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**MS 1318****African American History Internship Project (AAHIP)  
Research collection, 1987-1994****DESCRIPTION**

Manuscripts, photographs, oral histories and background information collected by volunteers and Arizona Historical Society staff between 1987 and 1994, to document the contributions of African Americans in the community in Tucson between 1853 and the 1990s. There are oral histories and photographs of black residents, histories of Dunbar School, aviation, churches, and early settlers. The manuscripts were edited by Harry Lawson and these are also available in the library's book catalog. A list of oral histories is present in the collection; the actual interviews are available as part of the library's oral history collection. Copies of the photographs and background information is available in the collection; the original photographs are located in the society's photograph files.

2 boxes, .75 linear ft.

**HISTORICAL NOTE**

The African American History Internship Project (AAHIP) began in 1987, as a joint project between the Arizona Historical Society, Pima Community College, and interested community members. Their purpose was to collect photographs and oral histories and document the contributions of African Americans in Tucson's history.

**ACQUISITION**

Donated by various individuals.

**ACCESS**

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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**PROCESSING**

Kim Frontz completed processing of this collection in September 2007.

## Box and folder list

### Box 1

- f.1 Project description
- f.2 Oral history interviewees list
- f.3 Manuscript draft - African Americans in Aviation
- f.4 Manuscript draft - African American churches
- f.5 Manuscript - African American churches
- f.6 Manuscript - African American settlers
- f.7 Manuscript draft - African American settlers
- f.8 Manuscript - Dunbar School

**Photographs** (photocopies, see AHS photo files for originals -- file name listed on Each image)

- f.9 Anderson, Warren (Gideon Missionary Baptist Church, 3085 S. Campbell)
- f.10 Archer, Fred and Frances
- f.11 Armour, John, photographer (various churches)
- f.12 Banks, Grover
- f.13 Banks, Laura Nobles (Davis Elementary group, Beau Brummel Club)
- f.14 Batteau, Elgie
- f.15 Bowens, Johnny
- f.16 Bragg, Janet Harmon (aviator)
- f.17 Bullock, Ethel
- f.18 Carrier, Elmer
- f.19 Clarke, Roy
- f.20 Collier, Ray
- f.21 Comeaux, Roy (airplanes)
- f.22 Copeland, Dan (Copeland Transfer Company)
- f.23 Craig, Virginia (Craig Distribution Co.)
- f.24 Davis, Jimmie Ray
- f.25 Davis, Ora
- f.26 Davis, Richard
- f.27 Davis, William (A Mountain Neighborhood Center)
- f.28 Devereaux, Charles and Velma (A Mountain Neighborhood home)
- f.29 Elliott, Bob
- f.30 Ford, Carolyn
- f.31 Ford, Charles
- f.32 Francis, Clarence
- f.33 Fears, Willie (Dunbar School students)
- f.34 George, Irene
- f.35 Goodwin, Felix
- f.36 Haywood, Vernon (aviator)
- f.37 Hill, Melvin (Elks Lodge)
- f.38 Holsly, William
- f.39 Hood, Elsie (Mount Cavalry Baptist Church, Pima County Hospital)
- f.40 Hopkins, Gayle
- f.41 Horner, Rueben (Beau Brummel Club, Neighborhood Youth Corps)
- f.42 Horton, Hershella
- f.43 Johnson, Bernice and Frank (Pima County Sheriff's Dept.)

## Box 2

- f.44 Johnson, Blanche (Prince Chapel AME Church)
- f.45 Keeylocko, Ed (Musicians)
- f.46 Lander, Cressworth (Lander Realty and Liquors)
- f.47 Longmire, Alvin (Al's Barber Shop)
- f.48 Maxwell, Morgan, Jr. (Civil rights protests, dedication of Fremont House)
- f.49 McKesson, Wilbur (County Assessor's office)
- f.50 Moore, Lettie
- f.51 Newton, Gladys (Pick and Pay Market, 2502 S. Park Ave.)
- f.52 Papcun, Alice
- f.53 Ponder, William (City of South Tucson officials)
- f.54 Preston, Castromo (Musicians)
- f.55 Preston, Norman and Ethel
- f.56 Ricks, Lucille
- f.57 Sanchez, Marguerite Euell (WWII USO, Jollyettes, Eastern Star, Army and Navy Wives Club, Dunbar School)
- f.58 Sanders, Harold
- f.59 Smith, Gloria (Bessie Coleman, Ft. Huachuca soldiers)
- f.60 Stokes, Arthur (Emanuel Grace Apostolic Church)
- f.61 Smith, Pauline (John Munroe, driver of Oracle Stage, Milo Walker, policeman)
- f.62 Taylor, Clara (Mount Oliver Church of God in Christ)
- f.63 Thompson, Floyd
- f.64 Thornton, Mozela
- f.65 Thomas, Edward
- f.66 Walker, Jimmie
- f.67 Walker, Nancy (A Mountain Center, South Park Drill Team,)
- f.68 Ward, John A.
- f.69 Washington, Jessie Martin
- f.70 Williford, Alberta V. (Holladay School)
- f.71 Witherspoon, James Howard
- f.72 White, Alphonso (Afrocentrics Store)
- f.73 White, Danny