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Collection Information

Abstract: The Association of Colored Peoples Records provides a documentary history of the organization, its activities and its members, from its founding in 1898 until its dissolution in 1995, through official documents and record books, clippings and articles, photographs, and other information formats. A part of the collection provides information on member Isabelle Morse's connections with the Hassanamesit Indians of Grafton.

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Association of Colored Peoples.

Home Association for Aged Colored People.

Women's Progressive Club.

Sunnyview Manor.

Morse, Clara Isabelle,

Associations, institutions, etc. – Massachusetts – Worcester – Membership, Afro-American.

Afro-Americans – Massachusetts – Worcester – Charities.

Afro-Americans – Scholarships, fellowships, etc.

Afro-Americans – Massachusetts – Worcester – Social conditions – to 1964.

Rest homes – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Indians of North America – Massachusetts – Grafton.

Nipmuc Indians – Massachusetts.

Historical Background

Women of the A.M.E. Zion Church in Worcester formed the Women's Progressive Club in 1898 to provide care to aged colored people. During the late 1800s and first part of the 1900's, colored people were still denied equal access to existing public facilities, and a need existed for caring for the elderly colored population. The Club maintained a home on Liberty Street in Worcester, providing meals and rooms to the elderly colored of the city. The Club incorporated itself in 1900. In 1909 the name was changed to Home Association for Aged Colored People, and a new facility was acquired on Parker Street. As knowledge of the organization grew and the needs of elderly colored acknowledged, donations, gifts, and bequests came to the organization to assist it in fulfilling its mission. Annual assistance from the "Golden Rule Fund", predecessor of Community Chests organizations, helped to Association to fulfill its goals. In 1952 a new facility was acquired on Pleasant Street, a large 13 room house with an acre of grounds, called Sunnyview manor. Here up to 12 residents enjoyed the services provided by the Association. A Licensed Practical Nurse was on duty, along with cook and housekeeper, and a doctor was on call as needed, Numerous organizations in Worcester assisted the Association in its mission. A Women's Auxiliary was established, and a variety of public programs held at the home.

The home was integrated as to staff in 1960, and as to residents in 1962. With the passage of federal anti-discrimination laws in the 1960s, the need for the home as a residence for elderly colored people waned. The Association closed the facility in 1969, and changed the course of the organization. In 1972, the name was changed to the Association of Colored Peoples, and the goals changed to providing scholarship and other aid as an investment in the lives of the people. The outreach program included scholarships, donations to United Negro College Fund, Howard University, and numerous other organizations and educational facilities involved in helping people better themselves.

With the increased federal and state programs and with increased public awareness of the needs of minority citizens, along with a decreasing membership, the Association decided to dissolve at its 97th anniversary meeting in 1995.

Scope and Content

The Association of Colored Peoples Records consists of Administrative and Financial records of the organization from its incorporation in 1900 through its dissolution on 1995. The Records also include histories of the organization, in two monographs and one pamphlet, clippings, articles, and other information about its facility Sunnyview Manor and the various programs offered there by the organization. The Records include information on the disposition of funds after the closing of Sunnyview Manor in 1969, which were in the form of scholarships and scholarship programs at various colleges, and gifts and grants to other organizations involved in helping minorities improve themselves. The Records also include some photographs and miscellaneous lists and notes.

A significant part of the collection is the Clara Isabelle Morse papers. Ms Morse was a long-time member of the Association of Colored Peoples, and had Nipmuck Indian ancestry. She was active in Indian organizations, as well as the Association and Sunnyview Manor. This segment of the collection includes clippings and photographs, address book of Ms Morse, and other items significant to her life.

The records encompass the life of the organization. Documentation is more comprehensive for recent years than for the first decades of its existence.

Series Description

Series 1: Administrative Records. Includes copies of Constitution and By-Laws, records of name changes, meeting attendance record book, and fliers.

Series 2: Financial Records. Includes two ledgers (1918-1925 & 1935-1942), federal and state tax filings, an audit report, 1964.

