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Gibbs High School Honors Graduates, Class of 1948

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Introduction to the Collection

Many of the images in this collection once appeared in the “Negro” news section of the *St. Petersburg Times*. At some point in time, they were acquired by the Neighborhood News Bureau, a partnership of USFSP and other entities that documents events in and shares news of Midtown, an area of southern St. Petersburg with a substantial African American population. In January 2014, Dr. Deni Elliott, Chair of Journalism and Media Studies at USFSP and the Eleanor Poynter Jamison Chair of Media Ethics and Press Policy, transferred this collection from the Neighborhood News Bureau offices to the Poynter Library to ensure the long-term preservation of the photographs.

Preservation Note

The materials in this collection occupy one acid-free document box. While preservation measures may slow the physical deterioration of photographic prints, these steps cannot prevent damage from occurring. To prevent further damage to the fragile materials in this collection, avoid exposing them to light for an extended period of time. Please report any tears or other damage so that library staff may take appropriate preservation or conservation measures. Protective gloves should be worn when handling all photographs and other fragile materials. While no restrictions limit access to this collection, library staff will evaluate photocopying or digitization requests on an individual basis to ensure the long-term preservation of this unique collection and compliance with copyright. Patrons using this collection must adhere to copyright and fair-use guidelines and provide proper citation of sources appearing in their research.

Provenance of the Neighborhood News Photographic Collection

This collection falls under the Local and Regional History provenance of the Special Collections and University Archives department, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, USF St. Petersburg.

Scope and Contents

The contents occupy one document box (0.10 ln. ft.). The bulk of the sixty-four images covers the period from the late 1940s through the early 1950s. The collection includes photographs that appeared in the “Negro” news pages once published by the Times Publishing Company, a St. Petersburg corporation that owned the *St. Petersburg Times* during the period when many of these images were created. The *St. Petersburg Times* has since been renamed the *Tampa Bay Times*.

Related Collections

The *Weekly Challenger* Photographic Collection, also located at the Poynter Library, includes images that document African American heritage and events in St. Petersburg and the Tampa Bay region. Please contact Special Collections and University Archives for more information regarding this collection.

Container Listing

Box 1

FOLDER I – CONTACT SHEETS & CD-ROM

One contact sheet printout of photographs in collection and one color photocopy of that sheet.
One CD-ROM labeled St. Pete old images.

Image numbers on contact sheets originate from the order saved on CD-ROM and do not match the image numbers assigned for the purposes of organizing and describing this collection.

FOLDER II – NUPTIALS

6 photographs

- 001 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Edwards
On back, stamp
Bulletin Art Studio #2 / 996 2nd Ave., So. / St. Petersburg, Fla.
Damage: top, center – torn, piece missing
- 002 Mr. & Mrs. Forrest L. Brewer
- 003 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Brown
On back, stamp
C.J. Bynum Studio / 1118½ - 19th St So / St. Petersburg, Fla.
- 004 Browns
- 005 Mr. & Mrs. Fred McCoy
On back, stamp:
Alston's Photo Service / 1048A N. Dakota Ave. / Lakeland, Florida
- 006 Brown-Rutledge Nuptials

FOLDER III – MUSICAL GROUPS / SCHOOLS

3 photographs

- 007 Jordan Elementary School Chorus
Damage: square section cut out of right side, center
- 008 Gibbs Choir
Damage: square section cut out of left side, center
- 009 Florida A & M Glee Club
On back, stamp
St. Petersburg Times / Feb 4, 951PM, '49 / St. Petersburg, Fla.

FOLDER IV – MUSICAL GROUPS / CHURCHES

2 photographs

- 010 St. Cecilia Choir
On back:
Photographer – Trabat

Reporter – H. Davis

Date – Dec 14 / 51

Identity – Gibbs' - principals in St. Cecilia Choir

L to R:

Maggie Christie, angel / Iveta Jones, angel / Oriska Johnson, Mary / Chas. Smith,
tenor / Zola Leonard, soprano / Loretta Smalley, soprano / Roosevelt H.
Williams, tenor / Ermaline Cooper, soprano / Robt. Brown, Joseph / Henry
Oliver, at the piano

011 Matchless Love Gospel Singers

On back, stamp:

St. Petersburg Times / Apr 23 7:00PM '48 / St. Petersburg, Fla.

