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PROVENANCE

Gift of the Alexander family, 1987.

ARRANGEMENT

The Elizabeth Mossell Anderson Papers is organized into fifteen series: I. Biographical and Autobiographical; II. Personal Correspondence; III. General Correspondence; IV. Professional Correspondence; V. Financial Records; VI. Professional Business; VII. Professional Papers; VIII. Professional Organizations; IX. Civic Organizations; X. Clubs and Social Groups; XI. Writings, Publications and Speeches; XII. Diplomas, Citations, and Awards; XIII. Memorabilia; XIV. Audio-Visual Material; and XV. Books. Many of the series are further organized into sub-series.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander's elder sister, Elizabeth Mossell Anderson (B.S. in Ed., 1939) (called variously "Beth," "Babs," or "Babo" in correspondence) served as Dean of Women at Virginia State College and later at Wilberforce University (Central State College), Ohio. Upon her retirement in 1964, she came to live with the Alexanders in Philadelphia and resided with them until her death in 1975.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Personal Correspondence: with family, mostly STMA (approx. 2/3 cu. ft.; 1938-51); general and unsorted (approx. 1 cu. ft.; 1930-1971). Financial Records (1933-74): bank records (approx. 1.5 cu. ft.); other financial records (approx. 2 cu. ft.). Papers relating to Central State College, Wilberforce University, Ohio (1 cu. ft., scattered; 1938-68). The record group also contains a small series of photographs.

CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

Corporate Name(s)

- American Friends Service Committee.

Personal Name(s)

- Alexander, Sadie Tanner Mossell, 1898-1989

Subject(s)

- African American women--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia.
- African Americans--Civil rights--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia.
- African Americans--Professional education--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia.
- African Americans--Social life and customs.--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia

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INVENTORY

I. BIOGRAPHICAL AND AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL	Box	Folder
Resume and related papers, n.d.	A1	1
Telephone book (personal), n.d.	1	2
Personal travel notes, n.d.	1	3
Scrapbook, 1934-1946	OS	
Address book, [194-]	1	4
Programs and clippings, 1940-1956	1	4a
Travel receipts, 1965-1966	1	5
II. PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE	Box	Folder
A. Family (mostly with Sadie T.M. Alexander)		
1938	1	6
1938	1	7
1939	1	8
1940	1	9
1940	1	10
1941 January-	1	11

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1941 March-	1	12
1942 January-	1	13
1942 August	1	14
1943	1	15
1944 January	1	16
1944 fall	1	17
1945	1	18
1946	1	19
1947	1	20
1948 Spring	1	21
1948 fall	1	22
1948-1949 winter	1	23
1949 spring	1	24
1949 summer	1	25
1949 fall	1	26
1949-1950 winter	1	27
1950 spring	1	28
1950 spring	1	29
1950 fall	1	30
1950-1951 winter	1	31
1951 spring	1	32
1951 summer	1	33
Misc. dates	1	34

B. General (letters, mostly to EMA)

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1930	1	35
1936-1937	1	36
1939	1	37
1948-1950	1	38
1950	1	39
1951-1955	1	40
1957-1960	1	41
1961	1	42
1961	1	43
1961	1	44
1962	2	1
1962	2	2
1962	2	3
1963	2	4
1964	2	5
1964	2	6
1964	2	7
1965	2	8
1965	2	9
1965	2	10
1966	2	11
1967-1968	2	12
Letter from Cassie [Aaron Mossell's widow], 1969	2	13
1969-1974	2	14

C. Greeting Cards

n.d.	2	15
n.d.	2	16
n.d.	2	17
n.d.	2	18
n.d.	2	19
n.d.	3	1
n.d.	3	2
n.d.	3	3
n.d.	3	4
1964	3	5
1964	3	6

III. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**Box****Folder**Including personal letters and correspondence of STMA on behalf of
EMA (incl. re insurance claim), 1971-1975

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IV. PROFESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE**Box****Folder**

Central State College, 1947-1952

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Central State College, 1958-1959

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Central State College, 1967-1968

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V. FINANCIAL RECORDS**Box****Folder**

A. Bank Books

Bank books, 1933-1934

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Bank books, 1935

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Bank books, 1936	3	13
Joint account with STMA, 1972-1974	3	14
B. Bank Statements		
Bank statements, 1934-1937	3	15
Bank statements, 1964	3	16
Bank statements, 1970-1972	3	17
Bank statements, 1973	3	18
C. Bonds		
Bonds, 1905	4	1
D. Canceled Checks and Check Stubs		
1932-1933	4	2
1934-1935	4	3
1942-1944	4	4
1945	4	5
1946	4	6
1947	4	7
1948	4	8
1949	4	9
1950	4	10
1951	4	11
1952	4	12
1953	4	13
1953	4	14
1954	4	15

