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Scope and Contents Note

This collection is comprised of the personal papers and effects of civil rights activist and cabaret singer Marian Bruce Logan (1920-1993).

Marian Bruce was a cabaret singer who performed in clubs in New York City, Paris, and London in the 1940s and 1950s. She later retired from the stage and married Dr. Arthur Logan. With whom she had a son, Warren Arthur “Chip” Logan, who was baptized by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

After retiring from singing, Marian Bruce Logan began working on several civil rights initiatives, including with Jackie Robinson and the Student Emergency Fund. The

Fund was set up to help African American college students who weren't able to make their tuition payments.

While working with the Student Emergency Fund, Marian became aware of the Diner Sit-ins, wherein African American college students sat in segregated diners and refused to leave. Marian decided to raise funds to buy books, magazines, and other forms of entertainment for the students to enjoy as they occupied the diners. She asked friends and neighbors for \$10 each. Word spread of her efforts and she raised over \$1,000.

Her success in raising funds brought her to the attention of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He asked Marian to work raising funds to support the efforts of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to bring awareness to civil rights disparities through non-violent demonstrations and protests. She became a member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference board, its first Northern board member. She and Arthur became close friends with Martin and his wife, Coretta. Marian even accompanied King to Oslo, Norway when he received the Nobel Peace Prize.

After the assassination of King in 1968, Marian continued to work with the Southern Christian Leadership board until April, 1969 when she exited the organization, feeling that the group was straying from King's ideals.

In 1977, Marian was appointed New York City Human Rights Commissioner, a position she held for two years.

While serving as Commissioner she became involved with the Black Americans in Support of Israel Committee (BASIC). BASIC was concerned with the treatment of the Black Hebrew Community in Israel. She took two trips to Israel, first in 1978 then again in 1981, to work to resolve the situation. The largest portion of the collection stems from her trips to Israel with BASIC, though the collection spans the duration of her life.

Other series in the collection include correspondence and other documents relating to the various civil rights organizations of which Logan was an active participant, including her work with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Student Emergency Fund and her work as New York City

Human Rights Commissioner. Documents relating to Logan's personal life are also present in this archive, including sheet music from her early career as a cabaret singer.

Related Materials

Published materials in this collection are cataloged separately as the Marian Bruce Logan Archive of Civil Rights Activism.

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California, no date

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1977

Invitation and tickets to dinner and dance in honor of President and Mrs. Johnson,
January 13

Invitation and tickets to National Convocation on the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the
United Nations, May 20, 1970

King Dinner Table list and notes, October 12, 1977

Program for funeral services for D'Jaris Hinton Watson, November 16, 1989

Program for funeral services for Jack Roosevelt Robinson, October 27, 1972

Subseries A: Sheet Music

All in Fun (separate sheets for six instruments), no date

Ezek'el Saw the Wheel, March 16, 1966

Hand-written lyrics, no date

I Had Myself a True Love, no date

I Will Arise, no date

Last Night (separate sheets for six instruments), no date

The Lawd Say Drop Your Troubles in the River (lyrics & sheet music), no date

Lonesomest Gal (separate sheets for six instruments), no date

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Lush Life, no date

No Good Joe, no date

Porgy (separate sheets for voice & six instruments), no date

Set list, no date

Sing Aho, no date

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Taking a Chance, no date

Tenderly, no date

To a Priestess, Loneliness, & Night in the Desert, no date

Various hand-written notations (7 sheets plus envelope), no date

What Can I Say (separate sheets for voice & six instruments), no date

You Better Go Now, no date

You Can Have Him (separate sheets for six instruments), no date

You Do Something to Me, no date

You're Mine You, no date

Series II: Correspondence

The majority of the letters included in this series were written to Marian Bruce Logan and/or her husband, Dr. Arthur Logan. Any exceptions are noted. The letters are organized by the last name of the person sending the correspondence. Some letters include a copy of Mrs. Logan's response to the sender.

