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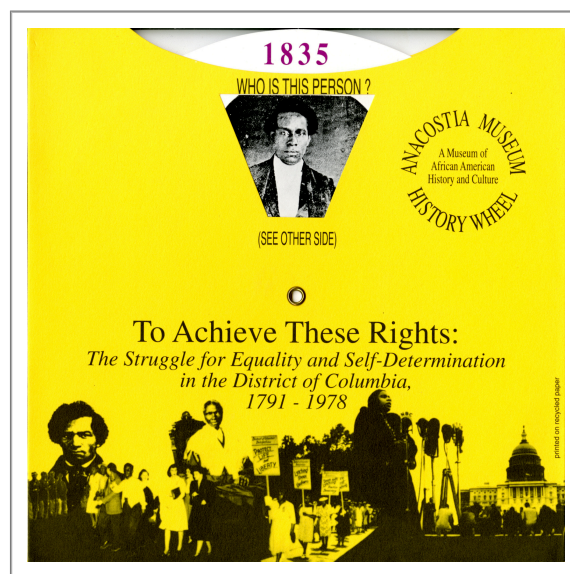
Anacostia Community Museum

To Achieve These Rights: the Struggle For Equality and Self-Determination in the District of Columbia, 1791–1978 Exhibition Records

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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | Anacostia Community Museum Archives |
| Title: | <i>To achieve these rights: the struggle for equality and self-determination in the District of Columbia, 1791–1978</i> exhibition records |
| Date: | 1992-01 - 1992-07 |
| Identifier: | ACMA.03-033 |
| Creator: | Smithsonian Institution. Anacostia Community Museum |
| Extent: | 13.04 Linear feet (18 boxes) |
| Language: | English . |
| Summary: | An exhibition on 187 years of civil rights activism in Washington, DC. The show was created by the Anacostia Neighborhood Museum and exhibited there from January 1992 to July 1992. These records document the planning, organizing, execution, and promotion of the exhibition. Materials include correspondence, research files, exhibit script, administrative records, brochures, press coverage, education packets, loan agreements, floor plans, and catalogues. |

Administrative Information

Other Finding Aids

Box list in accession file.

Processing Information

Audiovisual material series created by Christina Meninger in 2018. Finding aid updated by Jennifer Morris September 2019.

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Subjects:

- Civil rights
- Museum exhibits

Types of Materials:

- Brochures
- Correspondence
- Exhibit scripts
- Exhibition records -- 1990-2004
- Photographic prints

Names:

- Anacostia Community Museum
- Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Places:

- Washington (D.C.)

Container Listing

Series 2: AudioVisual Materials, 1992

0.25 Linear feet

12 Sound recordings (6 audio cassette sound recordings ; 6 cartridge 1/4" sound recordings)

2 Video recordings (2 VHS 1/2" video recordings)

Language: English.

ACMA AV003331: To Achieve These Rights Exhibition Display 1: Charles Miner narration, 1992

1 Sound recording (cartridge; 1/4 inch)

000259

Creator: Anacostia Museum

Technical: 000259

Language: English.

Notes: Narration that weaves together excerpts of a speech by Charles Miner to U.S. House of Representatives on January 6 and 7, 1829. Miner spoke of the neglect of slave laws in Washington, D.C. and consequences of the neglect. Despite Miner's plea for the House to remedy the situation, slave trade continued to exist in Washington, D.C. until 1850.

Narration for one of four displays used in exhibition: To Achieve These Rights: The Struggle for Equality and Self-Determination in the District of Columbia, 1791-1978. Part of To Achieve These Rights: The Struggle for Equality and Self-Determination in the District of Columbia, 1791-1978 Audiovisual Records. Dated 19920101.