On back, hand-written:

Detroit, Michigan

Aurthurene Strothers / Washington, D.C.

Contesting Edna Simmons / (St. Petersburg)

in Solo "Battle" / Thank you sir!

Manhattan Casino / Sun. April 25th 8:30 pm / Promoter Goldie Thompson

On back, stamp:

Tropical Studios / 123 N. E. 2nd Street / Phone 3-0204 / Miami 32, Florida

FOLDER V – MUSICAL GROUPS / OTHER

4 photographs

012 Triumph Singers

On back, hand-written:

Nightingale Singers

013 Langford Airs

014a The Harmony Singers (8x10)

014b The Harmony Singers (cropped to include only people)

On back, stamp:

May 16 7:05PM '50 / St. Petersburg, Fla.

On back, hand-written:

Standing L – R

Miss Ruth Williams / Miss Ruby Walker / Mrs.(?) Christine Childs /

Seated –

Mrs. Ola Lee Howard

Annual Howards

On back, stamp:

Portraits - Copies - Commercial - P—

Parties or Groups at Hom[e]

Modern Art Studi[o]

207 - 9th St. South - St. Petersbu[rg]

FOLDER VI – SPORTS

4 photographs

015 Three boys with trophy, "Champs"

On back, stamp:

Oct 31 5:41PM '49 / St. Petersburg, Fla.

Nov 4 10:11PM St. Petersburg, Fla.

On back, hand-written:

L – R

James Drayton / Allen Williams and / Raymond Mims

016 Football team, "Hurricanes"

On back, hand-written:

Pro. Team

On back, stamp:

St. Petersburg Times / Oct 6 10:43PM '49 / St. Petersburg, Fla.

017 Gibbs High School football team & coach

Damage: upper right corner missing

On back, stamp:

St. Petersburg Times / Oct 6 10:43PM '48 / St. Petersburg, Fla.

018 Middleton vs. Gibbs basketball game

Damage: top, left – tear, approximately 1 inch

On back, stamp:

St. Petersburg Times / Mar 17 8:13PM '49 / St. Petersburg, Fla.

On back, hand-written:

Middleton High Cagers(?)

FOLDER VII – COSMETOLOGY

3 photographs

019 At the beauty parlor

On back, hand-written:

Left to right

Mattie Perkins, Loma Cramer and Ethel Bleidson(?)

020 Cosmetology

On back, stamp:

Jun 2 11:06(?)PM '50 / St. Petersburg, Fla.

021 State Beauticians / National Beauty Culturist League, Inc.

On back, hand-written:

L to R, seated

Mrs. Alfreda Wallace (Recording Sec'y) / Mrs. Alaine S. Waldon (Pres) / Mrs. H.

J. Casey (1st Vice Pres)

Standing L to R:

Mrs. Correne Ellis (Treas) / Mrs. Corine Moss (Entertaining Hostess) / Mrs.

Nellie M. Ford (Fin. Sec)

FOLDER VIII – SCHOOL / EDUCATION

4 photographs

- 022 Charlie Mays (homecoming or prom king)
On back, stamp:
(1) Courtesy of / Pepsi-Cola / 1208 E. Lafayette St. Tampa, Fla.
(2) Norman E. Jones Agency / Public Relations Consultants / 1024 Central Ave.
Tampa, Fla.
- 023 Florida State Teachers Association Winner(?)
Woman with glasses wearing ribbon that reads "Florida Congress for [illegible] and
Teachers [illegible]"
- 024 Bethel Metropolitan Promotion Day
Damage: arrow drawn in pencil on right edge
On back, stamp & hand-written:
Portraits - Copies - Commercial – Phone 71-426? / Parties or Groups at Home /
Modern Art Studio / 207 - 9th St. South - St. Petersburg, Fla.
- 025 Pleasant Hours(?) Nursery
Damage: small hole, bottom left

