



SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Visual Materials from the Christian Family Y Records, 1895-1997

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Description: 1.5 linear ft. (4 boxes)

Biographical/historical Note: The Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of Charleston, S.C. was formed in 1903, and chartered in 1906 when the YWCA of America was officially formed. In 1967, after several years of discussion, the board of the YWCA voted to disaffiliate itself from the national organization. In 1971, the national YWCA sued the Charleston YWCA over the use of the name "YWCA" and in 1972 the Charleston YWCA changed its name to the Christian Family Y of Charleston." In 2003, the CFY changed its name to Charleston Family and Youth, and the following year, it closed due to financial problems.

Scope and content: Collection consists of photographic material removed from the records of the Christian Family Y (formerly the YWCA) of Charleston. Photographs depict various events and activities of the organization including summer camps for children, the Festival of Tables, annual meetings, tea rooms, and the construction of a new swimming pool in the 1990s.

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Swimming pools -- South Carolina -- Charleston
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Charleston (S.C.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century
Photographs

Container Listing:

BOX 1

- 1 Black and white photographs dating in the 1960s, including models of the proposed building for the YWCA.

- 2 Color snapshots documenting trips in the 1980s, including trips to Daufuskie Island and Pawley's Island, and an excursion on a sailboat.
- 3 Photos of 1980s activities and events including "Joy Week."
- 4 Events of the 1980s, including the Festival of Tables (1986).
- 5 Photos of trips in the 1980s, including trips to Edisto Island, Brookgreen Gardens, and Bull Island.
- 6 Events and activities of 1991.
- 7 Photographs of a Hat Luncheon, Oct. 3, 1991.
- 8 Festival of Tables preview party, 1991.
- 9 Events and activities of the 1990s, including an annual meeting (1991), and a thrift shop.
- 10 Tea Room and Silver Coffee, 1990s.
- 11 Festival of Tables, 1992.
- 12 Christmas event, 1992.
- 13 Fall luncheon, 1993.
- 14 Annual meeting, 1993.
- 15 Photographs of the pool groundbreaking and construction, 1990s.
- 16 Pool dedication luncheon, 1990s.
- 17 "American Girl" event, 1994.
- 18 Annual luncheon, 1995.
- 19 Silver Coffee, 1995.
- 20 "Jumpin' June Bugs" summer camp, 1996.
- 21 "Summer Olympics" July 1996.
- 22 Pool Day, 1997.
- 23 Annual meeting, 1997.
- 24 Reception for Wilhelmina Rollings, a bridge instructor at the CFY for 33 years (undated).
- 25 "American Girl" event, undated.
- 26 Photographs of table settings for "Festival of Tables" event(s), undated. Each photo is labeled with a description of the table setting and its creator(s).

BOX 2

- 1 Children's camps and afterschool programs, 1990s.
- 2 Miscellaneous black and white photographs, undated.
- 3 Color and black and white photographs of various events and activities, undated, including a children's talent show.
- 4 Negatives, undated.
- 5 Negatives, undated.
- 6 Contact sheets, probably dating in the 1960s, depicting various activities and events including a pageant (?).

BOX 3

- 1 Early photographs: includes a photo, 1919, of a group of persons associated with the YWCA, such as Mrs. Abby Aldrich Rockefeller; photos, 1895-1926, of young women playing basketball and posing as a team; and a group photo of student nurses in a YWCA club, circa 1940.
- 2 Photos of children and youth activities, 1950s and undated, including sports, martial arts, etc.
- 3 Ladies' activities, including art, cooking, homemaking, and flower arranging, 1960s (?) and undated..
- 4 Teen Y Club, 1960s and undated.
- 5 Classes, 1950s-1960s, for yoga, art, furniture refinishing, etc. Of note are two photos of an art class taught by Alicia Rhett.
- 6 Miscellaneous photos of the 1950s and 1960s.
- 7 Two photos of ladies preparing Christmas gifts for soldiers in Vietnam, 1967.
- 8 Beauty pageant scenes, 1950s-1980s. Some contestants are named.
- 9 Photos of a trip to the Columbia zoo, 1987.
- 10 Slides of a house tour, 1988.
- 11 Children's events, 1980s-1990s.
- 12 Festival of Tables, 1980s-1990s. Many photos have identifying labels.
- 13 Senior exercise classes, 1990s; and the Golden Age Club (1960s?).
- 14 Annual meeting, 1991.

- 15 Activities and events, 1990s. Includes photos of bingo game, a bridge benefit, Christmas party, silver coffee, etc.
- 16 Events of 1991: a Silver Coffee and a hat luncheon.
- 17 Annual meeting, May 1992.
- 18 Auxiliary fall luncheon, Oct. 1992.
- 19 Annual luncheon, 1992; and bridge benefit, 1993.
- 20 New member reception, no date.
- 21 Dance performances, no date.
- 22 Chefs, no date.
- 23 New member drop in, no date. One lady pictured is Ginny (Zemp) Howell.

BOX 4

- 1 Coffee honoring [employees] Margaret Grant, Maggie Mae Kirkland, Jeanne Tool, and Louis Yeadon; and an event, n.d., with Joseph Riley (mayor).
- 3 Events, no date (1990s?).
- 4 International Club, no date (1960s-1970s?).
- 5 Portrait photographs of various individuals including Nancy Hawk, n.d.
- 6 Photographs of numerous individuals, identified.
- 7 Exercise areas, pool, and other facilities.
- 8 Photographs of the YWCA buildings; includes photos of 21 George Street, a house demolished to build a new YWCA building.