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Guide to the

Floyd Grant Snelson scrapbook

1929-1930

Sc MG 532

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Summary

Creator: Snelson, Floyd Grant, 1865-1932

Title: Floyd Grant Snelson scrapbook

Date: 1929-1930

Size: 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

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Abstract: The Floyd G. Snelson scrapbook documents Snelson's religious and political activities from 1929-1930. Clippings from West Indian and American newspapers refer to his appointment as rector to the Collymore Rock Church in Barbados in 1929, his official visits to many churches and other places in the West Indies, his activities on behalf of Collymore, speeches, and other notable activities and events which had occurred in Barbados. The scrapbook also contains the address that Snelson delivered to the Negro Progress Convention (NPC) in Guyana, as well as those of other principals that were printed in the local newspaper. Handwritten letters to him commend him on his speeches and activities on behalf of the A.M.E. Church. Several newspaper articles authored by Snelson about the Royal Geographical Society also appear in the scrapbook.

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African Methodist Episcopal Church, Department of Home and Foreign Mission records; Also located at; Manuscripts, Archives and Rare Books Division, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

Creator History

Floyd Grant Snelson was a bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the 18th District, and

presided over Barbados, Guyana, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, and Brazil. In 1929 he was appointed rector of the Collymore Rock A.M.E. Church in St. Michael, Barbados, and the same year he delivered the convention address to the eighth annual session of the Negro Progress Convention, which promoted black solidarity and the independence of Guyana.

Born in Georgia in 1865, Snelson spent part of his youth in Sierra Leone, where his parents were engaged in missionary work. His academic degrees include a Doctor of Divinity, a Ph. D., and LL.D (Doctor of Laws). He was also a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society in England. Prior to 1929, Snelson was superintendent for A.M.E. churches in Liberia. He was also the entertainment editor for the *Pittsburgh Courier*, and wrote for other newspapers. Snelson died in 1932.

Scope and Content Note

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Key Terms

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