

ACCRETIONS TO THE JANE LYONS COLLECTION

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PROVENANCE:

This collection, donated by Virginia Allen, executrix of Jane Morgan Lyons' estate, on October 27, 2014, encompasses correspondence, legal documents, news clippings, award certificates, photographs, and other ephemera relating to the personal, professional and activist spheres of Lyons' life. It includes one archival box of documents relating to Lyons' tenure at Sea View Hospital, Rehabilitation Center and Home, where she served as Executive Director from 1984 – 1997. It contains programs from various significant events in her professional and social life, such as awards dinners or funeral services. It also includes extensive genealogical information regarding the Morgan and Lyons families and the connections to Williamstown, Massachusetts and Staten Island, New York.

SCOPE & CONTENT:

The 4 series in the Accretions to the Jane Lyons Collection reflect the original context and chronology of Lyons' life, but have been arranged so that may be more easily accessible to the researcher. The arrangement of the Accretions differs from that of the original collection in that they consist of a more varied breadth of content and do not contain artifacts. These differences have made it necessary to arrange the Accretions in the order in which they appear.

PROFESSIONAL: Since the crux of Jane's professional life was her many years of work in different positions at Sea View Rehabilitation Center and Home, the only subgroup for this series is "Sea View." This series and subgroup includes news clippings, resumes, correspondence, and letters of reference from Lyon's tenure at Sea View. There is one folder of information regarding a bias incident that occurred on the Sea View grounds while Lyons' was Executive Director. Another folder, "Pre-Sea View Jobs" contains documentation regarding Lyons' work at other institutions before she started at Sea View. If more records regarding her work outside of Sea View were to be collected later, the folder could be added a broader subgroup encompassing Lyons' different affiliations.

PERSONAL: The Personal series of this collection is divided into three subgroups: Family and Friends, Accomplishments and Correspondence. Family and Friends encompasses the personal records and correspondence of Jane Lyons' and her immediate and extended family. Within this subgroup, one can find birth and death certificates, cemetery deeds, wills, obituaries, funeral programs and genealogical records. The Accomplishments subgroup showcases Lyons' many achievements throughout her life and includes awards certificates, diplomas, award ceremony programs and information relating to Lyons' recognition as a member of the Schomburg Center's New York Black 100. The Correspondence subgroup contains letters from her brother, Oscar Greene and his family, various greeting cards, and personal letters from other family members, friends, and colleagues.

ACTIVISM: This series contains records of Lyons' volunteer work with various organizations, such as the Staten Island Chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Council for Negro Women, committees for local causes like the preservation of the WPA Farm Colony Murals or healthcare related groups like Richmond County Senior Services just to name a few.

PHOTOGRAPHS: This series includes photos of Lyons and her immediate and extended family, as well as images from her tenure at Sea View and various events she attended. These can be found within the K collection.

Accretions to the Jane Lyons Collection

Box Inventories

Box 1:

Series: Professional

Subgroup: Seaview

1971 – 2004

Box 2:

Series: Personal

Subgroup: Family & Friends

Accomplishments

1892 – 2013

1969 – 2000

Box 3:

Series: Personal

Subgroup: Correspondence

1970 – 2012

Box 4:

Series: Activism

1994 – 2013

Collection: Jane Lyons
 Series: Professional
 Subgroup: Sea View

Box: 1
 Location:

Accession #	Date	Description	# items/ ms/ ts/ x/ ph	Folder
	July 1971 – Jan. 1982	“Pre-Sea View Jobs” Folder contains correspondence, resumes, and ephemera related to Lyons’ professional life before her tenure at Sea View.	2 ms 31 ts	1
	June 1978 – Sept. 1973	“Sea View Jobs” Folder contains address books and correspondence relating to Lyons’ career at Sea View – primarily her time as Associate Director.	120 ts 2 pamphlets	2
	Sept. 1984 – Dec. 1997	“Sea View Executive Director” Folder contains event programs, memos, photos, awards, hand written notes, and ID badges.	3 ID badges 2 ph 5 x 4 pamphlets 45 ts 14 ms	3
	Sept. 1984 – No date	“Sea View Executive Director Correspondence”	10 ms 2 x 60 ts	4
	No date – Feb. 1997	“Sea View Executive Director Greeting Cards	10 ts 1 x	5
	No date – May 1984	“Executive Director Reference and Resumes”	20 ts 1 ms 18 x	6
	Jan. 1995 – No date	“Bias Incident” folder contains correspondence and other information relating to an incident of racially charged vandalism at Sea View	8 ts 3 x	7
	No Date – Sept. 1994	“Jane Lyons Exec. Director News Clippings”	54 x	8
	Jan. 1998 – Aug. 2003	“Exec. Dir. News Clippings”	77 x	9
	1984 - 1988	“Sea Views” – issues of the hospital bulletin	19 ts	10
	Jan. 1998 – Nov. 2004	“Post-Sea View” Folder contains mostly correspondence regarding Jane’s early retirement.	1 ms 24 x 14 ts	11