FOLDER IX – GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL

5 photographs

- 027 Gibbs' Student of the Week
On back, hand-written:
Willie Mae Marting (L) / Barbara Jean Ford (R)
- 026 Gibbs Exhibit
On back, hand-written:
Mrs. F. C. Williams (Teacher) / Doreth Graham / Dotha Eady / Helen Givens
- 028 Gibbs' Student of the Week
On back, hand-written:
George Smith (L) / Harriett Davis (R)
On back: newspaper clipping "Smith", glued down
- 029 Gibbs' Student of the Week
On back, hand-written:
Evelyn Davis (L) / Veneda Swain (R)
On back: newspaper clipping "Swain", glued down
- 030 Gibbs' Honor Graduates
On back, stamp:
St. Petersburg Times / Jun 4 4:34PM '48 / St. Petersburg, Fla.

FOLDER X – SOCIAL / WOMEN'S CLUBS

4 photographs

- 031 Armistice Day Tea
On back, stamp & hand-written:
Photographer – Ramsdell
Reporter – H. Davis

Date – 11/7/51

Identity – L - R

On back, hand-written:

Mrs. Evelyn Holliday (seated) / Mrs. Ethel M. Monroe (seated) / Cpl. Mack Fuller
/ Cpl. Lester Ellison / Mrs. Eva Birt / Mrs. Evelyn Williams

032 Charity Club Committee

On back, hand-written:

Seated – Mrs. Mollie Miller and Mrs. / C. H. Keys
Standing – Mrs. Annie Reed / L. B. Brown

On back, newspaper clipping “Charity Club Committee”, glued down

033 Helping Hand Charity Club

On back, stamp:

St. Petersburg Times / Apr 15 9:23PM '48 / St. Petersburg, Fla.

034 Helping Hand Club

On back, stamp:

(1) Mar 3 4:52PM '50 / St. Petersburg, Fla.

(2) Portraits - Copies - Commercial - Phone 71-4268 / Parties or Groups at Home
/ Modern Art Studio / 207 - 9th St. South - St. Petersburg, Fla.

FOLDER XI – JUNIOR WOMEN’S CLUBS

2 photographs

035 Jr. Women’s Club

On back, hand-written:

Seated L to R

Mrs. Agnes Howard / Miss Eula B. Ellison / Mrs. Marie Church

Standing

Miss Clementine Johnson / Mrs. Letha Reese

036 Jr. Women Mt. Zion Progressive Church

On back, stamp:

C. J. Bynum Photo / 1118½ - 19th St. So. / St. Petersburg, Fla.

On back, hand-written:

Mrs. Anna Bell + group

FOLDER XII – YWA

2 photographs

037 YWA Mid-winter Tea Special Committee

On back, newspaper clipping “Special Committee Meets”, glued down

From clipping:

Seated, L – R

Mrs. Addie Dent, Mrs. Alberta Fuller, and Mrs. Fannie Williams

Standing

Mrs. Melvin Brown, Mrs. Sylvia Mickens

038 YWA Concert Plans Completed

On back, hand-written:

Seated L – R

Mrs. Henry Norwood / Mrs. Rosa Tillman / Mrs. Earnestine Childs

FOLDER XIII – YWCA

2 photographs

039 YWCA planning pre-Valentine's Tea

On back, hand-written:

Seated left to right

Miss Thelma Ervin, Mrs. Josephine / Walker, Miss Rhunette McCoy

On back, newspaper clipping, glued down

040 YWCA

On back, stamp:

Portraits - Copies - Commercial - Phone 71-426? / Parties or Groups at Home / Modern Art Studio / 207 - 9th St. South - St. Petersburg, Fla.

FOLDER XIV – BEAUTY PAGEANTS

3 photographs

041 Miss St. Petersburg Contest

On back, stamp:

St. Petersburg Times / Jun 4 4:34PM '4? / St. Petersburg, Fla.

042 Mrs. Irene Micow

On back, stamp:

May 26 8:52PM '50 / St. Petersburg, Fla.

