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McLaughlin Family Papers, 1925-2020 SCHS# 0685.00

Description: 4 linear ft. (11 boxes)

Biographical/Historical Note: Iris Ladson McLaughlin (1915-2007) was born in Sumter, S.C. She was the daughter of Richard James Ladson and Rosa Pack Ladson, and she graduated from Lincoln High School and Morris College in Sumter. She taught in public schools for many years and later became involved in creating a preschool program, becoming its supervisor, and retiring in 1977. She was a member of many community and national organizations, and was an active member of First Baptist Missionary Church and several related religious organizations. Her husband, Arthur Spiegel McLaughlin (1912-1996), the son of Bogin McLaughlin and Rosa Parker McLaughlin, was a native of Virginia. His family moved to Sumter, where he graduated from Lincoln High School and Morris College. He was an educator for some years before beginning a longtime career in the U.S. postal service in 1942. Like his wife, he was active in many community organizations and at First Baptist Missionary Church. Iris and Arthur McLaughlin had two children, Dr. David McLaughlin (1934-1989), who became a professor of zoology at Howard University, and Dr. Arthuree Rosemille McLaughlin Wright, a librarian, educator, and minister.

Scope and content: Papers of the McLaughlin family of Sumter, South Carolina, include personal papers of Iris Ladson McLaughlin, Arthur S. McLaughlin, David McLaughlin, and Arthuree R. McLaughlin Wright. Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin include her master's thesis, 1955; school and employment records; papers relating to her membership in the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the Sumter County Democratic Party, the Red Hat Society, the One More Effort Club, the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Church Women United, and other organizations; papers relating to her involvement in First Baptist Missionary Church and the Wateree Baptist Association, Lower Division; her professional papers pertaining to her career as a teacher and as director of the Sumter preschool program; and records pertaining to Moore Elementary School, Lincoln High School, and Morris College. Also of note in her papers is a record book (1925-1940s) of the Shiloh Baptist Church (later First Baptist) containing minutes, financial records, and lists of members. Papers of Arthur S. McLaughlin include papers reflecting his involvement in the postal service, the Goodfellows Club, the Masons, and the Walker Cemetery Association. Papers of David McLaughlin include correspondence, school records, his dissertation (1965); and papers relating to his doctorate degree as well as posthumous awards and scholarships in his name. Papers of Arthuree R. McLaughlin Wright include memorabilia, writings, ordination records, and papers pertaining to her son Joshua K.

Wright. There are also papers pertaining to the related families of Ladson and Frances Bethea Grant and her family.

Collection also consists of photographs removed from the McLaughlin Family Papers (0685). They include images of students at the Penn School, Moore Elementary School and other elementary schools, and Lincoln High School; photographs relating to North Carolina Central University and Frances Bethea Grant; images of members of the McLaughlin, Ladson, and Wright families; photographs relating to First Baptist Missionary Church in Sumter; and photograph albums kept by David McLaughlin including images of him and his family.

Note: Photographs have been removed to the Visual Material Collection (0685 VM).

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Search terms:

Grant, Frances Bethea, 1932-2016.
McLaughlin, Arthur Spiegel, 1912-1996.
McLaughlin, David, 1934-1989.
McLaughlin, Iris Ladson, 1915-2007.
Wright, Arthuree Rosemille McLaughlin.
Ladson family.
McLaughlin family.
Clark College
First Baptist Missionary Church (Sumter, S.C.)
Howard University
Lincoln High School (Sumter, S.C.)
Morris College (Sumter, S.C.)
Shiloh Baptist Church (Sumter, S.C.)
African American Baptists -- South Carolina -- Sumter -- History -- Sources
African American educators -- South Carolina -- Sumter
African American Greek letter societies
African American postal service employees
African American scientists
African American women clergy
African American women teachers
African Americans -- Education
Baptist associations -- South Carolina
Education, Elementary -- South Carolina -- Sumter County
Education, Preschool -- South Carolina -- Sumter
Sumter (S.C.)

Container listing:

BOX 1

- 1 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: correspondence, 1959-1997. Includes a letter, 22 July 1969, from David McLaughlin after a European tour.
- 2 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: correspondence, 2000-2007, and undated.
- 3 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: greeting cards.
- 4 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: master's thesis, 1955
- 5 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: awards and honors.
- 6 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: school records.
- 7 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: employment records.
- 8 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Alumnae papers, 1965-1980s.
- 9 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: sorority (Delta Sigma Theta alumnae) records, 1990s-2001.

BOX 2

- 1 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: memorabilia.
- 2 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: miscellaneous papers.
- 3 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: papers relating to Sumter cultural affairs.
- 4 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: papers relating to Sumter and Sumter County.
- 5 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: papers relating to local senior organizations.
- 6 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: papers relating to the Red Hat Society.
- 7 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: West Side Neighborhood Association and related papers.
- 8 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: papers relating to the Sumter County Democratic Party.
- 9 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: papers relating to miscellaneous local organizations.
- 10 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: One More Effort Club papers, 1968-2000s.
- 11 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: One More Effort Club papers.
- 12 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: papers relating to Martin Luther King, civil rights, and black history.

