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**ANCIENT EGYPTIAN ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE**  
**AND**  
**DAUGHTERS OF ISIS**

**ALEXANDER, Booker (1904- )** **AEAO 1**

Imperial Recorder of the Ancient Egyptian Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Relates the history of his early years growing up in several small towns in Illinois. Discusses his recruitment by the Masons in Detroit and his 40 year membership in Hiram Lodge #1. Describes the initiation ceremonies and some of the customs that are typical of the Masons and Shriners. Provides details of the connection between Masonry and Shrinedom. Discusses differences between white and Black Shriners, charitable activities, problems with recruitment and Shrine temples in Alaska and the Bahamas.

Bound with transcript is an abstract of Noble Alexander's June 11, 1976 interview with Dr. Thomas Battle, who was Curator of Manuscripts at the time.

Interviewer: Elinor Des Verney Sinnette  
Date: July 11, 1982  
Format:  
Tape length: Transcript, 57 pages; tape not available  
Restrictions  
Standard

**DICKERSON, Eugene (1907- )** **AEAO 2**

Past Imperial Potentate. Recalls his childhood, adolescence, young adulthood and entry into Masonry in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Describes differences between Masonry and Shrinedom. Discusses his term of office and achievements. Recounts the events that led the Shriners to deposit their archives at Moorland-Spingarn Research Center. Discusses the importance of the Daughters of Isis.

Interviewer: Elinor Des Verney Sinnette  
Date: March 21, 1984  
Format:  
Tape length: Transcript, 52 pages; tape not available  
Restrictions  
Standard

**DIXON, Gladys (1901- )** **AEAO 4**

Past Commandress, Daughters of Isis. Discusses her background, family influences, education and forty-one year career as a teacher and later principal in the Baltimore City public school system. Discusses her reasons for joining the Daughters of Isis and the difference between the Daughters of Isis and the Eastern Star.

Recalls the history of the Daughters of Isis and the achievements of its Commandresses since 1942. Details the charities it supports, its various programs, and her accomplishments while a member of the organization, including writing the book Isis Facts and Information.

Interviewer: Elinor Des Verney Sinnette  
Date: May 28, 1982  
Format:  
Tape length: Transcript, 41 pages; tape not available  
Restrictions  
Standard