Names: Miner, Charles, 1780-1865
Anacostia Community Museum
Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Topic: African Americans
Slavery
Slave trade
Antislavery movements
Slavery -- Law and legislation
Civil rights
Civil rights leaders
Activists
Abolitionists

Place: Washington (D.C.)
United States

Genre/Form: Sound recordings
Narration

ACMA AV003339: To Achieve These Rights Exhibition Display 2: Frederick Douglass narration, 1992

2 Sound recordings (cartridge; 1/4 inch)

000554

Creator: Anacostia Museum

Technical: 000554

Language: English.

Notes: ACMA AV003340

Narration that weaves together excerpts from a speech by Frederick Douglass from April 1883 on the anniversary of Emancipation in Washington, D.C. Douglass speaks about Emancipation, status and future of the negro, and prejudice despite freedom. He also states that negroes should be American citizens to the fullest extent, including the right to a fair trial, vote, serve on a jury, and attend public schools.

Created for Anacostia Museum.

Names: Douglass, Frederick, 1818-1895

Anacostia Community Museum

Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Topic: African Americans

African American abolitionists

Abolitionists

Slavery

Slave trade

Antislavery movements

Slavery -- Law and legislation

Civil rights

Civil rights leaders

Activists

Place: Washington (D.C.)

United States

Genre/Form: Sound recordings

Narration

ACMA AV003343: To Achieve These Rights Exhibition Display 3: Clips of Marian Anderson's Lincoln Memorial concert, 1992

1 Sound recording (cartridge; 1/4 inch)

000630

Creator: Anacostia Museum

National Broadcasting Company

Howard University

Technical: 000630

Language: English.

Notes: Clips of Marian Anderson's outdoor concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on April 9, 1939. Howard L. Ickes introduced Marian Anderson's performance. Narration between clips of radio broadcast provides context for historical event, including its significance in sparking D.C.'s modern civil rights movements.

Names: Anderson, Marian (1897-1993)

Ickes, Harold L. (Harold LeClair), 1874-1952

Daughters of the American Revolution

Anacostia Community Museum

Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Topic: African Americans

African American singers
Singers
Race discrimination
Civil rights movements
Civil rights
Civil rights leaders
Place: Lincoln Memorial (Washington, D.C.)
Washington (D.C.)
United States
Genre/Form: Sound recordings
Narration

ACMA AV003341: To Achieve These Rights Exhibition Display 4: Clip of Mary Church Terrell on Americans All radio program, 1992
2 Sound recordings (cartridge; 1/4 inch)
000747

Creator: Anacostia Museum
Whitehead, Henry Preston, 1917-2002
Institute on Race Relations (Washington, D.C.)

Technical: 000747

Language: English.

Notes: ACMA AV003342

A clip from "Americans All" radio program broadcasted on February 12, 1950 in celebration of Frederick Douglass' birthday. Tomlinson Todd, leader of Institute on Race Relations, interviewed Mary Church Terrell, civil rights activist and friend of Douglass. Terrell spoke of her friendship with Douglass - how they met and visiting World's Fair in Chicago with Douglass. She proposed February 14 as Frederick Douglass day. Narration and radio program provides brief description of Todd, Terrell, Institute on Race Relations, and "Americans All."

Narration and radio broadcast clip for one of four displays used in exhibition: To Achieve These Rights: The Struggle for Equality and Self-Determination in the District of Columbia, 1791-1978. Part of To Achieve These Rights: The Struggle for Equality and Self-Determination in the District of Columbia, 1791-1978 Audiovisual Records. Dated 19920101.

Created for Anacostia Museum. This recording of "Americans All" was provided courtesy of Henry P. Whitehead [Collection held by the Anacostia Community Museum].

Names: Terrell, Mary Church, 1863-1954
Douglass, Frederick, 1818-1895
Todd, Tomlinson D., 1910 -1987
Anacostia Community Museum
Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Topic: African Americans
African American abolitionists
Abolitionists
Civil rights
Civil rights leaders
Activists

Place: Washington (D.C.)