Abernathy, Ralph D., April 20, 1968 - May 6, 1969

Ashe, Arthur, August 25, 1977

Batista, Jorge L., October 3, 1977

Baum, Philip, January 13, 1978

Beame, Abraham D., no date

Beatty, Vander L., June 24, 1977

Becker, R. D. C. to Bayard Rustin, Marian B. Logan, and Stanley Steingut, November 14, 1977 - November 30, 1977

Christian, Joseph J., October 31, 1977

Cohen, Yaacov, January 13, 1978

Drury, Allen, October 17, 1963

Due, Pat to Due Jr., John D., September 19, 1963

Evers, Charles, September 12, 1969

Faison Jr., Eugene M., April 30, 1980

Feinberg, Abraham, October 15, 1976

Finkelman, Milton, November 20, 1977

Fiorito, Eunice, September 19, 1977

Goldberg, Dorothy, January 28, 1969

Hafer, William E., November 22, 1977

Hall, Martha P., March 11, 1969

Hooks, Benjamin L., October 11, 1977

Howard, Arlene, September 19, 1977

Jones, Major, Cooks, Stoney, and Lee, Bernard, May 3, 1969

Jones, Patricia, August 11, 1977 - September 16, 1977

Kheel, Ann and Ted, no date

King, Coretta, June 5, 1968 - May 14, 1969, no date

King, Coretta and Martin, June 19, 1966, no date

King, Momma and Daddy, November 29, 1973

King Jr., Martin Luther, September 14, 1964 - January 29, 1968

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Lazere, Haskell L., June 13, 1977

Lenoir, Henry, September 1, 1977 - September 30, 1977

Logan, Marian Bruce memo to SCLC leadership (2 copies, 1 with hand-written note),

March 8, 1968

Logan, Marian Bruce, June 23, 1977 - October 7, 1977

Lowery, Joseph E., July 1, 1968 - April 27, 1969

Lyle, Beverly, October 28, 1977

Meshel, Yerucham, September 25, 1977

Neier, Aryeh, September 14, 1977

New York City Police Foundation, January 11, 1978

Powell, Adam C., July 20, 1962

Roman, Mel, July 21, 1977

Rudin, Lewis, November 22, 1977

Rustin, Bayard, August 8, 1977 - November 18, 1977, no date

Sayles, Dean, August 25, 1977 - September 1, 1977

Spaulding, Merritt, April 4 - 15, 1960

Thomas, Emma to Eskridge, Chauncey (with Income & Expenditure report), July 19, 1968

Thomas, Emma (with contribution list), June 27, 1968

White, Merlyn (with response), October 27 - 28, 1977

Yehuda, Shaleak Ben to Gifford, Bernard D. (with response), October 26, 1977 - November 9, 1977

Yehuda, Shaleak Ben, October 26, 1977 - November 10, 1977

Young, Andrew J., March 21, 1968 - September 30, 1977

June Bug, January 19

Series III: Civil Rights, General

This series contains items related to the Civil Rights movement but are not explicitly related to any organizations of which Logan was an organizer.

1971 [Voter] Registration Summer Interns, no date

Address by Bayard Rustin at National Conference on Human Rights, October 6, 1977

“Black Congressmen Will Not Attend ‘State of the Union’ Address” press release, January 21, 1971

Challenge '75: A Full Employment Economy, June 7, 1975

I Want to Be Me booklet, 1968

“J.A.C.S. the job corps and you” pamphlet, no date

The Long Road to College: A Summer of Opportunity, Spring 1965

Box 4

Materials from Women of Conscience Civil Rights Workshops, no date

Materials regarding Honor America Day, June 4, 1970 - June 12, 1970

Materials regarding the Mississippi Challenge, July 31, 1968, no date

Points covered by Whitney M. Young, Jr. at the 1968 CORE Convention, July 6, 1968

Portraits: Twentieth Century Americans of Negro Lineage, Friendship Press, 1965

Portraits: Twentieth Century Americans of Negro Lineage (envelope), Friendship Press, 1965

Programme for Solidarity Day, June 19, 1968

A Regional Conference on Civil Rights, April 5 and 6, 1965

Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund for Racial Equality Fact Sheet, March 16, 1967

Urban League Newsletter, March-April, 1968

Vietnam by Julian Bond and T. G. Lewis, 1967

Women's Integrating Neighborhood Services Pilot Preview, no date

Box 5

Workshop on Municipal Government, June 20-21, 1969

Subseries A: Chaney Goodman Schwerner Memorial

Chaney Goodman Schwerner Memorial Coalition Guidelines for Participants, no date

Chaney Goodman Schwerner Memorial Coalition press release, March 7, 1989

Chaney Goodman Schwerner Memorial Coalition Purpose and Planes, May 4, 1989

Chaney Goodman Schwerner Memorial Coalition Statement of Purpose, no date

Chaney Goodman Schwerner Memorial Gathering, June 24, 1989, June 28, 1989

Cheese & Wine party guest list, March 8

Information sent from Dr. Carolyn Goodman to Marian Bruce Logan, no date

Letter from The Youth Project, December 1, 1988

Shopping list/Phone list, no date

Series IV: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

1199 Drug and Hospital News Vol. 3, No. 4, May 1968

The American Chronicle Number 41, November 1964

The American Chronicle Number 42, December 1964

An American Death by Gerold Frank (uncorrected proof) with note from Sam

Vaughan, February 11, 1972

The American Embassy, Oslo (empty folder), no date

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Dr. King commemorative fan advertisement for insurance company, no date

