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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: Archives Center Weddings Documentation Collection
Identifier: NMAH.AC.1131
Date: 1945-2010
Extent: 1.15 Cubic feet (4 boxes)
Creator: Smith-Howard, Kendra
Strange, Susan B.
Thompson, Anthony Mills
Toda, Mitchell
Hall, Priscilla E.
Hann, Kinh
Hann, Leila Poursedehi
Scherbak
DiStefano, Carrie
DiStefano, Josh
Earl-Thompson, Yolonda
Gil, Christiane
Toda, Sharon
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Archives Center
DeFelice, David
Language: English.
Digital Content: Image(s): Archives Center Weddings Documentation Collection

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Collection donated by Carrie and Josh DiStefano, 2008; Yolonda Earl-Thompson and Anthony Mills Thompson, 2008; Christiane Gil, 2008; Kinh and Leila Poursedehi Hann, 2008; Susan B. Strange, 2008; Priscilla E. Hall, 2008; Mitchell and Sharon Toda, 2008; Kendra Smith-Howard, 2008; and David DeFelice and Paul Scherbak, 2008.

Provenance
This collection is a repository for wedding-related archival materials from varied sources, including curatorial units, the public, and Smithsonian staff, which may be augmented periodically by new acquisitions.

Other Finding Aids
Inventory available; contact the Archives Center for more information.
Processing Information
Collection is unprocessed.

Preferred Citation

Restrictions on Access
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Scope and Contents
An artificial collection of diverse archival materials relating to weddings, at present organized according to donor. Contents include wedding photographs; invitations; gift registries; contracts; invoices and receipts for expenses incurred; guest lists.

Arrangement
1 series.

Names and Subject Terms
This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:
Bridegrooms
Brides
Weddings

Types of Materials:
Contracts
Financial records
Guest lists
Invitations
Photographs -- 1950-2000
Photographs -- 2000-2010
Container Listing

Box 1  Bonynge-Strange Wedding, Gordonsville, Virginia , 1945
Professional photographs, invoices, list of expenses, copper plate for engraving of wedding invitation. Wedding cake toppers donated to Home and Community Life in 2003.

Box 1, Folder 1 [Bride and groom exiting church : black-and-white photoprint], 1945
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 9" x 7.5")
Image(s): [Bride and groom exiting church : black-and-white photoprint].
Dementi Studio, Photographer
Strange, Susan B., Donor
English.
Wedding on November 24, 1945 of Marjorie Elizabeth Bonynge and Hinman Foot Strange at Christ Episcopal Church, Gordonsville, Virginia.

Local Numbers
AC1131-0000001.tif (AC Scan)

Names:  Bonynge, Marjorie Elizabeth
Strange, Hinman Foot

Topic:  Church buildings -- Virginia
Marriage -- 1940-1950
Weddings -- 1940-1950

Genre/ Form:  Photographs -- 1940-1950 -- Black-and-white photoprints
-- Silver gelatin

Box 1  Chang-Toda Wedding, Santa Ana, California , 2001
Photographs, invitations, large "wedding planner" notebook including invoices and contracts, emails with Todas about details of the wedding, and party favors (CD and bag with salt and pepper shakers)

Box 1  Earl-Thompson Wedding, Alexandria, Virginia , 2004
Emails with bride about details of the wedding, schedule/time-line, honeymoon information (Mexico), contracts, guest book with African American couple on front, and five greeting cards with African American imagery.

Box 1;  Hall-Highland Wedding, Honolulu, Hawaii , 2004
Box 2 Contracts, invoices, photographs by Archives Center employee Susan B. Strange (see control file), schedule/time-line, hand-made program, Hawaii Bride & Groom, Fall/Winter 2002; Pacific Rim Weddings, Summer/Fall 2002, Hawaii Bride & Groom, Fall/Winter 2004, and Crane & Co. 2004 catalog. Large wedding held at a Waikiki beach hotel.

Box 2  Smith-Howard Wedding, Madison, Wisconsin , 2005
Planning notebook, program, time-line, receipts; emails with bride about details of this small wedding held outside in a park.

**Box 2**

Gil-Anglin Wedding, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 2006
Receipts, photographs by Archives Center employee Susan B. Strange (see control file); couple met on eHarmony and copies of their early emails are in the file. A small wedding held at home; bride was an undocumented immigrant from Brazil.

**Box 2**

Wilson-DiStefano Wedding, Braselton, Georgia, 2007
Contracts, receipts, invitations, gift registry, guest list, correspondence between bride and her future mother-in-law, ribbons and examples of couple's "colors." Couple met on eHarmony and copies of their early emails are in the file. Bride was a Korean-born adoptee and the groom was in the U.S. Army.

**Box 3**

Poursedehi-Hann Wedding, College Park, Maryland, 2008
Contracts, receipts, photographs by Archives Center employee Susan B. Strange (see control file), gift registry, invitations, and oral history (transcribed). The American-born bride was half Iranian, one quarter English, and one quarter Mexican American; the groom was born in Vietnam and immigrated as a child in 1981. Bride wore traditional Vietnamese wedding dress at the dinner; this dress was collected by the Division of Home and Community Life in November 2008.

**Box 4**

DeFelice-Scherbak Wedding, San Francisco, California, 2008
Contracts, receipts, photographs, gift registry, marriage license, vows, marriage certificate, seat assignments, and a DVD with photographs and television newscasts of the couple's wedding. The couple is a gay male couple who were married at the San Francisco City Hall in June 2008.

**Box 4**

Hofstetter-Griswold Wedding, Old Lyme, Connecticut, 2010
Includes invitation and bridesmaid thank you bag.