BOX 3

- 1 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: papers relating to the NAACP (local and national).
- 2 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: papers relating to the National Council of Negro Women.

- 3 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, 1980-2000s.
- 4 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: NACWC, "National Notes."
- 5 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: Southeastern Federation of Colored Women's (and Girls' and Youth) Clubs.
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- 7 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

BOX 4

- 1 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: YWCA.
- 2 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: Church Women United.
- 3 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: Women's Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina.
- 4 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: Women's Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina.
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- 6 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina.
- 7 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina.

BOX 5

- 1 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: Wateree Baptist Association, Lower Division.
- 2 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: Wateree Baptist Association, Lower Division history.
- 3 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: Wateree Baptist Association, Lower Division.
- 4 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: Women's Auxiliary of the Wateree Baptist Association. Lower Division.
- 5 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: Baptist Women's Union.
- 6 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: "Black Churches in Sumter County, S.C.: Their Origin and Development."

- 7 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: papers relating to South Carolina Baptist churches.
- 8 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: papers relating to South Carolina Baptist churches and members.
- 9 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: Shiloh Baptist Church (later First Baptist Missionary Church) record book, 1925-1940s,
- 10 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: First Baptist Missionary Church: church calendars, 1984-2020.

BOX 6

- 1 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: First Baptist Missionary Church: church directory and souvenir booklet.
- 2 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: First Baptist Missionary Church: church history.
- 3 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: First Baptist Missionary Church: anniversary publications.
- 4 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: First Baptist Missionary Church: Dr. William S. Randolph.
- 5 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: First Baptist Missionary Church: miscellaneous papers.
- 6 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: First Baptist Missionary Church: Louisa Johnson Thrift Club records.
- 7 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: First Baptist Missionary Church: summer food service program (Vacation Bible School).
- 8 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: First Baptist Missionary Church: Senior Missionary Society and Women's Day records.
- 9 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: First Baptist Missionary Church: property records.
- 10 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: First Baptist Missionary Church: papers relating to the history of church and church organizations.

BOX 7

- 1 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: Moore School (Sumter).
- 2 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: Lincoln High School
- 3 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: Morris College.
- 4 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: Morris College event programs.
- 5 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: papers relating to Sumter preschool programs.

- 6 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: preschool program materials.
- 7 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: guest book for the Sumter Pre-School Demonstration Site, 1966-1970.
- 8 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: papers relating to School District 17.
- 8 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: Sumter County Education Association Retired; and the South Carolina Retired Educators Association.
- 9 Papers of Iris L. McLaughlin: obituaries, tributes, etc.

BOX 8

- 1 Arthur S. McLaughlin: personal papers.
- 2 Arthur S. McLaughlin: honors and awards.
- 3 Arthur S. McLaughlin: postal papers.
- 4 Arthur S. McLaughlin: professional papers.
- 5 Arthur S. McLaughlin: membership cards.
- 6 Arthur S. McLaughlin: papers relating to the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.
- 7 Arthur S. McLaughlin: Walker Cemetery Association.
- 8 Arthur S. McLaughlin: Goodfellows Club.
- 9 Arthur S. McLaughlin: Masonic papers.
- 10 Arthur S. McLaughlin: obituaries and tributes.
- 11 Arthur S. McLaughlin: funeral records.
- 12 David McLaughlin: letters, 1958-1979.
- 13 David McLaughlin: personal papers.
- 14 David McLaughlin: Lincoln High School yearbook, 1951-1952.
- 15 David McLaughlin: dissertation, 1965.

BOX 9

- 1 David McLaughlin: college records, Clark College and Howard University.
- 2 David McLaughlin: fraternity papers.

- 3 David McLaughlin: scrapbook, 1964-1965, mainly relating to David McLaughlin's doctorate degree.
- 4 David McLaughlin: obituaries and tributes.
- 5 David McLaughlin: posthumous awards and scholarships in his name.
- 6 Arthuree R. M. Wright: personal papers.
- 7 Arthuree R. M. Wright: memorabilia.
- 8 Arthuree R. M. Wright: writings.
- 9 Arthuree R. M. Wright: papers relating to Arthuree and Obie Wright.
- 10 Arthuree R. M. Wright: ordination records.
- 11 Arthuree R. M. Wright: diplomas and certificates.
- 12 Arthuree R. M. Wright: papers relating to Joshua K. Wright.

BOX 10

- 1 Papers relating to the McLaughlin family and related families.
- 2 Papers relating to the Ladson family.
- 3 Papers relating to Frances Bethea Grant and the Bethea family.
- 4 Collection of papers which relate to McLaughlin family friends and relatives.
- 5 Papers relating to McLaughlin family friends and relatives.

BOX 11

- 1 Obituaries, death notices, and funeral programs for McLaughlin family members and friends, A-H. (See list of names below.)
- 2 Obituaries, death notices, and funeral programs for McLaughlin family members and friends, J-N.
- 3 Obituaries, death notices, and funeral programs for McLaughlin family members and friends, P-R.
- 4 Obituaries, death notices, and funeral programs for McLaughlin family members and friends, S-W.

