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Guide to the

**Haiti Dechoukaj collection**

1976-1987

Sc MG 318

Compiled by Andre Elizee, 2001

## Summary

**Title:** Haiti Dechoukaj collection

**Date:** 1976-1987

**Size:** 1.25 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Donated in 1989.

**Abstract:** The collection consists of two groups of documents: political cartoons, interviews, election material and printed matter collected by freelance journalist Nadine Andre in Haiti in 1986 and at the time of the failed elections of November 1987; and background material, mostly political leaflets and newspaper clippings, collected by Ms. Andre in the ten year period preceding the demise of the Duvalier regime in February 1986. Documents collected by Schomburg Center staff or donated by contributors for an exhibition on Dechoukaj in 1989 have been added to the collection. The Haitian Creole word Dechoukaj, from the verb dechouke (to uproot), was a popular battle cry among oppressed Haitians seeking to remove from office and punish the most hated collaborators of the Duvalier dictatorship. The Dechoukaj years, 1986-1990, were a period of social conflict, intense grassroots organizing and tremendous hope for a radical transformation of Haitian society.

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## Key Terms

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Clippings

**Subjects**

Government, Resistance to -- Haiti

Haiti -- Politics and government -- 1971-1986

Haitian Americans

Haitians -- New York (N.Y.)

**Names**

Duvalier, Jean-Claude, 1951-2014

## Container List

### Dechoukaj Files 1986-1987

- b. 1 f. 1 Political Cartoons
- b. 1 f. 2 Leaflets and Other Documents
- b. 1 f. 3 Interviews
- b. 1 f. 4 Political Parties and Organizations
- b. 1 f. 5 Electoral and Campaign Material
- b. 1 f. 6 Election Ballots
- b. 1 f. 7 Haitian Government Publications
- b. 1 f. 8 Non-Governmental Organizations
- b. 1 f. 9 1987 Elections - Magazine Articles
- b. 1 f. 10 1987 Elections - Newspaper Articles

### Background Material

- b. 1 f. 11 Extermination of Haiti's Creole Pig 1981
- b. 1 f. 12 Problems of Haitian Agriculture
- b. 1 f. 13 "The Coast Guard Revolt"
- b. 1 f. 14 Internal and External Opposition (CATH)
- b. 1 f. 15 Miscellaneous US Government Documents
- b. 1 f. 16 Amnesty International Report 1985-1987
- b. 1 f. 17 Political Prisoners
- b. 1 f. 18 Articles by Sidney Mintz (photocopies)
- b. 1 f. 19 "Religion in Haiti"
- b. 1 f. 20 "Les Maisons d'Exportation et les..."

### Articles from the Haitian Press

- b. 1 f. 21 1976-1977
- b. 1 f. 22 1976-1978
- b. 1 f. 23 1976-1980
- b. 1 f. 24 Unsorted Articles from the Haitian and International Press 1975-1986
- b. 1 f. 25 Articles on Haiti 1970s
- b. 1 f. 26-27 Leaflets - Haitians in New York 1980-1986