Collection: Jane Lyons
 Series: Personal
 Subgroup: Family & Friends

Box: 2
 Location:

Accession #	Date	Description	# items/ ms/ ts/ x/ ph	Folder
	Feb. 1998 – Aug. 2000	“Jane’s Diary”	1 ms	1
	Feb. 1928 – Feb. 2013	“Jane and Arthur Lyons’ Personal Papers” including Jane’s unfinished memoir, Arthur’s military records, their birth certificates, wills, church memberships and ephemera.	93 ts 1 ms 1 ph 1 x 1 ID badge	2
	Dec. 1991 – No date	“Gregory Bates Personal Papers” including correspondence, news clippings, awards, information regarding Gregory’s father Morell Bates and Greg’s memoir	46 ts 2 x 1 ms	3
	1892 - 2011	“Extended Family Papers” including family reunion programs, genealogical records, obituaries, marriage certificates, funeral programs, cemetery deeds, and eulogies.	72 ts 25 x 12 ms	4
	1997 - 2005	“Friends Info” including programs from the Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, obituaries and funeral programs	9 ts 2 x	5

Subgroup: Accomplishments

Accession #	Date	Description	# items/ ms/ ts/ x/ ph	Folder
	1969 - 1982	“Education”	15 x 14 ts 1 ms 1 sticker	6
	1979 – No Date	“Awards Misc.”	22 ts 10 x	7
			6 ts 3 x 2 programs	8
	1998 - 2000	“Schomburg Black 100 Award”	32 ts 2 x 3 programs	9

Collection: Jane Lyons
 Series: Personal
 Subgroup: Correspondence

Box: 3
 Location:

Accession #	Date	Description	# items/ ms/ ts/ x/ ph	Folder
	1970 - 2012	"Greeting Cards 1970 – 2012"	54 ms 8 ts 2 x 1 ph	1
	No date	"Greeting Cards Undated"	32 ms 11 ts	2
	1977 - 2011	"Correspondence Misc."	47 ts 25 ms 4 x	3
	March 1977 – Dec. 1979	"Greenes' Correspondence March 1977 – Dec. 1979" containing communications between Jane and her brother Oscar and his family.	59 ms 26 ts 15 x	4
	Jan. 2000 – Dec. 2002	"Greenes' Correspondence Jan. 2000 – Dec. 2002"	77 ts 26 x 2 ms	5
	Jan. 2003 – May 2012	"Greenes' Correspondence Jan. 2003 – May 2012"	48 ts 18 ms 12 x	6
	1997 - 2006	"Vandalism" includes police reports and correspondence relating to the slashing of Lyons' tires	16 x 14 ts	7
	1976 - 1978	Scrapbook contains photos, greeting cards, invitations, programs and news clippings (12 pages)		8

Collection: Jane Lyons

Box: 4

Series: Activism

Location:

Accession #	Date	Description	# items/ ms/ ts/ x/ ph	Folder
	2008 - 2012	“SI Advance Women of Achievement”	104 ts 5 x	1
	1999 - 2000	“Richmond Senior Services”	27 ts 21 x 3 ms	2
	2005 - 2012	“WPA Farm Colony Murals” information about the Murals and correspondence concerning their location and conservation	18 x 12 ts	3
	1998 - 2012	“Stiversa Bethel Museum” including email correspondence and news clippings and agenda for the coalition to dedicate a museum to Bethel, former Senior Superintendent of Nurses	8 ts 6 x 1 ph	4
	2000 – No Date	“Purple Hat Society”	30 ts 26 x 1 ms	5
	May 2008 – No Date	“National Council of Negro Women SI Chapter”	24 ts 1 x	6
	2011 - 2013	“United Cerebral Palsy of NYC”	42 ts	7
	1999 – No Date	“NAACP”	49 ts 9 x 1 ID Card	8
	1994 - 2001	“Events” including programs and memorabilia related to significant events within the African American Community	15 ts 12 x	9