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## Guide to PH033 Leona Washington Collection

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PH033

Leona Ford  
Washington  
Photograph Collection

Span Dates, ca. 1870-1989

4 feet (linear)

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## Biography

An active member and unofficial historian of the African American community in El Paso, Leona Washington began collecting the photographs and documents that comprise the Leona Washington Photograph Collection over fifty years ago. The collection consists mainly of photographs solicited from African Americans in El Paso and shops dealing in estate items. A retired teacher and former publisher of *The Good Neighbor Interpreter*, Mrs. Washington was the director of the McCall Neighborhood Center, a gathering place for El Paso's African American community.

## Series Description

The collection is arranged in three series divided into sub-series.

**Series I**, "Identified Photographs", is arranged in sub-series: Families, Individuals, Groups, Schools, Churches, and Organizations.

**Series II**, "Unidentified photographs", is arranged in sub-series: Individuals, Groups, Non-El Pasoans, Buildings, Pets and Outdoor Scenes.

**Series III**, consists of Papers.

## Scope and Content Notes

This collection contains more than 800 photographic images documenting the lives of African Americans in El Paso over more than 100 years. Formats range from snapshots to large studio portraits. Included are images of important members of the Black community such as Dr. Lawrence Nixon, as well as institutions and organizations like the Douglass School and McCall Center.

## Provenance Statement

Collected by Leona Ford Washington and donated to the University of Texas at El Paso in 1991.

## Restrictions

No access restrictions. Copyright status of many of the photographs is unknown.

## Literary Rights Statement

Permission to publish material from the Leona Washington Photograph Collection, PH033, must be obtained from the C.L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department, the University of Texas at El Paso Library.

## Notes to the Researcher

Photographs of the Douglass School may also be found in the George Shalkhauser photograph collection, PH053; other historical photographs of African-Americans taken in El Paso are included in the Ada Tharp photograph album, PH038, at the C.L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department, University of Texas at El Paso Library.

## Container List

Box #	Folder #	Title	
Series I. IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPHS			
1		A. FAMILIES (31 folders)	
	1-5	Aldridge (Ben) Family	20 items
	6	Bush (Ruth) Family	2 items
	7	Chandler (George) Family	3 items
	8-14	Cleveland Bonner Philips Murray (Blanche) Family	45 items
	15	Ford-Washington (Leona) Family	5 items
	16	Golston (John) Family	5 items
	17	Haley (Maybelle) Family	6 items
	18-20	Henderson-Hills (Blanche) Family	20 items
	21-22	Lewis (Anna Mae) Family	9 items
	23-24	McCall (Marshall) Family	10 items
	25	Nixon (Lawrence) Family	4 items
	26-28	Parker-Sumpter (Ruth) Family	20 items
	29	Pry (Katy) Family	5 items
	30	Blanche Henderson Grundy (Frances Hill's mother)	2 items
		B. INDIVIDUALS	
	31	Bullock (Rosita)	1 item
		Burdix (Lela)	1 item
		Burnett (Louis)	1 item
		Daniels (Pinkie)	1 item
		Franklin (Juanita Parish)	1 item
		Fraser (James)	1 item
		Frye (Carol Joy)	1 item
	32	Hughes (Juanita)	1 item
		Kelley (Blanche Henderson Grundy)	1 item
		Langdon (Florence)	1 item
		Lee (Morri)	1 item
		Mathis (Nicky)	1 item
		Miller (?)	1 item
		Pentegrass (Clarence)	1 item
	33	Person (Laura Perrymore)	1 item
		Sarpy (Maxine Prescott)	1 item
		Tucker (Ida)	1 item
		Wiggins (Bernice)	1 item

		Williams (Craig Rochelle)	1 item
		Williams (Marvin)	1 item
		Woods(?)	1 item
1		<b>C. GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS</b>	
	34	Late 1800's	1 item
	35	1920's to 1930's	2 items
	36	1940's to 1950's	9 items
	37	Early 1900's	4 items
	38	1960's to present	2 items
		<b>D. SCHOOLS</b>	
2	1-5	Douglass School Classes and PTA	27 items
	6	Douglass School Individuals	3 items
	7	Douglass School Buildings	2 items
	8-11	Douglass School Reunions	16 items
		<b>E. CHURCHES</b>	
	12	AME (African Methodist Episcopal) Church	1 item
	13	Second Baptist Church	5 items
	14-15	Shiloh Baptist Church	12 items
		<b>F. ORGANIZATIONS</b>	
	16	Chums	1 item
	17	Col. Louis A. Carter Post No. 58A (Veterans Group)	3 items
	18	McCall Center Nursery	6 items
	19	McCall Neighborhood center	3 items
	20	Miss Black El Paso Contestants	1 item
	21	NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People)	1 item
	22	Star of the West-Chapter 51-Order of the Eastern Star (Masonic Group)	1 item
	23-24	Sun Carnival Association	12 items
	25	U.S.O (United Services Association)	7 items
	26	West Texas Division of the Texas Association of Negro Musicians	2 items
<b>Series II. UNIDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPHS</b>			
3		<b>A. INDIVIDUALS</b>	
	1-6	Late 1800's	40 items
	7	Unidentified individuals, late 1800's	9 items
	8	Unidentified groups of individuals, late 1800's	7 items
	9-19	Early 1900's	88 items
4	1	Early 1900's	4 items
	2	Unidentified individuals, early 1900's	10 items
	3-10	1920's and 1930's	82 items
	11-16	1940's and 1950's	63 items
	17-18	1960's to present	16 items

	19	People	6 items
5		<b>B. GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS</b>	
	1	Late 1800's	6 items
	2-5	Early 1900's	31 items
	6-11	1920's and 1930's	53 items
	12-14	1940's and 1950's	30 items
	15-16	1960's to present	14 items
	17	Printing Blocks	4 items
	18	Copy Photos	9 items
	19	The Good Neighbor Interpreter	1 item
6		<b>C. NON- EL PASOANS</b>	
	1-2	Individuals	20 items
	3-6	Groups of individuals	26 items
	7	<b>D. BUILDINGS</b>	12 items
	8	<b>E. PETS AND OUTDOORS SCENES</b>	8 items
		<b>III. PAPERS</b>	
	9	McCall (Marshall and Olalee) family	7 items
	10	Nixon (Dr. Lawrence) family	3 items
	11	Pearson (Moses) family	21 items
	12	Churches	8 items
	13	Douglass School	7 items
	14	McCall Neighborhood Center	7 items
	15	Entertainment and Special Events	8 items
	16	Newspaper Clippings (Various topics)	17 items
	17	Obituaries and Memorials	23 items
	18	Greeting Cards	5 items
	19	Postcards and Trading Cards	35 items
	20	Sheet Music	2 items
	21	Miscellaneous Ephemera	5 items
	22	Scrap book	1 item
<b>OVERSIZED MATERIALS</b>			
7		<b>A. IDENTIFIED</b>	
		<b>1. INDIVIDUALS</b>	
		a. Andrews (Minnie)	
		b. Andrews (Richard)	
		c. Andrews (Susie)	
		d. Larub (Marnie)	
		e. Parish (Juanita)	
		f. Parker (Emma Andrews)	
		<b>2. SCHOOLS</b>	

		a. Douglass class	
		b. Prairie View A & M, class of 1956	
		3. ORGANIZATIONS	
		a. Chums	
		B. UNIDENTIFIED	
		1. Individuals	2 items
		2. Group of individuals	1 item