Guest list for Ambassador's Reception at the residence for Dr. Martin Luther King,

Jr., December 11, 1964

Gunnar Jahn speech presenting 1964 Nobel Peace Prize, December 10, 1964

His Greatest Speeches record, no date

“I Have a Dream” pamphlet, September 1963

Invitation to dinner honoring Dr. King, October 12, 1977

Invitation to meet Dr. King, April 21, 1965

“Lest We Forget” poem by Leona Blackman, 1968

List of members of Coretta King’s staff, no date

Nobel Lecture, December 11, 1964

Nobel Peace Prize description, no date

Series V: Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Period July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968, August 11, 1968

Annual Meeting of the Board, August 14, 1967

Articles IV and V (rough draft with hand-written notes), no date

Blank checks, no date

Board Members, 1967

Department of Voter Registration and Political Education bi-annual report, April 15-16, 1969

Dollars for Freedom donation slip and envelope, no date

Eleventh Annual Convention program, August 14 - 17, 1968

Excerpts from address by Dr. Ralph David Abernathy for Commemoration Services for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., January 15, 1969

Excerpts from a statement by Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, January 23, 1969

Fact sheet for Spring Session of the Board of Directors, April 15-16, 1969

Information for those travelling with the Medical Committee for Civil Rights, no date

“Let There Be Understanding...of the Call to Boycott in Alabama” brochure, no date

“March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom” flyer, no date

Medical Committee for Civil Rights, March on Washington general information, no date

Box 7

Medical Committee for Civil Rights, participation form, no date

Memorandum from Ralph David Abernathy, President, January 31, 1969 - March 28, 1969

Memorandum from Rev. T. Y. Rogers, Jr., May 27, 1969

Ministers Leadership Training Program booklet, no date

Minutes of the Board of Directors, August 14, 1968

Mr. Sidney Poitier, Keynote Address, SCLC Tenth Anniversary Convention Banquet, August 14, 1967

Our Joshua: Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, no date

Petition form to make January 15th a National Legal Holiday, no date

President’s Annual Report to the Board of Directors, March 7, 1967

Program Coordinator’s Report for the Poor People’s Campaign, August 13, 1968

Remarks by Mrs. Arthur C. Logan at Board of Directors’ meeting, August 1966

Report of the President Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, April 15, 1969

Report on Activities of the Department of Affiliates, no date

SCLC 11th Annual Convention folder, August 14-17, 1968

SCLC Annual Convention agenda with hand-written notes, August 14-17, 1968

SCLC Annual Convention announcement and registration form, no date

SCLC News, February 1, 1968 - March 11, 1969

SCLC Newsletter, volume 2, number 3, November - December 1963

The SCLC Story in Words and Pictures, 1964

SCLC Tenth Annual Convention Tentative Programme, August 8-11, 1966

Statement by Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, President, January 29, 1969 - April 16, 1969

Statement by Mrs. Arthur C. Logan at SCLC 11th Annual Banquet, August 15, 1968

Statement by Mrs. Arthur C. Logan at SCLC board meeting, April 15, 1969 (original and 2 copies)

Statement by SCLC Board Chairman on Ray trial and SCLC policy, February 10, 1969

“This is SCLC” pamphlet, no date

“What Will Become of His Dreams?” leaflet, May 2, 1968

Series VI: New York City Human Rights Commissioner

Box 8

The Challenge of Equality: The Work of the New York City Commission on Human Rights 1970 - 1977, May 1977

The Edges Group, Inc. Presents the Honorable Benjamin L. Hooks program, October 19, 1977

Empty, sealed envelope to Commissioner Logan from W. Kirchgaessner, no date

“Equality in Our Time!” by Stanley H. Lowell (photocopy), no date

“Human Needs/Human Rights--an Open Moment?,” no date

Invitation to Community Leaders Luncheon, August 15, 1977 - August 30, 1977

Invitation to luncheon in honor of Vladimir Bukovsky, November 18, 1977 - December 19, 1977

