1967-1988); and James H. McGee (23rd president, 1958-1959), later Dayton city commissioner and Dayton's first African American mayor (1970-1981).

Scope and Content Note:

The Dayton Unit NAACP Records include brief summary histories of the organization, annual reports, programs from the annual Freedom Fund Banquet, and newspaper clippings. The majority of the materials date from 2002 to 2017.

Series I: History, consists of charter and founding documents (copies from scans of the original 1915 documents), a chronology of the organization, and a list of the organization's presidents, including photographs. Materials in this series date from 2016. Some materials in this series are also available in electronic format (PDF).

Series II: Reports, consists of three types of reports: annual reports, president's annual reports, and annual meeting reports. Materials in this series date from 2007 to 2017. Some materials in this series are also available in electronic format (PDF).

Subseries II-A: Annual Reports, cover the organization's activities and initiatives for a particular year, in publication style format, often with numerous photographs. Materials in this subseries date from 2007 to 2017. All materials in this series are available in electronic format (PDF), and some (2007-2015) are available in print.

Subseries II-B: President's Annual Reports, cover the business activities conducted by the organization's president on behalf of the organization, in memorandum style format and typically without photos. Materials in this subseries date from 2007 to 2017 and are available *only* in electronic format (PDF).

Subseries II-C: Annual Meeting Reports, cover the topics addressed during the organization's annual meeting, primarily reports from individual officers, as well as the election of officers. Materials in this subseries date from 2012 to 2017 and are available *only* in electronic format (PDF).

Series III: Freedom Fund Banquet Programs, consists of program books for the annual Freedom Fund Banquet, the primary source of fundraising for the organization. The lengthy program books include a variety of information, including messages of support from local officials, advertisements from sponsors, information about award recipients, lists of officers and

lifetime members, reports of the year's activities thus far, and youth council activities. Materials in this series are dated from 2002 to 2015, with the exception of 2003.

Series IV: Newspaper Articles, consists of news clippings relating, or of interest, to the organization. Most articles relate directly to the Dayton Unit NAACP, while others pertain to topics of interest to the organization but not directly connected with it, such as activities concerning local African Americans or the national NAACP. Of particular interest are articles pertaining to the 2008 presidential election of Barack Obama, the first African American President of the United States. The content in this series dates from 2003 to 2010. However, all physical materials in this series are preservation photocopies created in 2016, with the exception of 2 original full-page newspaper issues concerning the election of President Obama.

Subject Terms

Organizations/Corporate Names

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Dayton Branch -- History

Places

Dayton (Ohio)

Subjects (General)

African Americans -- Civil rights -- Ohio -- Dayton -- History -- 20th century

Material Types

Clippings (information artifacts)

Programs (documents)

Reports

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
Series I: History			2016
1	1	Chronology of the Dayton Unit NAACP, 1915-2015	Circa 2016
1	2	Charter and Founding Documents, 1915 (copies) [electronic copies available in ms533_e0001]	2016
1	3	Presidents of the Dayton Unit NAACP, 1915-Present (includes photographs) [electronic copies available in ms533_e0001]	Circa 2016
Series II: Reports			2007-2017
Subseries II-A: Annual Reports			2007-2017
1	4	Annual Report	2007
1	5	Annual Report	2008
1	6	Annual Report	2009
1	7	Annual Report	2010
1	8	Annual Report	2011
1	9	Annual Report	2012
1	10	Annual Report	2013
1	11	Annual Report	2014
1	12	Annual Report	2015
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Subseries II-B: President's Annual Reports			2007-2017
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Subseries II-C: Annual Meeting Reports			2012-2017
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Series III: Freedom Fund Banquet Programs			2002, 2004-2015
1	13	51 st Freedom Fund Banquet Program	2002
1	14	53 rd Freedom Fund Banquet Program	2004
1	15	54 th Freedom Fund Banquet Program	2005
1	16	55 th Freedom Fund Banquet Program	2006
1	17	56 th Freedom Fund Banquet Program	2007
1	18	57 th Freedom Fund Banquet Program	2008
2	1	58 th Freedom Fund Banquet Program	2009
2	2	59 th Freedom Fund Banquet Program	2010
2	3	60 th Freedom Fund Banquet Program	2011
2	4	61 st Freedom Fund Banquet Program	2012
2	5	62 nd Freedom Fund Banquet Program	2013
2	6	63 rd Freedom Fund Banquet Program	2014
2	7	64 th Freedom Fund Banquet Program	2015

Box	File	Description	Date
Series IV: Newspaper Articles			2003-2010
2	8	Newspaper Articles, 2003 (photocopies)	2003
2	9	Newspaper Articles, 2004 (photocopies)	2004
2	10	Newspaper Articles, 2005 (photocopies)	2005
2	11	Newspaper Articles, 2006 (photocopies)	2006
2	12	Newspaper Articles, 2007 (photocopies)	2007
2	13	Newspaper Articles, 2008 (photocopies)	2008
OS 115	5	Newspaper Issues: President Barack Obama Election (original newsprint issues) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dayton Daily News</i> (2008 Nov 5) • <i>The Dayton Weekly News</i>, Volume 14, Issue 50 (2008 Nov 6-13) 	2008 Nov
2	14	Newspaper Articles, 2009 (photocopies)	2009
2	15	Newspaper Articles, 2010 (photocopies)	2010