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**EMMA CASON GREEN
PAPERS, CA. 1905–1983**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 manuscript box, 1 folder black-and-white photographs, 1 folder color photographs
COLLECTION DATES:	Ca. 1905–83; bulk 1970–83
PROVENANCE:	Norma L. Cody, 75 Harmon, Detroit, MI 48202, November 1984
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NOTES:	<p>The Emma Cason Green Collection was donated during the Black Women in the Middle West Project. The Project was a collection effort to gather primary source materials of black women in Illinois and Indiana. The project, spearheaded by Darlene Clark Hine and Patrick Bidelman at Purdue University, was conducted in three phases from 1977–85. Project records are located at five repositories within the two states including the Indiana Historical Society (IHS) [also houses the project's administrative records], Calumet Regional Archives, and the Northern Indiana Historical Society in Indiana and the Chicago Historical Society and the Illinois State Historical Society in Illinois. More information about the project is contained in <i>The Black Women in the Middle West Project: A Comprehensive Resource Guide, Illinois and Indiana</i> (E185.6 .B53 1986), edited by Hine and Bidelman, et. al, and Wilma L. Gibbs's article "In Retrospect: The Black Women in the Middle West Project at the Indiana Historical Society," in <i>Indiana's African-American Heritage: Essays from Black History News & Notes</i> (E185.93 .I4 B 52 1993).</p>

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Emma Cason Green (1884–1983) was born in North Middletown, Kentucky on 11 May 1884. She was the daughter of James and Rebecca Cason. In 1905, she married Charles Green (1884–1957), a farmer from Bourbon County, Kentucky. Four children were born to this union. She lived in North Middletown and Ashland, Kentucky from 1884–1942. Her family lived in Anderson, Indiana from 1940s to 1965 and again from 1970 to 1973.

Green attended Kentucky Classical and Business College in North Middletown, Kentucky. Her religious affiliation was the Disciples of Christ. She was active in church choirs and youth groups. Throughout her life, Green worked as a self-employed dressmaker. In her spare time, she wrote poetry. Several of her poems were compiled into a book entitled, *Attempting to Express My Thoughts*. The compiler, Jimmie Curtis of Anderson, published the book in 1974.

Sources: Material in collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection spans from ca. 1905 to 1983. The scrapbook and manuscript materials range in date from 1939 to 1983. Most of the material relates to the life of Emma Cason Green (1884–1983). There is a small amount of correspondence in folder 1. An obituary program of her death is in folder 2. Green was an avid creative writer. Her speeches and poems are in folders 3 and 4.

Green was married for 52 years until the death of her husband in 1957. An autograph book and scrapbooks commemorating her 34th and 50th anniversaries are in folders 5–7. The collection also contains news clippings, receipts, and family photographs. The black-and-white photographs range in date from ca. 1905 to 1951, n.d. The color photographs were taken in 1966 to 1979, n.d.

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34th Wedding anniversary scrapbook, 1939

50th Wedding anniversary autograph book

50th Wedding anniversary scrapbook

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Receipts

Photographs: 13 black-and-white photographs. Some people are identified and include: Willis Cason (brother of Emma) and Simon Evans [ca. 1905]; Mattie Cason Caloway (sister of Emma) [ca. 1905]; Charles Green (husband of Emma) with daughters Mayme (or Mamie or Mamy) and Lucille Green [ca. mid-1920s]; Willis Cason with wife Eva and five children [ca. 1920s]; evangelist Elizabeth W. Dudley (ca. 1930); and Mrs. R. L. Allen (A.M.E. Church conference, 1932).

CONTAINER

Box 1, Folder 1

Box 1, Folder 2

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Photographs, Folder 1

Color Photographs: 18 photographs, some with identification: birthday gathering (1966); wedding photo of Dorothy Mae Harris and husband [1971]; portrait of older woman and younger woman [Olan Mills studio portrait taken in Anderson, Ind., 1974]; four snapshots of birthday gathering for Emma Green at Sherman St. Church of God in Anderson, Ind., 1975]; five women at Bourbon County, Kentucky, nursing home including Pearlean White, Emma Green, Emma's daughter Lucille Johnson, Emma's nieces Margaret Kenny and Thelma (1976); Emma Green's home at Christmas (Chicago, 1977); five snapshots of Emma Green's 94th birthday celebration at Park Manor Christian Church in Chicago in 1978 [Emma Green, daughter Lucille Johnson, and son-in-law Fred Johnson are identified]; Emma Green's birthday at Oak Forest Hospital in Chicago in 1979 [Emma with woman and boy]; Emma Green visiting Sherman St. Church of God in Anderson, Ind., n.d.; Emma with young boy, n.d.; "Dining Room / Emma Green residing with daughter Lucille Johnson," Chicago, n.d.

Color Photographs,
Folder 1