Genre/Form: United States
Sound recordings
Narration

ACMA AV002641: Around Town: To Achieve These Rights, 1992

1 Video recording (VHS)

002955

Creator: WETA-TV (Television station : Washington, D.C.)

Technical: 002955

Language: English.

Notes: Around Town, which presented video segments of events happening around Washington, D.C. on public television station WETA, profiled the Anacostia Museum's exhibition 'To Achieve These Rights: The Struggle for Equality and Self-Determination in the District of Columbia, 1791-1978.' Other topics included in this episode: new feature film 'Daughters of the Dust,' new adaption of 'Frankenstein' by the Washington Shakespeare Company, and an international art exhibition and auction at the 'Very Special Arts' gallery. After brief clips or description of each topic, there was a short roundtable discussion. News program with roundtable discussion. Related to exhibition 'To Achieve These Rights: The Struggle for Equality and Self-Determination in the District of Columbia, 1791-1978.' Dated 19920227.

Around Town: To Achieve These Rights, Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

Copyright: WETA Television 26. Around Town #723. 'Around Town' video segments air on WETA. Producer: Coblyn / Frost. Director: Camp.

Names: Anacostia Community Museum
Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Topic: African Americans
Slavery
Slave trade
Antislavery movements
Slaves -- Emancipation
Slavery -- Law and legislation
Civil rights
Home rule
Museum exhibits

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
Washington (D.C.)
United States

Genre/Form: Video recordings

ACMA AV002126: Response to Segregation: Building the Community, 1991

1 Video recording (VHS)

013450

Creator: Anacostia Museum

Technical: 013450

Language: English.

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| Notes: | <p>Focusing on Washington, D.C., Dr. Sharon Harley spoke of about the period in the United States following the Civil War known as Reconstruction. Specifically, she talked about the migration of Blacks to Washington, D.C.; the deterioration of racial relations beginning in 1880s and 1890s; increased discrimination in the federal government; community building in response to segregation; and the many organizations formed by Blacks. This lecture was part of docent training for the exhibition 'To Achieve These Rights: The Struggle for Equality and Self-Determination in the District of Columbia, 1791-1978.'</p> <p>Lecture. Related to exhibition 'To Achieve These Rights: The Struggle for Equality and Self-Determination in the District of Columbia, 1791-1978.' Dated 19911106.</p> |
| Names: | <p>Anacostia Community Museum Anacostia Neighborhood Museum</p> |
| Topic: | <p>African Americans Reconstruction, U.S. history, 1865-1877 Communities Associations, institutions, etc. Slavery Segregation Race relations Museum exhibits</p> |
| Place: | <p>Anacostia (Washington, D.C.) Washington (D.C.) United States</p> |
| Genre/Form: | Video recordings |

ACMA AV001051_A: To Achieve These Rights: Self Guided Audio Tour, circa 1992
1 Sound recording (audio cassette)

004541 001503

Creator: Anacostia Museum

Technical: 004541 001503

Language: English.

Notes: ACMA AV001051_B

Recording of the self guided audio tour for the exhibition 'To Achieve These Rights: The Struggle for Equality and Self-Determination in the District of Columbia, 1791-1978' which was held at the Anacostia Museum from January 1992 to November 1992. People, organizations, and laws which have made their mark on racial equality in the District of Columbia featured in the audio tour.

Names: Anacostia Community Museum
Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Topic: African Americans
Slavery
Antislavery movements
Segregation
Civil rights
Civil rights leaders
Civil rights movements
Activists

Abolitionists
Home rule
Museum exhibits
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
Washington (D.C.)
United States
Genre/Form: Sound recordings

ACMA AV001052_A: To Achieve These Rights: Self Guided Audio Tour in Spanish, circa 1992

1 Sound recording (audio cassette)

004431 002014

Creator: Anacostia Museum

Technical: 004431 002014

Language: Spanish.