Series 3: Histories. Includes two monographs of organizational history (1993 and 1994) and a pamphlet outlining historical highlights.

Series 4: Sunnyview Manor. Includes permits and licenses to operate a Rest Home, copy of property deed, clippings and fliers, and a Bible used at the Manor with family records of Maria F. Brown.

Series 5: Outreach, Programs, etc. Includes letters, clippings, photographs re Association's scholarship program, letters and other information re donations from the Association to other organizations, brochures, fliers, and clippings re various programs of the Association, and clippings, articles, and fliers re 1995 Association meeting and dissolution of the organization.

Series 6: Clara Isabelle Morse Papers. Clippings, photographs, membership cards, and other items relative to the life of C. Isabelle Morse, member of the Association and of part Nipmuck Indian ancestry.

Series 7: Photographs. Includes photograph of Marion Anderson and other unidentified photographs.

Series 8: Miscellaneous. Includes lists and brief letter.

Series 9: Objects (See Curator)

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Series 1, Administrative Records

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1995.142.1.1	Certificate of Incorporation of Women's Progressive Club, October 2, 1900. aqp
1	1	1995.142.1.2	Constitution and By-Laws, Women's Progressive Club. ca. 1900.
1	2	1995.142.1.3	Certificate of Change of Name of Women's Progressive Club to Home Association of Aged Colored People, April 10, 1939.
1	2	1995.142.1.4	Constitution, Home Association of Aged Colored People. ca. 1939.
1	2	1995.142.1.5	Constitution and By-Laws, Home Association of Aged Colored People. ca. 1939.
1	2	1995.142.1.6	Application for membership, Home Association of Aged Colored People. 3 copies.
1	2	1995.142.1.7	Flyer. Financial report for year ending October 1, 1928.
1	2	1995.142.1.8	Amendment to Declaration of Trust re Home Association of Colored People and Mechanics National Bank. December 17, 1968. Photocopy. 2 p.
1	3	1995.142.1.9	Articles of Amendment: "The name of the Home Association of Colored People ... shall be changed to The Association of Colored Peoples." January 14, 1972. 2 photocopies.
1	3	1995.142.1.10	Constitution, Association of Colored Peoples. 10 p. Photocopy.
1	3	1995.142.1.11	Certificate of Title. December 3, 1910.
1	3	1995.142.1.12	Certificate of Title. October 9, 1913.

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1	3	1995.142.1.13	Certificate of payment to Patrick Moran from Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank for a tract of land on Parker Street. May 27, 1895.
1	3	1995.142.1.14	Interest paid by Patrick Moran to Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank for Real Estate (1911-1916)
1	3	1995.142.1.15	Certificate of payment to Patrick Moran from Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank for a tract of land on Parker Street. November 30, 1910.
1	3	1995.142.1.16	Discharge of Mortgage Paper. September 1916.
1	3	1995.142.1.17	Interest paid by Patrick Moran to Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank for Real Estate (1895-1915)
1	4	1995.142.1.18	Assignment of mortgage from Philip H. Duprey to John H. McWhorter (July 1916)
1	4	1995.142.1.19	Notification Concerning Foundation Status (April 1974)
1	4	1995.142.1.20	Letter to John McWhorter to Edward Thayer listing payments made on home. November 20, 1916.
1	4	1995.142.1.21-22	Written agreement dated August 1916 to not build or mortgage any property or land near Parker Street.
1	4	1995.142.1.23	Letter giving Treasurer authority to deliver a second mortgage deed to Philip Duprey. November 5, 1913.
1	4	1995.142.1.24	Promissory note to Philip Duprey from Home Association for Aged Color People. (November 6, 1913)
1	4	1995.142.1.25	Mortgage Deed from Home Association for Aged Colored People to Philip H. Duprey. Nov. 6, 1913.