043 Remember When Inside

On back, stamp:

Norman E. Jones Agency / Public Relations Consultants / 1024 Central Ave. Tampa, Fla.

FOLDER XV – CHURCH

3 photographs

044 Lester & Madelyn

On back, hand-written:

Left, Lester Shields, Madelyn Fuller

On back, stamp:

Nov 11 11:57PM '49 / St. Petersburg, Fla.

045 Sunday School Kiddies

046 Church Dinner

On back, stamp:

St. Petersburg Times / Apr 29 4:46PM '49 / St. Petersburg, Fla.

On back, hand-written:

Reverend C. H. Gardner + group

FOLDER XVI – INDIVIDUALS – NO CONTEXT

3 photographs

047 Frank Jackson

On back, stamp:

Jun 5 9:51PM '50 / St. Petersburg, Fla.

On back, hand-written:

Scholar

048 Samuel Ojo – Florida A & M

On back, stamp:

C. J. Bynum Photo / 1118½ - 19th St. So. / St. Petersburg, Fla.

049 Sandra Alex Smith

On back, stamp:

Dec 8 8:12PM '49 / St. Petersburg, Fla.

FOLDER XVII – GROUPS – NO CONTEXT / ADULTS

4 photographs

050 Man w/ pipe & woman

On back, stamp:

News reprint / Prepared by / St. Petersburg Times / and / Evening Independent /
Commercial Photo Dept.

051 Man & woman, cropped

052 Banquet – holding certificate

On back, stamp:

Norman E. Jones Agency / Public Relations Consultants / 1024 Central Ave.
Tampa, Fla.

053 Banquet – handshake

On back, stamp:

Norman E. Jones Agency / Public Relations Consultants / 1024 Central Ave.
Tampa, Fla.

FOLDER XVIII – GROUPS – NO CONTEXT / CHILDREN

3 photographs

054 “Line Up”

On back, stamp:

Nov 25 8:47PM '49 / St. Petersburg, Fla.

055 9 girls posed in 2 rows

On back, hand-written:

L to R – Front row:

Carolese Wiggins / Betty Jo Riley / Willie Mae Engram / Lucy Neal Shorter /
Ruth Ella / Hargray

L to R – Back row:

Marzett Woodbury / Annie Lee Robison / Olivia Lee Coleman / Erma Lee Brnick

On back, hand-written:

- Get story for next week
- 056 School room of young kids
On back, stamp:
Picture by / St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times / Not for publication without written /
permission from The Times.

FOLDER XIX – ACTING GROUPS

4 photographs

- 057 Players
On back, hand-written:
L to R:
Adrean Lee / Marshall Lester Jr. / Robert Thomas / Mildred Johnson / Eugene
Robinson
On back, stamp:
St. Petersburg Times / May 21 5:55PM '48 / St. Petersburg, Fla.
- 058 Merrymakers
On back, stamp:
Nov 4 10:12PM '49 / St. Petersburg, Fla.
- 059 Piquant Los Jovens Club
On back, hand-written:
Mrs. Jesse Golden / Mrs. Peachie Williams (seated on floor) / Mrs. Alma Miles /
Mrs. Martha Ferguson / Mrs. Marguriet Wilson
- 060 Bethel Metropolitan Baptist play cast
On back, hand-written:
Mrs. G. W. Jenkins
On back, stamped on sticker:
Play Cast, Bethel Met. Baptist 7/14
L-R Mrs. G.W. Jenkins / Aletha Alderman / Miss Lois Clark / Photog Ramsdell

FOLDER XX – OTHER

3 photographs

- 061 St. Petersburg Gas Plant
On back, hand-written:
Gas Plant. 3rd Ave + 12th St South and old incinerator bldg. near 13th St + 3rd
Ave South
- 062 Handy Abrams's birthday party
Damage: All four corners have been cut off on the diagonal
Damage: Top right corner has been taped back together
On back, stamp:
St. Petersburg Times / Sep 16 4:22PM '49 / St. Petersburg, Fla.
- 063 Birthday party
Damage: (on front) pen-drawn arrow pointing at young girl in center of photograph