Obituaries, Death Notices (Clippings), and Funeral Programs

Novella M. Able
John Earl Abrams, Jr.

Violet Mae Taylor Bartley
Sarah Bazemore
Henry Bazemore
Hattie Audrey Sue Berkley
Madge Tarleton Berry
Rev. Dr. Minnie Margaret Williams Bland
Willie Mae Spann Blanding
Rosa Lee Bolger
Edna Green Braddy
Anna Roman Brogdon
Sod Brogden, Sr.
William Emerson Brown
Willowee J. Brown
Agnes I. M. Brunson
Ezekiel Budden
Mary F. Budden
Willie Budden, Sr.
Mable E. M. Burroughs

Robina Dixon Cabbagestalk
Willie N. Campbell
Benjamin Franklin Canty, Jr.
Evelyn Davis Canty
Herbert Steve Clark
Rebecca Wells Cocklin
Reco Antonio Cook
Robin Alicia Sheck Copes

Sarah Vertelle Colclough DeChamps
Harold N. DeLaine
Thomas B. Dinkins
Iziah "Bubba" Dixon
Victoria Williams Duncan
Paralee E. G. Dupre
Carolyn Jones Durant
Norman E. DuRant

Albert Allen Fuller, Jr.
Flossie Ethel Tention Flowers
John Franklin, Jr.
William James Frederick
Ada Ruth McCullough Furman (Order of Tent)

Heyward Gadson, Sr.
Myrtle Bishop Garner
Annie Galloway Goodley
Porter Greenhill
Melvin Gregg

Winston Harrington
Daisy Thomas Harvin
Eunice Helton
Rose Rhuden Woods Hemingway (United Order of Tent)
James Cleveland Higgins
Ray Mabry Higgins
Alice Charity Pickens Holback
Clarence Melvin Holmes
Ethel Jenkins Howell
Janie Smith Hutley
Jimmie S. Hutley

Calvin Jackson
Dorothy Frazier Jackson
Graydon Jackson
Thomas Jackson
Marion James
Alma Atkinson Peterson Jenkins
Josephine (Teenie) Sumpter Jenkins
Juanita Cabbagestalk Joe
Myrtle Brooks Jones (Eastern Star)

Pinkie L. Kilgo (Eastern Star)

Madeline Thompson Leake (Eastern Star)
Gladys Roman Scott Lemon
Octavia Martin Leneau
Stella Burgess Lewis
Ruthe "Tonchye" Kibler Logan
Sarah Lillie Logan

Doreen Dixon Mack
Wilhelmena Bates McClanahan
Arthuree Neely McCoy
Flora Roberts McCullough
Adelaide Palmer McDonald (daughter of Robert John Palmer, SC House of Representatives, 1876-1878)
Moses W. McFadden
Carolyn Thompson McKnight McKay
Arthur S. McLaughlin
Dr. David McLaughlin
Iris Ladson McLaughlin
Vashti Roberta Nelson Miller

Mary F. Goodine Montgomery
Thelma Pearl Graham Montgomery
Ann Moore
Thomas "Tommy" Moss
Bertha Jones Murray (Civil rights activist, Eastern Star, DST Sorority)
W. Leroy Myers

Clayton B. Normand
John Clayton Normand

Luley Pack
Moses "Moise" Pack
Pearl Furman Pack
Robert James "Ferris" Pack
Victoria Fogle Pack
Mable Ethel Pearson
Nathaniel Pearson, Jr.
Alice Virginia Clarkson Peele
Janie Peterson
Ronald Edward Pickering
Wilhelmenia T. Pickering
Hattie Bell Neely Pratt
Ethel Neely Price
Archie Wingate Prince
Ernest Pringle

Matthew Orlando Ramsey
Dr. Odell Richardson Reuben (president of Morris College)
Colie Reynolds
Purlen Rhames
Susie Virginia Richardson (Order of Tents)
Gladys Wilder Riley
Lunette Sartor Robinson
Sarah Jane Smith Robinson

Myrtle L. Scott
Rebecca Eliza Scott
Mary Modjeska Monteith Simkins (founding member of the SC Conference of the NAACP)
Loris Pack Simmons
Lewis E. Singleton, Jr. (news clipping)
Agnes Smith white
Claude White
Ethel Lee Smith (Eastern Star)
Lottyce Butler Smith (Eastern Star)
Walter Smith
Willie Smith
William "Bill" Spain, Jr.
Henry McNeil Stone

Laverne Jackson "Jack" Taylor
Annie Bell Thompson (Order of Tents and Eastern Star)
Charles Isham Thompson, Sr.
Earl Covington Thompson
Everett Joseph Thompson, Sr.
Woodrow Thompson

Alva Delray Vaughn

Dontay D. Walker
Mary Lou Neely Whinen
James Wilder, Jr.
Richard Irving Wilder
Roland Wilder
Eunice Wilson (United Order of Tents)
Tamarinice Margaret Portis Williams
Florence Counts Wilson
Howard Wilson
Mauestine Colclough Wilson
Oliver Witherspoon, Jr.
George Willie Wright, I
Robert Earl "Randolph" Wright