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Guide to the

Jesse N. Alexander papers

1969-1980

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Summary

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Creator History

Jesse N. Alexander was the Executive Director of Black and Non-White YMCA Volunteers and Staff, 1969-1981, and Director of the Human Rights Unit of the National YMCA, 1973-1981.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of the personal office files of Alexander which reflect his leadership roles with the National YMCA. Records of the National Conference of Black and Non-White YMCA Volunteers and Staff include minutes of the board of directors, correspondence, conference reports, membership lists, budgets, and publications. YMCA Human Rights Unit materials include correspondence; affirmative action reports; speeches and historical profiles of black YMCAs prepared for the 125th anniversary celebration of the YMCA; reports on the efforts made by the YMCA regarding equal employment opportunities; reports dealing with the struggles and continued existence of black YMCAs; and publications.

Arrangement: Arranged into two series: I. Black and Non-White YMCA Volunteers and Staff Inc. (BAN-WYS) and II. YMCA.

Key Terms

Subjects

Affirmative action programs -- United States
African Americans -- Civil rights
African Americans -- Employment
African Americans -- Societies, etc
Associations, institutions, etc -- African American membership
Discrimination in employment
Human rights -- United States
Social work with African Americans
Young Men's Christian associations -- United States

Geographic Names

United States -- Social conditions -- 1960-1980

Names

Alexander, Jesse N.
National Conference of Black and Non-White YMCA Volunteers and Staff
YMCA of the USA

Container List

Black and Non-White YMCA Volunteers and Staff (BAN-WYS) 1969-1980

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- b. 1 History and statement of purpose
- b. 1 Budget
- b. 1 Survival of the project
- b. 2 Training material
- b. 2 1980
- b. 2 National Conference 1968-1980
- b. 3 Executive Committee 1978-1979
- b. 3 Membership policy and procedures
- b. 3 Publications
- b. 3 Conference 1969
- Regions
 - b. 3 Northeast
 - b. 3 Pacific
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 - b. 3 Southeast
 - b. 3 Goals and plans
 - b. 3 Membership lists 1975-1977
 - b. 3 Affirmative Action reports

YMCA 1975-1979

- b. 4 Task Force on Black YMCA 1976
- b. 4 Deyads St. YMCA
- b. 4 Black cultural centers
- b. 4 Butler Street YMCA, Atlanta
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- b. 4 G. W. Carver YMCA, Miami
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- b. 4 Mid-eastern cluster of YMCAs
- b. 4 History of the Black YMCA in America
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- Branches
 - b. 4 Montclair (New Jersey) YMCA
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Branches (cont.)

- b. 4 G. W. Carver YMCA
- b. 4 Center Street YMCA
- b. 4 East Orange YMCA
- b. 4 Hayes-Taylor Memorial
- b. 4 L.L. Melton Family Branch
- b. 4 Oklahoma City, Outreach Department
- b. 4 Old Fort Family Branch
- b. 4 28th Street YMCA
- b. 4 West Broad Street
- b. 4 SE Branch, Atlanta
- b. 4 125th anniversary
- b. 5 Affirmative Action Program, policy and objectives
- b. 5 Drug Abuse Program
Includes publication with description.
- b. 5 Uganda emergency appeal
- b. 5 Bedford Branch YMCA, strategic plan

Reports

- b. 5 YMCA interracial study 1965-1966
- b. 5 "What Is the Future of the Non-White YMCA: Issues of Survival" 1980
- b. 5 Center Street YMCA
- b. 5 Promotional materials on racism
- b. 5 Africa file
- b. 5 Proposed Human Rights Committee of the National Board 1976
- b. 5 National Task Force on YMCA in Black Communities

Publications, reports, and programs

- b. 5 "A Plan for the Fuller Achievement of Racial Integration in the YMCA" (pamphlet)
- b. 5 A Report of a Caucus of Black Members of YMCA Boards and Other Volunteers
- b. 5 YMCA in Black Communities Task Force 1977
- b. 5 A Salute to Black Achievers in Industry 1971-1980
- b. 5 National recruiting policy for members of minority groups within the YMCA
- b. 5 "The YMCA in Black Communities, 125 years: 1853-1978" 1978
- b. 5 Selected Black Leaders of the YMCA (history kit) 1978
- b. 5 Historical Sketches of the Black YMCAs in the South

Correspondence

- b. 6 1972
- b. 6 1975
- b. 6 1976
- b. 6 1977
- b. 6 1978
- b. 6 1979