Invitation to party for John Zuccotti, no date

“A Letter to President Carter,” no date

The Luncheon in Honor of Vladimir Bukovsky invitation, no date

National Conference on Human Rights news release, no date

National Conference on Human Rights program, October 6, 1977

New York Civil Liberties Union memorandum from Ellen Azorin, June 27, 1977

Phone messages/notes, October 3, no date

Policy Statement on the State of the Negro Today (photocopy), October 23, 1963

Vladimir Bukovsky on Freedom and Captivity, no date

Vladimir Bukovsky pamphlet, no date

Westway Project information packet contents, no date

Westway Project information packet folders, no date

Series VII: Black Americans to Support Israel Committee Nationwide Tours of Israel

This series focuses on two nationwide tours of Israel organized and sponsored by B.A.S.I.C. (Black Americans to Support Israel Committee). One tour was in 1977 while the other happened in 1981. This series documents not only the tours themselves, but meetings and events preceding and following the tours.

Address for Professor Kalman J. Mann, MD, Director General of Hadassah Medical,
no date

Advertisement for *The Hospitalized Adolescent*, no date

“American Negroes and Israel” by Bayard Rustin, April 1974

B.A.S.I.C. mailing label, no date

B.A.S.I.C. news release “An Evening to Remember,” September 15, 1977

B.A.S.I.C. request for donation with donation envelope, September 1977

Bank Leumi bag, no date

“The Black Hebrews,” an English Summary of the Special Committee Report, June
13, 1980

“The Black Hebrews - Enemies of Israel and the Jewish People” (with envelope), no
date

Business card for Professor R.D.C. Becker, Ph.D., D.Sc., no date

Contact card for Hiskiyahoo Blackwell, no date

Copies of correspondence regarding Black Hebrew community in Dimona, Israel,

August 12, 1977 - December 9, 1977

“Entry of Black U.S. Citizens into Israel” (first and fourth of four pages), no date

Ethiopian Institutions in Jerusalem, booklet, no date

General Federation of Labor in Israel “Black Hebrews” survey, March 1977

Hand-written notes by Marian Logan, no date

“Helping Arab Children Accept Surgery in an Israeli Hospital” by Ellen Davidson, no date

“Helping Children Accept Surgery” news article (photocopy), no date

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“Information Briefing” booklet, December 1975

Information from U.S. Department of State on Black Hebrew Community in Israel,
January 16, 1981

Information on B.A.S.I.C., no date

Information on Zionism, November 13, 1975 - January 1977

Instant coffee packet from Israel, no date

Invitation by Ambassador Simcha Dinitz to visit Israel as part of B.A.S.I.C.,
September 30, 1977

“Israel Ancient & Modern” map, no date

Israel Mission, January 17 - 28, 1981

Itineraries, October 1, 1977 - October 18, 1977

Itineraries, January 16, 1981 - January 28, 1981

JNF Mini Manual, 1975

JNF Illustrated, Autumn 1977

List of participants in tour, October 4, 1977

Map of Jerusalem, 1979

Memorandum regarding Black Hebrew Community in Dimona, Israel, January 17,
1978

Menu from dinner in honor of B.A.S.I.C., October 10, 1977

Notes for the Report of the First Findings of the Delegation to Israel, no date

Pamphlet of a Barbara Jordan speech regarding Zionism, no date

Phone messages/notes, September 8, 1977 - January 21, 1981, no date

Photograph from *AFL-CIO News*, November 12, 1977

Postcard of the Dan Caesarea Golf Hotel, no date

Postcards of the Dan Hotels, no date

Postcard of the Trumpeldor Memorial at sunrise with air mail stamp, no date

Press conference questions, January 27, 1981

Press release, January 27, 1981

Quotes by Isaac Newton and Oscar Goldberg, no date

Remarks of Marian B. Logan during B.A.S.I.C. tour of Israel, October 8 - 18, 1977

Remarks of Marian B. Logan during B.A.S.I.C. tour of Israel, no date (8 drafts)

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Report of the First Findings of the Delegation to Israel, January 17 - 28, 1981

