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Guide to the

Montserrat Progressive Society records

1916-1999 [bulk 1939-1968]

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Summary

Creator: Montserrat Progressive Society of New York

Title: Montserrat Progressive Society records

Date: 1916-1999 [bulk 1939-1968]

Size: 1.46 linear feet (7 boxes)

Source: Gift of the Montserrat Progressive Society of New York, March 2014.

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Abstract: The Montserrat Progressive Society was formed September 25, 1914, with the aim of alleviating the socio-economic challenges faced by Montserratians who immigrated to New York. The Montserrat Progressive Society records, 1916-1999, consist primarily of meeting minutes and financial ledgers.

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Creator History

The Montserrat Progressive Society was formed September 25, 1914, with the aim of alleviating the socio-economic challenges faced by Montserratians who immigrated to New York. Founded on the

principle that members were "our brother's keepers," the Society provided assistance to the needy, sick, and bereaved. The Society also helped institutions and people on the home island, raising funds for, among other things, scholarships to youth. A Junior Society was established in 1923 with the intent of training the New York-born children of the immigrants to take over the running of the Society.

Scope and Content Note

The Montserrat Progressive Society Records, 1916-1999, consist primarily of meeting minutes and financial ledgers. The records also include membership ledgers, committee reports, and anniversary publications.

Key Terms

Subjects

African American fraternal organizations
African Americans -- New York (State) -- New York -- Societies, etc
Blacks -- Services for -- New York (State) -- New York
Immigrants -- New York (State) -- New York -- 20th century
Immigrants -- New York (State) -- New York -- Societies and clubs
Immigrants -- New York Metropolitan Area -- Social conditions
Minorities -- Political activity -- United States
Montserratians -- New York (State) -- New York
West Indians
Women in charitable work -- New York (State) -- New York

Geographic Names

Montserrat -- Emigration and immigration
Montserrat -- History -- 20th century
New York (N.Y.) -- Emigration and immigration

Names

Montserrat Progressive Society of New York

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 Constitution and by-laws
 - Membership ledgers
 - b. 7 1914-1944
 - Box 7 replaces box 1, folder 2.
 - b. 1 f. 3 1921-1932
 - b. 1 f. 4 1968-1991
 - Receipt book
 - b. 1 f. 5 1939-1941
 - b. 1 f. 6 1943-1945
 - Receipts and disbursement ledger
 - b. 2 f. 1 1917-1928
 - b. 2 f. 2 1928-1937
 - b. 2 f. 3 1939-1945
 - b. 2 f. 4 1959-1961
 - b. 3 f. 1 1962-1964
 - b. 3 f. 2 1967-1999
 - b. 3 f. 3 1976-1988
 - b. 4 f. 1 1989-1993
 - b. 4 f. 2 Financial ledger 1964-1971
 - b. 4 f. 3 Treasurer's report 1952-1975
 - Minute books
 - b. 4 f. 4 1938-1943
 - b. 4 f. 5 1943-1947
 - b. 5 f. 1 1947-1952
 - b. 5 f. 2 1952-1955
 - b. 5 f. 3 1955-1958
 - b. 5 f. 4 1958-1962
 - b. 5 f. 5 1962-1965
 - b. 5 f. 6 1965-1968
 - b. 6 f. 1 1984-1999
 - b. 6 f. 2 Treasurer's report 1952-1975
 - b. 6 f. 3 Sick Committee reports and recommendations 1939
 - Sick aid checkbook
 - b. 6 f. 4 1937-1939
 - b. 6 f. 5 1941-1943
 - b. 6 f. 6 Property ledger (rental records) 1965-1993
 - Meeting minutes
 - b. 6 f. 7 1950-1967
 - b. 6 f. 8 1989-1999
 - b. 6 f. 9 Committees 1946-1990

Miscellaneous

- b. 6 f. 10 Financial 1951-1998
- b. 6 f. 11 Other 1953-1984