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1955	4	17
1955	4	18
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1957	4	21
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1958	4	23
1958	4	24
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1959	4	26
1960	5	1
1960	5	2
1961	5	3
1962	5	4
1963	5	5
1964	5	6
1965	5	7
1966-1967	5	8
1968	5	9
1969	5	10
1972-1974	5	10a
1974-1975	5	10b
E. Deeds		

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1904-1916	5	11
1963-1964	5	12
F. Will		
1958, 1962	5	13
G. Estate Records		
Anderson, Page, 1933	5	14
Anderson, Page, 1939	5	15
Anderson, Elizabeth M., 1974-1975	5	16
Anderson, Elizabeth M., 1976-1981	5	17
H. Insurance		
1935	5	18
1940-1949	5	19
1950-1956	5	20
1957-1959	5	21
1960-1964	5	22
1965-1967	5	23
1968	5	24
1969-1972	5	25
1972-1975	5	26
I. Medical		
Information, 1964-1972	6	1
Information, 1973	6	2
Information, 1974	6	3
Information, 1974	6	4

Information, 1975	6	5
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J. Real Estate		
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655 North 47th Street, 1952-1954	6	6
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Mortgage, 1957	6	7
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K. Personal Receipts		
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1935-1944	6	8
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1949-1951	6	9
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1971-1974	6	18
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L. Tax Statements		
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1933-1936	6	19
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1941, 1944	6	20
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1944-1947	6	21
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With insurance papers, 1951-1953	6	22
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With insurance papers, 1958-1963	6	24
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1964-1969	6	25
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1970-1972	6	26
1973-1975	6	27
VI. PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS		
Financial papers, 1954-1955	7	1
Administrative papers (notes), 1962-1966	7	2
VII. PROFESSIONAL PAPERS		
A. Syllabi		
1938	7	3
1939	7	4
B. Annual Report of Central State College		
1940-1941	7	5
n.d.	7	6
C. Handbooks		
1953	7	7
1959	7	8
D. Central State College		
1953-1954	7	9
1955	7	10
1957	7	11
1962	7	12
1964	7	13
Commencement program and booklet commemorating President Charles H. Wesley, 1964	7	14

1965	7	15
1966	7	16
1966	7	17
1967-1968	7	18
1968	7	19
VIII. PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS		
	Box	Folder
NAWDC Roster, 1966	7	20
Miscellaneous pamphlets, 1969	7	21
IX. CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS		
	Box	Folder
American Friends Service Committee, 1947; 1964	7	22
X. CLUBS AND SOCIAL GROUPS		
	Box	Folder
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, 1964	7	23
XI. WRITINGS, PUBLICATIONS AND SPEECHES		
	Box	Folder
Mothers' Day speech at Central State: "The Value of Counseling," n.d.	7	24
Paper on the support of health education in Negro Colleges, 1940	7	25
Ms. notes, 1960-1963	7	26
XII. DIPLOMAS, CITATIONS, AND AWARDS		
	Box	Folder
A. Diplomas and Credentials		
National School of Interior Decoration (certificate of proficiency), 1928	7	27
University of Pennsylvania (B.S.), 1939	7	28

Master of Arts degree (Columbia University), 1940	OS 1
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B. Plaques	
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College Award of Central State College, 1964	OS 3
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XIII. MEMORABILIA	Box	Folder
Programs, 1940	7	29
Central State College yearbook, 1948	7	30
Article, 1950	7	31
Central State College yearbook, 1953	7	32
Workbook, 1954	7	33
Central State College yearbook, 1958	7	34
Central State College yearbook, 1960	7	35
Book of church services, 1962-1963	7	36
The Journal of College Student Personnel, 1963	7	37
Central State College yearbook, 1964	8	1
Booklet on Eugene Wayman Jones and program for Leadership Institute on International Programming, 1964	8	2
Book of church services, 1964-1965	8	3
Manpower report of the president, 1965	8	4
Miscellaneous publications, 1965	8	5
Gem magazine and program for National Association of Women Deans and Counselors, 1966	8	6
Booklet of National Association of Central State University Mothers and newspaper clippings, 1967	8	7
A.M.E. conference book, 1968	8	8
Gold Torch newspaper, 1968	8	9

Miscellaneous pamphlets, 1969	8	10
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XIV. AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIAL	Box	Folder
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A. Photographs		
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Miscellaneous, ca.1930s-1970s	8	11
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Snapshots, 1959	8	12
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B. Phonograph Records		
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Christian religious instructional records in African native languages (set of 19 8 .25" 78rpm discs), 1961	8	13
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C. Audio Tape		
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"Beth's birthday/This is the one for your birthday"] (1 5" reel of 0.25" tape), 1958	8	14
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XV. BOOKS	Box	Folder
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Christian Worship and Praise, 1939	8	15
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The Macmillan Wild Flower Book, by Clarence J. Hylander, 1954	8	16
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To Secure These Rights: The Report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights, 1947	8	17
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The Treasury of American Prints, edited by Thomas Craven, 1939	8	18
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Wild Flowers, by J. G. Barton, 1963	8	19
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World Famous Paintings, edited by Rockwell Kent, 1939	8	20
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