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1		1995.142.1.26	Record book: Meeting attendance record, February 8, 1965-March 11, 1969. 1 v. 25 cm.
1		1995.142.1.27	Record book: Secretary's Record, 1904-1909.
1		1995.142.1.28	Record book: Secretary's Record, 1908-1919.
1		1995.142.1.29	Record book: Secretary's Record, 1940-1955.
2	5	1995.142.1.30	Meeting Minutes (1958-1963)
2	6	1995.142.1.31	Basis of Compromise Agreement for Division of Residency Estate (July 1938)
2	6	1995.142.1.32	Annual Meeting announcement (October 13, 1964)
2	6	1995.142.1.33	Meeting (May 5, 1982)
2	6	1995.142.1.34	Meeting (June 2, 1983)
2	6	1995.142.1.35	Meeting (May 8, 1984)
2	6	1995.142.1.36	Meeting (May 14, 1984)
2	6	1995.142.1.37	Meeting (June 6, 1984)
2	6	1995.142.1.38	Meeting (September 26, 1985)
2	6	1995.142.1.39	Meeting (October 8, 1985)
2	6	1995.142.1.40	Meeting (September 17, 1986)
2	6	1995.142.1.41	Meeting (October 15, 1986)
2	6	1995.142.1.42	Meeting (September 9, 1987)
2	6	1995.142.1.43	Meeting (January 16, 1989)
2	6	1995.142.1.44	Meeting (November 8, 1989)

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2	6	1995.142.1.45	Meeting (January 21, 1990)
2	6	1995.142.1.46	Meeting (January 21, 1991)
2	6	1995.142.1.47	Meeting (June 5, 1991)
2	6	1995.142.1.48	Meeting (January 20, 1992)
2	6	1995.142.1.49	Meeting (June 3, 1992)
2	6	1995.142.1.50	Meeting (January 18, 1993)
2	6	1995.142.1.51	Meeting (June 9, 1993)
2	6	1995.142.1.52	Meeting (January 17, 1994)
2	6	1995.142.1.53	Meeting (June 1, 1994)
2	6	1995.142.1.54	Meeting (January 14, 1995)
2	6	1995.142.1.55	Meeting (June 7, 1995)
2	6	1995.142.1.56	Meeting (January 15, 1996)
2	6	1995.142.1.57	Meeting (June 5, 1996)

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Series 2, Financial Records

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2		1995.142.2.1	Record book: Treasurer's Records, 1918-1925. 201 p. (71 p. used) 36 cm.
2		1995.142.2.2	Record book: Treasurer's records, 1935-1942. 300 p. (p. 92-275, 286-297 blank) 25 cm.
2	7	1995.142.2.3	Audit Report (September 30, 1942)
2	7	1995.142.2.4	Audit Report (September 30, 1943)
2	7	1995.142.2.5	Audit Report (September 30, 1944)
2	7	1995.142.2.6	Audit Report (September 30, 1945)
2	7	1995.142.2.7	Audit Report (September 30, 1946)
2	8	1995.142.2.8	Audit Report (September 30, 1947)
2	8	1995.142.2.9	Audit Report (September 30, 1948)
2	8	1995.142.2.10	Audit Report (September 30, 1949)
2	8	1995.142.2.11	Audit Report (September 30, 1950)
2	8	1995.142.2.12	Audit Report (September 30, 1951)
3	9	1995.142.2.13	Audit Report (September 30, 1952)
3	9	1995.142.2.14	Audit Report (September 30, 1953)
3	9	1995.142.2.15	Audit Report (September 30, 1954)
3	9	1995.142.2.16	Audit Report (September 30, 1955)
3	9	1995.142.2.17	Audit Report (September 30, 1956)
3	10	1995.142.2.18	Audit Report (September 30, 1957)

