

Harry and Lillian Duplessis Family Papers

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Summary Information

Repository	Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History
Title	Harry and Lillian Duplessis Family Papers
Date [inclusive]	circa
Extent	2.0 Cubic feet 1 Oversize Box, 2 Halfsize Archives Boxes
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Harry and Lillian Duplessis Family Papers contain photographic and manuscript materials documenting the couple's personal lives. There is very little in the collection that documents their professional careers as employees of the Detroit court system. The majority of the collection are photographs of Lillian and her family, the Duplessis' wedding and assorted unidentified photographs. Also documented in the collection is the Cyrus, Ormes and Manzilla Families (COMAR) reunion.</p>

Biography

Harry and Lillian (Brown) Duplessis were the first African Americans to hold positions of importance within the Detroit Recorder's Court. The Duplessis attained their respective positions during the 1960s and the Civil Rights Movement.

Scope and Contents note

The Harry and Lillian Duplessis Family Papers contain a variety of photographic and manuscript materials primarily documenting the couple's personal lives. The collection is divided into two series, MANUSCRIPTS and PHOTOGRAPHS.

The MANUSCRIPTS includes a certificates granted to Mr. Duplessis by the National Workshop for Court Administrators, Army pension papers, a file of information on the COMAR Family Reunion, family correspondence, newspaper clippings about Mr. and Mrs. Duplessis and a booklet from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in which Mrs. Duplessis is listed as a member.

The PHOTOGRAPHS series includes primarily photographs of Lillian as a child and her family. Also included are their wedding photographs, the backs of which indicate that they were meant for publication in the local paper. Also included in this series are photographs of Charles Mahoney, Thadeous Taylor, and assorted unidentified candid and studio photographs.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Recorder's Court -- Detroit, MI.
- St. Matthew's - St. Joseph's Episcopal Church.

Personal Name(s)

- Mahoney, Charles H., (Charles Henry), 1886-1966

Subject(s)

- African American religious thought and life
- Legal affairs

Manuscripts

Collection Inventory

Manuscripts

Army pension form, Harry Duplessis 1975

	Box	Folder
Text	1	1

Certificate of participation, Harry Y. Duplessis (National College of the State Judiciary) 1975

	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	1	2

COMAR (Cyrus, Ormes and Manzilla) Family Reunion 1980-1981, 1990

	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	1	3

Correspondence from nephew Harry Hall 1976, 1980

	Box	Folder
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Photographs

Text	1	4
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Newspaper articles 1963, 1996 and undated

	Box	Folder
Text	1	5

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church booklet circa 1969

	Box	Folder
Text	1	6

PH283 Photographs

Candid Photographs, Unidentified

	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	1	7

Duplessis, Harry and Lillian

	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	1	8

Photographs

Duplessis, Harry and Lillian, Wedding

	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	1	9

Duplessis, Lillian (Brown) circa 1900 - 1930

	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	1	10

Mahoney, Charles H.

	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	1	11

North Carolina Guardsmen 1987

	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	1	12

Studio Photographs, Unidentified circa 1890s-1910s

Photographs

	Box	Object
Graphic materials	2	1-3
	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	1	13

Taylor, Thadeous

	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	1	14