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Summary Information

Repository:	North Carolina Collection Archives
Creator:	Black, Mary Ann
Source - dnr:	Black, Mary Ann
Title:	Mary Ann Black papers
ID:	NCC.0005
Date [inclusive]:	1964-2014
Physical Description:	2.75 Linear Feet (4 boxes: 3 document boxes, 1 flat box)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Mary Ann Black Papers, 1964-2009, include materials from Black's time with the Durham County Board of Commissioners and with the Duke University Health System, as well as some personal materials. The bulk of the materials date from 1990-2000. Many of the materials relate to the Durham public school merger in the early 1990s.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Mary Ann Black was born in 1943 in New York. Her family soon relocated to South Carolina, where Black spent the rest of her youth. Her father, Reverend Solomon Eaddy, served as the long-time pastor for Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Timmonsville, South Carolina. Black received her BA from Benedict College and went on to earn a masters in social work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, which she completed in 1970.

From 1970 to 1973, Black worked as a social worker in the Durham County school system. Following this, she held a position in the Child Guidance Clinic within Duke University's Department of Psychiatry. Beginning in 1981, Black opened her own psychotherapy private practice, where she worked with adults

and children, focusing on families in crisis. Black was recognized for her outstanding career as a social worker with the Social Worker of the Year national award in 1994.

Long interested in community development, Black ran for and won a seat on the Durham County Board of Commissioners in 1990. She served on the board from 1990-2002 and served as chair of the board from 1996-2002. Among her many accomplishments throughout her time with the Board of Commissioners, Black was a strong advocate for the Durham public school merger, an initiative that she oversaw and directed from 1991-1993.

After her service on the Board of Commissioners, Black returned to work at Duke University, this time as the director of community affairs for Duke University Health System. As of 2015, Black is a consulting associate in psychiatric social work in Duke's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and is the Associate Vice President of Community Relations for Duke University Health Systems.

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of reports, memoranda, transcriptions of speeches, correspondence, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, and various other materials. The materials range in date from 1964-2009, with the bulk of them dating from 1990-2000. Most pertain to Mary Ann Black's service on the Durham County Board of Commissioners, and many relate to the 1992 Durham public school merger. Other materials in the collection relate to Black's time with the Duke University Health System, as well as to her personal and family life. Other important topics and subjects covered include Black's elections, community health and wellness, education, and child services.

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Arrangement

The collection is divided into four series. The first series contains materials relating to the Durham County Board of Commissioners; the second series contains materials relating to the Duke University Health System; the third series contains materials relating to Black's personal life, including awards and honors; and the fourth series includes oversized materials.

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Mary Ann Black

Conditions Governing Use

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Becky Heron Papers (NCC.0096)

Durham Schools Collection (NCC.0067)

Durham County Board of Commissioners School Merger Plan and Addendum (NC 371.01 DURH)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Community health services -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Family social work -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Political campaigns -- North Carolina
- Public schools -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Social work with youth -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Black, Mary Ann
- Black, Mary Ann
- Durham County (N.C.). Board of Commissioners

Collection Inventory

1. Board of Commissioners Files, 1988-2011

Physical Description: 2 Boxes (Boxes 1-2)

Title/Description	Instances
Elections, 1990-1998	box 1
Speeches (2 folders), 1995-2011	box 1
Correspondence, 1991-2001	box 1
School merger – memoranda and notes (2 folders), 1988, 1991-1992	box 1
School merger – maps, 1991	box 1
School merger – plans, 1991	box 1
School merger – plans, 1991	box 2
School merger – newspaper clippings, 1992	box 2
Other issues – child services, commerce, 1991-2002	box 2
Periodical Accounts of Durham Co. Government, 1990, 1996	box 2
Long Range Facilities Plan - Durham Public Schools, 1999	box 2
Research Triangle Regional Public Transportation Authority, North Carolina Comprehensive Financial Report, 1994	box 2

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2. Duke University Health System Files, 2002-2014

Physical Description: 1 Box (Box 2)

Title/Description	Instances
Speeches and presentations, 2007-2009	box 2
Durham Health Summit, 2002-2014	box 2
Reports, 2009-2011	box 2

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3. Personal Files, 1964-2014, undated

Physical Description: 1 Box (Box 3)

Title/Description	Instances
Biographical materials, 1970, 1999-2004	box 3
Family, 1992-2014	box 3
Speeches, undated	box 3
Community involvement, 1984-2013	box 3
Community involvement – Rotary Club, 2005-2012	box 3
Awards – Alpha Kappa Alpha, 1964, 1993	box 3
Awards – Social Worker of the Year, 1993-1994	box 3
Awards – other awards and honors, 1990-1996	box 3
Presidential and gubernatorial inauguration invitations, 2009	box 3

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4. Oversize Materials, 1998-2002

box 4

Physical Description: 1 Box (Box 4)

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