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Guide to the

Daisy George papers

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Summary

Creator: George, Daisy S. (Daisy Screven)

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Abstract: Daisy S. George was a member of several prominent national and international women's organizations during most of her adult years, served on numerous boards, and held various administrative positions. The Daisy George papers reflect her numerous activities, particularly her efforts to aid women and children via the various administrative posts she held with many organizations.

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Separated Materials:

Transferred to the General Research and Reference Division: various programs, reports, and newsletters.

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Transferred to the Photographs and Prints Division: photographs.

Creator History

Daisy S. George was a member of several prominent national and international women's organizations during most of her adult years, served on numerous boards, and held various administrative positions. She was a "club woman", a member of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (NANBPWC), the National Council of Negro Women, the National Council of Women, U.S.A., and the International Council of Women. From 1973 to 1985, she served as the NANBPWC's accredited representative to the United Nations under the auspices of the U.N.'s Non Governmental Organizations (NGO), Department of Public Information. In this capacity, she headed a number of special projects and study tours in Africa, including those to assist African women and children, and was also president of the organization's Westchester County Club. George was also a member of the National Council of Negro Women, having joined in 1943. She maintained her association with this organization for more than forty years, attaining several high administrative posts. For the National Council of Women, U.S.A., she served as chair, co-chair of committees, and representative to international conferences, as well as in other capacities, in the 1970s-1990s, including chairing a committee to study the issue of population in the United States. For the International Council of Women in the 1970s, George was appointed to serve on the Special Commission on Slavery, and was a member of its executive committee. George was also affiliated with the United Nations African Mothers Association, which aided African mothers and children in a variety of capacities.

George's local volunteerism included being a founder and special consultant to the Northeast Bronx Day Care Center, which sponsored the Susan E. Wagner Child Care Center, for which she served on the board of directors. In a similar capacity, George was on the board of directors of the R. Millard Farrell Learning and Enrichment Center, associated with the Eastchester Presbyterian Church in the Bronx. She served on the Schomburg Commission for the Preservation of Black Culture and was active in her church, the Church of the Master in Harlem.

In addition to her demanding and numerous volunteer positions, George's salaried posts included serving as an organizer, member of the board of directors, and other related capacities for the New York Hotel Trades Council (1940s-early 1950s). She was executive director of the Nepperhan Community Center in the Bronx, and worked for the City of New York Department of Finance, where her final responsibility before her retirement in 1975 was as coordinator of the Work Training Program with the Neighborhood Youth Corps Program.

Daisy George was born in South Carolina in 1907, and attended Benedict College, also in that state. George received many honors, commendations, and awards. She died in 2004.

Scope and Content Note

The Daisy George papers reflect her numerous activities, particularly her efforts to aid women and children via the various administrative posts she held with many organizations. The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs (NANBPWC) material contains reports, correspondence, printed matter, newsletters, programs, news clippings, and related material she collected as the United Nations' NGO representative regarding coordination of programs. Included are files pertaining to the U.N. Decade for Women (1975-1985), the International Women's Year conference held in Mexico City in 1975, and her attendance at the world conference in Nairobi in July 1985. Other NANBPWC files include information about study tours to Africa and fund raising activities for projects in Africa. The collection also documents the role played by Mary E. Singletary, president of NANBPWC, in advancing women's rights. The records also refer to some of the work of the United Nations African Mothers Association. The National Council of Negro Women files concern George's

role in coordinating regional conferences (1950s), a study tour to Europe in 1959, and other activities. The International Council of Women series includes material relating to a variety of conferences held in Paris in the 1970s and 1980s. The majority of the material for the National Council of Women, U.S.A. consists of publications. Files from George's employment with New York City's Department of Finance document her work with youth and employment. Her activities on behalf of children and women also can be found in files of the following organizations: R. Millard Farrell Learning and Enrichment Center, Morningside Community Center, Nepperhan Community Center, Susan E. Wagner Day Care Center, and Church of the Master, all either in Manhattan, the Bronx, or Yonkers. George's experience with the Hotel Trades Council is represented by financial reports, a collective bargaining agreement (1947), and by-laws. There are a series of scrapbooks displaying documents from many of the above named organizations, and George's personal papers, consisting of resumes and correspondence from family and friends.

Arrangement: Arranged by accession/donation date: I. 1986; II. 1992; III. 1993; and IV. 2002, then generally by organization name.

Key Terms

Subjects

African American women -- Societies and clubs
African American women executives
International Women's Decade, 1976-1985
International Women's Year, 1975
Women in community development
Women's rights -- United States

Names

George, Daisy S. (Daisy Screven)
Church of the Master (New York, N.Y.)
International Council of Women
Morningside Community Center (New York, N.Y.)
National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs
Neighborhood Youth Corps (U.S.)
Nepperhan Community Center (Yonkers, N.Y.)
New York Hotel Trades Council
R. Millard Farrell Learning and Enrichment Center (Bronx, New York, N.Y.)
Susan E. Wagner Child Care Center (New York, N.Y.)
United Nations African Mothers Association

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and United Nations African Mothers Association
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