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3	10	1995.142.2.19	Audit Report (September 30, 1958)
3	10	1995.142.2.20	Audit Report (September 30, 1959)
3	10	1995.142.2.21	Audit Report (September 30, 1960)
3	10	1995.142.2.22	Audit Report (September 30, 1961)
3	10	1995.142.2.23	Audit Report (September 30, 1962)
3	10	1995.142.2.24	Audit Report (September 30, 1964)
3	11	1995.142.2.25-.35	Charities Returns (1925 – 1939)
3	12	1995.142.2.36-.45	Charities Returns (1941 – 1952)
3	13	1995.142.2.46-.55	Charities Returns (1952 -1966)
3	14	1995.142.2.56	Trust and account information from Mechanics Bank (December 1938 – December 1939)
3	14	1995.142.2.57	Trust and account information from Mechanics Bank (November 1940 – September 1941)
3	14	1995.142.2.58	Trust and account information from Mechanics Bank (1942)
3	14	1995.142.2.59	Trust and account information from Mechanics Bank (1943)
3	15	1995.142.2.60	Trust and account information from Mechanics Bank (1947)
3	15	1995.142.2.61	Trust and account information from Mechanics Bank (1948)
3	15	1995.142.2.62	Trust and account information from Mechanics Bank (1949)

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3	15	1995.142.2.63	Trust and account information from Mechanics Bank (1950)
3	15	1995.142.2.64	Trust and account information from Mechanics Bank (1951)
3	16	1995.142.2.65	Trust and account information from Mechanics Bank (1952)
3	16	1995.142.2.66	Trust and account information from Mechanics Bank (1953)
3	16	1995.142.2.67	Trust and account information from Mechanics Bank (1954)
3	16	1995.142.2.68	Trust and account information from Mechanics Bank (1955)
3	16	1995.142.2.69	Trust and account information from Mechanics Bank (1956)
3	16	1995.142.2.70	Trust and account information from Mechanics Bank (1970)
3	17	1995.142.2.71	Interest earned on savings account (1992)
3	17	1995.142.2.72-.78	W-2 forms 1987, 1990 and 1992.
3	17	1995.142.2.79	Cancelled pass book, Worcester County Institute For Savings.
3	17	1995.142.2.80	Loan agreement (1971)
3	17	1995.142.2.81	Grant form (1957)
3	17	1995.142.2.82	Total tentative estimated budget (1958)
3	17	1995.142.2.83	Contents of Safe Deposit Box Worcester Trust Co.
3	17	1995.142.2.84	Assets Home Association for Colored People Series 2, continued

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3	17	1995.142.2.85 -.100	Miscellaneous Financial Records
3	18	1995.142.2.101-.119	Miscellaneous Financial Records
3	19	1995.142.2.120	Papers relating to Abbie Bostic Trust Fund

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Series 3, Histories

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	20	1995.142.3.1	Monograph. Women, Men, progress: a history of the Association of Colored Peoples in Worcester, Massachusetts, by Stanley H. Gutridge, January, 1993. 24 p. Photocopy.
3	20	1995.142.3.2	Pamphlet. The Association of Colored Peoples, Worcester, Massachusetts, celebrate 97 years of community service, 1898-1995. 2 cop.
3	20	1995.142.3.3	Monograph. Answering the need: one organization's efforts from 1898 to the present, by Jessica Zahavi, April 29, 1994. 65 p. Includes bibliography.
3	20	1995.142.3.4	Monograph. For God and Humanity: A Documentary History How Twelve Women in 1898 Served the Community and Emerged as Association of Colored Peoples. By Stanley Gutridge.

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Series 4, Sunnyview Manor

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
4	21	1995.142.4.1 1a	License to Maintain a Rest Home, issued to Home Association of Aged Colored People, Sunnyview Manor, November 10, 1964. Aqp.
4	21	1995.142.4.2	Acknowledgment form. Receipt of application for certification for Sunnyview Manor, February 7, 1968.
4	21	1995.142.4.3	Inspection Certificate for Colored Home for Aged, Inc., August 27, 1962.
4	21	1995.142.4.4 4a	Inspection Certificate for Colored Home for Aged, Inc., September 22, 1964. Aqp.
4	21	1995.142.4.5	Quitclaim Deed. Elizabeth Jane Dawes to Home Association for Colored People, land on Pleasant Street (Sunnyview Manor), August 11, 1952. 3 p. Photocopy.
4	22	1995.142.4.6	Clippings. newspaper articles re Sunnyview Manor in Worcester Telegram, July 2, 1968 (with Aqp.), and Worcester Magazine, September 27, 1995.
4	22	1995.142.4.7	Fliers. Cultivation Fund of the Association of Colored Peoples and Sunnyview Manor.
4	22	1995.142.4.8	Fliers. Advertisement for Women, Man, Progress, history of Association of Colored Peoples by Stanley Holmes Gutridge.
4	22	1995.142.4.9	Membership renewal forms, Sunnyview Associates.
4	22	1995.142.4.10	Fliers. Multimedia workshop, Sunnyview Manor, November 1971-February 1972.
4	23	1995.142.4.11	Fliers. Good Citizen of Worcester Program.

