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Guide to the

Wynn Family collection

1893-1948

Sc MG 839

Summary

Creator: Wynn family

Title: Wynn Family collection

Date: 1893-1948

Size: 0.21 linear feet (1 box)

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Abstract: The Wynn family, consisting of the Reverend Robert Daniel Wynn, his wife Rosie D. Wynn, and their daughter, Cora, lived in New York City and Newark, New Jersey. Reverend Wynn was the pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church from 1885 until 1902, during the period the church was located in Greenwich Village, New York City. He later pastored at Bethany Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey, where he remained until his death in 1921. His daughter, Cora, was a pianist and performed in a number of recitals both before and after her marriage, when she was also known as Cora Wynn Alexander. The Wynn Family collection contains a small amount of material representing two members of this family. Rev. Robert D. Wynn's documents consist of a program celebrating the 90th anniversary of the founding of Abyssinian Baptist Church (1898); lyrics for a song he wrote, "I Would Live Longer"; and a program from Newark's Bethany Baptist Church (1907). Cora Wynn Alexander is represented by a letter written to her by a missionary friend in Cape Town, South Africa (1898), and several programs for music recitals, a few for which she performed. There are fifteen legal documents for property that the family owned in various locations in New Jersey (1919-1927).

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Key Terms

Subjects

African American clergy
African American families
African American women musicians
Real property -- New Jersey
Women pianists

Geographic Names

Newark (N.J.)

Names

Alexander, Cora Wynn
Wynn, Robert Daniel
Wynn family
Abyssinian Baptist Church (New York, N.Y.)
Bethany Baptist Church (Newark, N.J.)

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 Wynn, Robert Daniel 1898-1921
Alexander, Cora Wynn
- b. 1 f. 2 Correspondence 1898-1932
- b. 1 f. 3 Music programs listing Alexander 1920-1948
- b. 1 f. 4 General programs 1924-1937
- b. 1 f. 5 Legal documents 1893-1927