Report of the Israel Mission, January 17 - 28, 1981

Response to MK Moshe Dayan's remarks on Blacks and the American army, no date

The Rights of the Abyssinian Orthodox Church in the Holy Places, no date

Round-trip ticket with envelope and information, October 8, 1977

Selection of press clippings on the Black Hebrews (copies), January 18, 1968 -

December 22, 1980, no date

The Search for Peace: Israel's Foreign Policy, booklet, no date

Six points on Black Hebrew Community in Israel, no date

Three in one map, 1978

Welcome card from King David hotel in Israel, no date

Welcome to Israel and Jerusalem, January 17, 1981

Series VIII: Student Emergency Fund

Chock Full o' Nuts label, February 23, 1961

Donation to C.O.R.E., July 10, 1961

Lettie Sears correspondence, no date

Stationery, no date

Series IX: NAACP Legal Defense Fund

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Letters regarding donations, January 1970

National Consultation Expense Report Form, March 13 - 14, 1970

National Consultation Programs with hand-written notes by Marian Bruce Logan, March 13 - 14, 1970

Organization list, 1972

30 Years of Building American Justice brochure, no date

Series X: News Clippings

“Ask the Children: Is Mississippi Still Burning?” *The New York Times* (photocopy), March 6, 1989

Breakthrough Minorities in Construction Vol. IV, No. 1, May 1975

“Civil Rights Caravan to Mark Deaths,” *The New York Times* (photocopy), March 8, 1989

The Crusader Vol. 1, No. 1 preview copy, July 21, 1965

“Inside Fashion,” January 14, 1969

“King and Carmichael,” *New York Post*, February 19, 1968

“Negro Leader Says U.S. Will Resolve Race Problem,” *Rocky Mountain News*, April 20, 1968

Negro Press Digest, August 18, 1965

The Progressive Nabi Vol. 1, No. 1, April 1969

Stapled copies of various news articles, March 25, 1971 - May 25, 1971, no date

“Ticker Tape U.S.A.,” *Jet*, January 30, 1969

The Voice of the Movement Volume 1, Number 6, June 21, 1964

Series XI: Photographs

Bailey, Mildred (autographed with dedicatory), no date

Borge, Victor (autographed with dedicatory), no date

Contino, Dick (autographed with dedicatory), no date

Delta Rhythm Boys, (autographed with dedicatory), no date

Fisher, Eddie (autographed with dedicatory), no date

Hall, Adelaide (autographed with dedicatory), no date

Hospital in Israel (4 photographs, 1 with dedicatory), no date

King Jr., Martin Luther with others, no date

King, Coretta Scott with others, January 1965

Logan, Marian Bruce with King, Coretta Scott (autographed by King with dedicatory), no date

Logan, Marian Bruce with others, no date

Louis, Joe, no date

Ravell, Nick (autographed with dedicatory), December 4, 1948

Robinson, Bill (autographed with dedicatory), no date

Simms, Hilda (autographed with dedicatory), August 29, 1945

Various people, no date

Young, Andrew, no date

Series XII: Realia

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Jackie Robinson pin in case, no date

Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative medallion in wallet, no date

Martin Luther King Jr. votive candle, no date

Martin Luther King Jr. votive candle (broken rim), no date

Operation PUSH medallion on chain, March 26, 1972

Series XIII: Oversize

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Sing for Martin" Collector's Edition, no date

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"Civil Rights Caravan to Mark Deaths," *The New York Times*, March 8, 1989

"The Dump Nixon Campaign," *Look*, June 1, 1971

Equal Justice Vol. I, No. 1, June/July 1970

Forty Acres and a Mule Vol. 1, No. 1, November 1967

Forty Acres and a Mule Vol. 1, No. 2, December 1967

Forty Acres and a Mule Vol. 1, No. 3, February 1968

Forty Acres and a Mule Vol. 1, No. 4, March 1968

Forty Acres and a Mule Vol. 1, No. 6, May 1968

“President and First Lady Given Gala Farewell-400 Attend Plaza Party,” *The New York Times*, January 14, 1969

Soul Force Vol. I, No. 3, May 15, 1968

Soul Force Vol. I, No. 4, June 19, 1968

Soul Force Vol. I, No. 5, July 15, 1968

“Strong Challenge by King,” *The New York Times*, February 11, 1968

“Urban League Chief Says Negro Can Aid or Hinder,” *The Denver Post*, April 20, 1968

“The World of Women,” *The New York Courier*, May 1, 1965

Photographs

King Jr., Martin Luther, no date

[Unknown] with dedicatory, no date

Sheet Music

To Daffodils & Memory in Stone, no date

Hold the Wind!, no date

Leisure Hour Fragment, no date

Set list, no date

Walk With Me, no date