Notes: ACMA AV001052_B

Recording of the self guided audio tour for the exhibition 'To Achieve These Rights: The Struggle for Equality and Self-Determination in the District of Columbia, 1791-1978' which was held at the Anacostia Museum from January 1992 to November 1992. People, organizations, and laws which have made their mark on racial equality in the District of Columbia featured in the audio tour. This recording is in Spanish.

Names: Anacostia Community Museum
Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Topic: African Americans
Slavery
Antislavery movements
Segregation
Civil rights
Civil rights leaders
Civil rights movements
Activists
Abolitionists
Home rule
Museum exhibits

Place: Washington (D.C.)
United States

Genre/Form: Sound recordings

ACMA AV002134: To Achieve These Rights: Discussion with Brookland Elementary School Students, 1992

1 Video recording (VHS)

010457

Creator: Anacostia Museum

Technical: 010457

Language: English.

Notes: Museum educator Joanna Banks discussed the meaning of prejudice and marching for justice with Brookland Elementary School students. The students visited the museum to view the exhibition 'To Achieve

These Rights: The Struggle for Equality and Self Determination in D.C., 1791-1978'

Discussion. Related to exhibition 'To Achieve These Rights: The Struggle for Equality and Self Determination in D.C., 1791-1978.' Dated 19920410.

Names: Anacostia Community Museum
Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Topic: African Americans
Prejudices
Civil rights
Museum exhibits
Students
African American students
Museums and community

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
Washington (D.C.)
United States

Genre/Form: Video recordings

ACMA AV002127: To Achieve These Rights: Video Epilogue, 1992

1 Sound recording (VHS)

010000

Creator: Anacostia Museum

Technical: 010000

Language: English.

Notes: Title transcribed from physical asset.

Brief description of Washington, D.C. residents' fight for statehood and Congressional representatives during the 1980s. Local politics and rising crime in the district are also addressed.

Short film. Related to exhibition 'To Achieve These Rights: The Struggle for Equality and Self-Determination in the District of Columbia, 1791-1978.' Part of To Achieve These Rights: The Struggle for Equality and Self-Determination in the District of Columbia, 1791-1978 Audiovisual Records. Dated 19920103.

'To Achieve These Rights: The Struggle for Equality and Self-Determination in the District of Columbia, 1791-1978' showcased 187 years of civil rights activism in Washington, D.C. by examining the African American journey toward racial equality in the nation's capital—from slavery and emancipation to voting rights, desegregation, and home rule. The exhibition was created by the Anacostia Museum and exhibited there from January 1992 to November 1992.

Names: Anacostia Community Museum
Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Topic: African Americans
Home rule
Politicians
Political science
Crime
African American neighborhoods

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| Place: | Museum exhibits United States -- Politics and government Washington (D.C.) United States |
| Genre/Form: | Video recordings |

ACMA AV002125: To Achieve These Rights: Docent Training with Dr. Paul Cook, 1991

1 Video recording (VHS)

021123

Creator: Anacostia Museum

Technical: 021123

Language: English.

Notes: In preparation of the exhibition 'To Achieve These Rights: The Struggle for Equality and Self-Determination in the District of Columbia, 1791-1978,' Dr. Paul Cook spoke to docents about racial segregation, integration, and discrimination during the 1940s and 1950s in Washington, D.C., and the civil rights movement. He spoke about his personal experiences, and events he witnessed or participated. Cook began his lecture speaking about Anna J. Cooper, who was an educator at M Street School (later Dunbar High School) in southeast Washington, D.C.

Docent training - lecture. Related to exhibition 'To Achieve These Rights: The Struggle for Equality and Self-Determination in the District of Columbia, 1791-1978.' Dated 19911127.

Names: Cooper, Anna J. (Anna Julia), 1858-1964
Anacostia Community Museum
Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Topic: African Americans
Segregation
Race discrimination
Racism
Civil rights
Civil rights leaders
Civil rights movements
Activists

Place: Museum exhibits
Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
Washington (D.C.)
United States

Genre/Form: Video recordings

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