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Guide to the

Church of St. Simon the Cyrenian records

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Summary

Creator: Church of St. Simon the Cyrenian (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.)

Title: Church of St. Simon the Cyrenian records

Date: 1940-1979

Size: 1.25 linear feet (2 boxes)

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Abstract: The Church of St. Simon the Cyrenian held membership in the African Orthodox Church denomination. Under the leadership of Reverend Doctor William Russell Miller, its only pastor, the church was based in Brooklyn, New York from the 1940s through the 1970s. The records of the Church of St. Simon the Cyrenian span a thirty-year period (1940-1979) but contain significant gaps. There are two general ledgers (1947-1949, 1956-1978) documenting the finances of the church, and vestry records for the 1960s and 1970s, as well as marriage licenses (on index cards). Other records include church programs and announcements for fund raising events to benefit the church, letters, Miller's sermons, eulogies, and a few daily diaries noting Miller's appointments and other activities.

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Key Terms

Subjects

African American churches
African Americans -- Religion
Christians, Black -- United States

Names

Miller, William Russell
African Orthodox Church
Church of St. Simon the Cyrenian (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.)

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- b. 1 f. 25 Incorporation of Miami chapter
- b. 1 f. 26 Endrich Theological College
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- b. 1 f. 28 Status of ordination
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