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EVA B. DYKES PAPERS
Collection 63-1 to 63-3

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Scope Note

The papers of Dr. Eva B. Dykes (1893-1986), educator, author, musician and church leader, span the period 1914-1977. The papers were donated by Dr. Dykes in 1977 and measure 1¼ linear feet.

Dr. Dykes' papers contain several biographical pieces and transcripts from interviews. Of interest are teacher rating sheets from the early 1920's when Do Dykes taught at M Street High School, Washington D.C. (later renamed Dunbar High School); and a school composition written by Dr. Dykes at the age of eleven years.

The correspondence contains materials which reflect her devotion to scholarship and the Seventh Day Adventist Church. The correspondence also reflects Dr. Dykes popularity as a guest speaker and performer. Complementing her correspondence are numerous programs of her speaking engagements and music recitals.

Included also are journal articles authored by Dr. Dykes, poetry and promotional announcements for two of her publications, *Readings from Negro Authors for Schools and Colleges*, and *The Negro In English Romantic Thought*.

The collection contains numerous photographs. There are several photographs of Dr. Dykes at various stages of her life and photographs of her family members, friends and associates.

There are also newspaper clippings and a listing of awards and honors.

Biographical Date

Eva B. Dykes

- 1893 August 13 Born in Washington, D.C.
- 1910 Graduated from M St., (later renamed Dunbar High School) and began college program at Howard University.
- 1914 Received BA degree from Howard University.
Joined faculty of Walden University in Nashville, TN.
- 1915-1918 Attended and received both A.B. and A.M. degrees and began research on her Ph.D. degree from Radcliffe College in Boston, MA.
- 1920 Appointed teacher of English at Dunbar High School in Washington, D.C.
- 1921 Awarded Ph.D. degree by Radcliffe College. She was the first Black woman to finish the requirements for a Ph.D degree.
- 1929-1944 Served as Professor of English at Howard University.
- 1944 September Joined faculty of Oakwood College in Huntsville, AL as chairperson of the English Department.
- 1967 Retired.
- 1970 Called from retirement to resume teaching career at Oakwood College.
- 1973 April 22 Dedication ceremony was held for the Eva B. Dykes Library at Oakwood College.
- 1973 Retired.
- 1986 October 29 Died in Huntsville, AL

Source: Eva B. Dykes Papers.

Series Description

- Series A**
Box 63-1
Personal Papers
This series includes biographical information such as her curriculum vitae a profile of her family relationship to Howard University, certificates, and teacher rating for the years 1922, 1923, 1927.
- Series B**
Box 63-1
Correspondence
Primarily correspondence related to Dr. Dykes' educational and church activities. Includes correspondence which documents her musical talents.
- Series C**
Box 63-1
Writings by Dykes
This series contains journal articles, poetry, promotional announcements for her book *Readings From Negro Authors for Schools and Colleges*, and a paper written by Dr. Dykes at the age of eleven.
- Series D**
Box 63-1
to Box 63-2
Programs
Includes programs documenting her career as accompanist and solo pianist in recitals featuring eminent artists. Also includes programs from her speaking engagements at school commencements and honors programs, church and various organizational programs.
- Series E**
Box 63-2
Writings About Dykes
Includes biographical studies of Dykes, articles, newspaper clippings, transcripts of interviews and a listing of awards and honors bestowed upon her.
- Series F**
Box 63-2
to Box 63-3
Photographs
This series contains photographs of Dr. Dykes at various stages of her life, from childhood to retirement. Includes photographs of her sisters, particularly of Florence, and photographs of her friends. There are several photographs taken at the dedication ceremony of the Eva. B. Dykes Library, Oakwood College.

Container List

Series A

Personal Papers

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63-1

- 1 Biographical Data
- 2 Certificates
- 3 Programs - Oakwood College
- 4 Teacher's Rating Sheet 1922, 1923, 1927
- 5 Obituary of Dr. Howard (uncle of Dr. Eva Dykes)
- 6 Letter of Reference for Florence Dykes (Dr. Eva Dykes' sister)

Series B

Correspondence

- 7 A
- 8 B
- 9 C
- 10 D
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- 12 F
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- 14 H-J
- 15 K-L
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- 21 First Names Only
- 22 Incomplete
- 23 Envelopes

Series C

Writings By Dykes

- 24 Faith In Christ
- 25 The Negro in English Romantic Thought (promotional announcement only)

Container List

Series F

Photographs

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- 20 Dr. Eva Dykes in cap and gown (1920)
- 21 Dr. Eva Dykes in her middle and later years
- 22 Childhood picture of the three Dykes sisters - Eva, Anita, Florence
- 23 Florence Dykes - sister of Dr. Eva Dykes
- 24 Dr. Dykes' family in Oakwood Souvenir Journal

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- 1 Scrapbook Page - Dr. Dykes and others
- 2 Dr. Dykes and others
- 3 Ceremony - "Salute to Dr. Dykes"
- 4 Dedication of Eva B. Dykes Library at Oakwood College
- 5 Dedication of Eva B. Dykes Library at Oakwood College
- 6 Oakwood College Calendar January page - picture of Oakwood Oratorio Society under direction of Dr. Dykes - 1945
- 7 William Brewer - Photostat
- 8 Joyce Bryant
- 9 Lillian Evanti