

# Crosthwaite Family Collection (AC34)

## *Introduction*

The Crosthwaite Family Collection contains documents, photographs, artifacts, and textiles related to the lives and careers of Dr. David N. and Minnie L. Crosthwaite and their children.

## *Descriptive Summary*

Creator: Crosthwaite Family  
Title: Crosthwaite Family Collection  
Dates: 1881-1977  
Size: 0.8 linear feet, 2 boxes  
Collection Number: AC34

## *Donor Information*

Found in collection.

## *Citation Note*

Crosthwaite Family Collection (AC34), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri.

## *Administrative Information*

Reproduction Restrictions: Unrestricted.  
Access Restrictions: Access to textiles in the collection must be pre-approved by the collection librarian due to preservation concerns.  
Additional Forms Available: Digital images of the quilt are available for viewing in the reading room.

## *Biographical Sketch*

Dr. David N. Crosthwaite was born in Murfreesborough, Tennessee, in 1856. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Meharry Medical College in 1891. Dr. Crosthwaite came to Kansas City, Missouri, in 1895 to accept a position on the faculty of Lincoln High School as a teacher of physiology and chemistry. He died in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1948.

Minnie L. (née Harris) Crosthwaite was born in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1870. She met and married Dr. Crosthwaite in Nashville in 1889. The couple had three children, all born in Nashville: David, Paul, and Anne. After raising her children, Crosthwaite worked as a social worker at the Wheatley-Provident Hospital Clinic from 1932 until her retirement in 1947. In addition to her professional activities, Crosthwaite served as president of the Wheatley-Provident Hospital Auxiliary for twenty-one years. She was

also a member of a number of social clubs, including the Inter-City Dames. Minnie L. Crosthwaite died in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1963.

### ***Scope and Content Note***

The collection consists of three series arranged by item type.

#### **Series 1: Documents, 1907-1977**

This series consists of letters, school records, certificates and licenses, and financial and legal documents. The series also includes an undated prose piece and an undated history of the Inter-City Dames, presumably both written by Anne Crosthwaite Simms.

#### **Series 2: Photographs, 1881-1975**

This series consists of photographs of David N. and Minnie L. Crosthwaite, their children, other family members and friends.

#### **Series 3: Artifacts and Textiles, 1900-1977**

This series consists of artifacts and textiles. The series includes Anne Crosthwaite Simms' NAACP Life Membership plaque and Minnie L. Crosthwaite's census enumerator badge. The series also includes undated textiles: a piece of fabric, two stockings, and a quilt. The textiles are located in Box 2.

### ***Collection Inventory***

The notation "OS" indicates the materials are located in Oversize Box 1.

#### **Series 1: Documents, 1907-1977**

- f. 1 Correspondence, 1919, 1952, 1974-1977
- f. 2 Correspondence, n.d.
- f. 3 Paul V. Crosthwaite Lincoln High School diploma, 1910 (OS)
- f. 4 Anne E. Crosthwaite college records, 1907-1954 (OS)
- f. 5 Certificates and licenses, 1917-1954
- f. 6 Financial and legal documents, 1917-1961
- f. 7 "The Homecoming," n.d.
- f. 8 "Inter-City Dames," n.d.

#### **Series 2: Photographs, 1881-1975**

- f. 9 David N. Crosthwaite photographs, 1881, n.d.
- f. 10 Minnie L. Crosthwaite photographs, n.d.
- f. 11 Crosthwaite 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary photographs, 1939
- f. 12 Crosthwaite children photographs, 1908, 1966-1975, n.d. (OS)
- f. 13 Crosthwaite extended family and friends photographs, 1914, 1922, n.d.
- f. 14 Unidentified photographs, n.d.

**Series 3: Artifacts and Textiles, 1900-1977**

- f. 15 Anne Crosthwaite Simms NAACP membership plaque, 1977
- f. 16 Census badge, 1900
- f. 17 Textiles, n.d. (located in Box 2)

**Processed by Michael Sweeney, Collection Librarian, October 2014.**