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| 4 | 23 | 1995.142.4.12 | Fliers. Sunnyview Associates – a public enrichment series, 1972. |
| 4 | 23 | 1995.142.4.13 | Fliers. Women’s Auxiliary, Home for Aged Colored People, dinner dance, June 21, 1963. |
| 4 | 23 | 1995.142.4.14 | Fliers. Services offered at Sunnyview manor. Nd. |
| 4 | 23 | 1995.142.4.15 | Genealogy. Family record and descendants of William H. Wheelock and Maria F. Brown, 1870-, from Bible (from Sunnyview Manor) |
| 2 | BV | 1995.142.4.16 | Bible, inscribed Maria F. Brown, June 16, 1870 on cover. Family record included. Home for Aged Colored People inscribed on lining papers. 1026, [4], 320 p. 28 cm. |

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Series 5, Outreach/Programs/etc.

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
4	24	1995.142.5.1	Letters and photograph re scholarship given to Renee Roberts, Bancroft School, by the Association of Colored Peoples, 1993.
4	24	1995.142.5.2-.12	Miscellaneous documents relating to Bancroft School Scholarship.
4	25	1995.142.5.13-.20	3 rd – 11 th Program for Community Breakfast
4	26	1995.142.5.21-.50	Miscellaneous documents related to Clark University Scholarship Program.
4	27	1995.142.5.51-.72	Miscellaneous documents related to Clark University Scholarship Program.
5	28	1995.142.5.73-.90	Miscellaneous documents relating to community outreach.
5	29	1995.142.5.91-101	Miscellaneous documents relating to community outreach.

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Series 6, Clara Isabelle Morse

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
5	30	1995.142.6.1	Clippings. "Honored at testimonial dinner, Nd.; Grafton Indian Reservation Fair, Nd.; Dinner Chairmen, Nd.; Day of Service, August 23, 1961; Homemade hootenanny, Nd.; Church club's final banquet, June 8, 1961; birthday party, Nd. Veteran dies after receiving bouquet, May 1912; Death of Robert Morse, May 1912; Obituary, Mrs. Fannie C. Morse, January 1929; Funeral of Robert Morse, May 1912.
5	31	1995.142.6.2	Photographs. Morse family; Nantasket Beach outing; Lake Sunapee outing; unidentified. 13 items.
5	31	1995.142.6.3	Membership cards. National Congress of American Indians; Social Security card; YWCA; National Algonquin Indian Council; Women's Auxiliary, Sunnyview Manor; NAACP; American Red Cross; Nipmuck Indian Chapter; National Grange.
5	31	1995.142.6.4	Address book, C. Isabelle Morse; envelope; key to medicine cabinet.

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Series 7, Photographs

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5	32	1995.142.7.1	Photographs
5	32	1995.142.7.2	Photographs. Heidi Freeman

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Series 8, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
5	33	1995.142.8.1	Note, Mrs. Dean from Mary Gage Rice, August 16, 1938; List, contents of books II, III, and I, prepared by Dubois & Patch Advertising Associates; List, contents of scrapbooks, prepared by Stanley H. Gutridge, December 20, 1994, 2 p.
5	33	1995.142.8.2	Petition for the probate of Foreign Will and Application for letters of Administration with the will annexed.
5	33	1995.142.8.3	Will of Florence S. Thayer
BV		1995.142.8.4	Scrapbook of newspaper clippings (1960 – 1963)
BV		1995.142.8.5	Scrapbook of newspaper clippings (1955 – 1957)