Dr. Julia H. Hill Collection (AC13)

Introduction

The Dr. Julia H. Hill Collection contains items related to the professional and community activities and achievements of Dr. Julia H. Hill, former president of the Kansas City, Missouri, Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and former member of the Board of Education of the Kansas City, Missouri, School District.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Dr. Julia H. Hill

Title: Dr. Julia H. Hill Collection

Dates: 1966-2007

Size: 2.75 linear feet, 8 boxes Collection Number: AC13

Donor Information

Donated by Dr. Julia H. Hill, 01/03/2013.

Citation Note

Dr. Julia H. Hill Collection (AC13), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Sketch

Dr. Julia H. Hill was born in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1922 to Arthur Hicks and Ethel P. Williams. The couple had five children. She is a graduate of Lincoln High School in Kansas City, Missouri. She earned a B.S. degree from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, a M.A. degree from the University of Southern California, and an Ed.D. from Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Dr. Hill is the wife of Quincy T. Hill.

Dr. Hill began her professional career in 1943 as an elementary school teacher. She taught at Booker T. Washington, Banneker, and Wendell Phillips Schools, all part of the Kansas City, Missouri, School District. Dr. Hill joined with others in 1958 to form the Community Committee on Social Action. As vice-president of the picketing committee for the Community Committee for Social Action between 1958 and 1959, Dr. Hill worked to eliminate discrimination in major department stores, including Macy's, Jones, Kline's, Peck's, and Emery, Bird, Thayer.

Dr. Hill was deeply involved in the work of the NAACP in Kansas City, serving as the branch president from 1971 to 1980, the first woman to hold that position in the local branch. During her tenure as president, the branch documented and informed the federal Department of Health, Education, and Welfare about inequities in the hiring and promotion of minorities and women in the Kansas City, Missouri, School District, the Metropolitan Community College system, and at the University of Missouri – Kansas City. The branch monitored and reported on police brutalities in the Black community. The branch assisted in investigations of hiring and promotions at local businesses, including Kansas City Power and Light and Braniff Airlines. She continued to serve on the executive board of the local branch until 2013.

Dr. Hill won the 5th District seat on the board of the Kansas City, Missouri, School District in 1984 and served three terms, becoming president of the board in 1990. She served during the tumultuous period of desegregation of the school district.

Scope and Content Note

The collection is arranged by item type: scrapbooks, loose documents, and plaques and awards.

Series 1: Scrapbooks

1-1: Scrapbook #1, 1982-1985

Scrapbook #1, covering the period 1982-1985, consists of correspondence, newspaper clippings, greeting cards, campaign materials and other ephemera, primarily concerning Hill's campaign and election to the Board of Education for the Kansas City, Missouri, School District. Other topics include Hill's participation in the 75th NAACP Convention in 1984 and awards received from the Mid-Continent Council of Girl Scouts and the Kansas City Globe newspaper.

1-2: Scrapbook #2, 1967-1982

Scrapbook #2, covering the period 1967-1982, consists of correspondence, newspaper clippings, greeting cards, and photographs, primarily concerning Hill's tenure as president of the Kansas City, Missouri, branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Other topics include Hill's work as Division of Urban Education Coordinator with the Kansas City, Missouri, School District and completion of a Ph.D. in Education at Nova University in Florida. Other items of interest include a biographical sketch, a resume, lists of Hill's accomplishments as president of the local NAACP chapter and member of the Community Committee for Social Action, and an article written by Hill concerning teacher aides.

1-3: Scrapbook #3, 1971-1984

Scrapbook #3, covering the period 1971-1984, consists of correspondence, newspaper clippings, greeting cards, and photographs, primarily concerning Hill's tenure as president of the Kansas City, Missouri, branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, her decision to step down from that position, and the termination of her

employment at Metropolitan Community College and the community's reaction. Oversize items are housed separately in Box 8.

1-4: Scrapbook #4, 1979-1990

Scrapbook #4, covering the period 1979-1990, consists of correspondence, newspaper clippings, greeting cards, photographs, and award certificates, primarily concerning Hill's campaign and election to the Board of Education for the Kansas City, Missouri, School District. Other topics include Hill's service to the Southwestern Bell Telephone Consumer Advisory Panel, the 1982 election for president of the local NAACP branch, and a reception for Hill by the Coalition of 100 Black Women. Oversize items are housed separately in Box 8.

1-5: Scrapbook #5, 1977-2005

Scrapbook #5, covering the period 1977-2005, consists of correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, and funeral programs. The majority of the photographs show NAACP membership activities, e.g. receptions. The scrapbook also includes funeral programs for Herman Johnson and Lucile Bluford and newspaper clippings concerning the 50th anniversary of the P.M. Interlude Club and Hill's induction into the Lincoln University Alumni Hall of Fame.

1-6: Scrapbook #6, 1966-2005

Scrapbook #6, covering the period 1966-2005, consists entirely of newspaper clippings. Topics include Hill's tenure as president of the Kansas City, Missouri, branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, honors and rewards received by Hill, and activities at Centennial United Method Church at 19th and Woodland Avenue. The scrapbook also includes an obituary for Hill's father, Arthur Hicks.

1-7: Scrapbook #7, 1988-1992

Scrapbook #7, covering the period 1988-1992, consists of correspondence, newspaper clippings, and photographs. Topics include NAACP receptions, awards received by Hill, and the 1992 school board election.

Series 2: Loose Documents, 1980-2007

This series consists of loose documents, covering the period 1980-2007. The series is arranged by item type, i.e. correspondence and certificates, and then chronologically by date. Oversize items are housed separately in Box 8.

Series 3: Plaques and Awards, 1971-2005

This series consists of plaques and awards given to Hill between 1971 and 2005 from professional and community organizations for various achievements. The items are arranged chronologically by date. Oversize items are housed separately in Box 8.

Collection Inventory

The notation "OS" indicates the materials are located in Box 8.

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- f. 54 Certificates, 1982-2007, n.d. (OS)
- f. 55 Correspondence, 12/05/1980

Series 3: Plaques and Awards

- f. 56 Freedom Inc. Leon M. Jordan, 05/06/1971 (OS)
- f. 57 NAACP Life Membership, 09/1973
- f. 58 Afro-American Student Union, 11/23/1977
- f. 59 SCLC Community Service, 04/23/1980
- f. 60 Operation Push, ca. 1981
- f. 61 NAACP Harold L. Holiday, Sr., 1988
- f. 62 Lincoln University Alumni Association, 07/21/1990
- f. 63 Northeast Kansas National Alliance of Black School Educators, 02/12/1992
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