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Doris Larkins Papers

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Content Note

This collection of Doris Larkins' papers is composed of photocopies of correspondence, announcements, agendas and other printed materials concerning the Wichita "Juneteenth" celebrations in 1978, 1980, and 1983. The papers trace the formation and organizing for local commemorations of Juneteenth, a celebration of June 19, 1865, when African American slaves in Texas learned of their emancipation.

Biography

Doris Kerr Larkins (1937-1994) moved from Oklahoma City to Wichita as a child. She attended public schools and Wichita State University, majoring in music. When Calvary Baptist Church moved to a new church building in the mid-1970s, Larkins, along with her sisters and others, successfully campaigned to save from demolition its original building at 601 North Water Street, place it on the national register of historic places and establish a museum there to celebrate African American history and culture, now known as the Kansas African American Museum. She also helped establish the local Martin Luther King Day and Juneteenth celebrations.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1	FF 1	1978 Juneteenth. Correspondence, agendas, announcements, budgets, etc., for the organization of a Juneteenth day in Wichita on June 19, 1978.
Box 1	FF 2	1980 Juneteenth. Correspondence, agendas, agreements, contracts, announcements, budgets, schedules, etc. for organizing the 1980 Juneteenth Celebration.
Box 1	FF 3	1983 Juneteenth. Correspondence, agendas, lists, announcements, programs, biographies of performers and speakers for the 1983 Juneteenth Celebration.

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