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A Guide to the Marian Irvis Hughes: Black Children Education in Albany Collection

Collection Summary

Collection Title: Marian Irvis Hughes: Black Children Education in Albany Collection

Call Number: MG 217

Creator: Marian I. Hughes

Inclusive Dates: 1998

Bulk Dates: 1998

Abstract: This collection contains a photograph, thank you cards, a written speech, a short biography of Marian, and letters pertaining to the release of her book *Refusing Ignorance: The Struggle to Educate Black Children in Albany, New York, 1816-1873*, and subsequent lecture at the Albany Institute of History and Art. This collection contains 2 copies of her book, as well as the book *This Land of Fire* by her brother K. Leroy Irvis, who was the 130th Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Quantity: 1 manuscript box

Administrative Information

Custodial History: The Hughes Family.

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Document Types

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Biography/History of

Marian I. Hughes was born and raised in Albany, New York. She is the sister of K. Leroy Irvis, the 130th Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and author of *This Land of Fire*. Even though born in Albany, her life has been spent on an international stage, where she has been a prominent supporter of black studies and improved race relations.

She held a BA from the State University of New York at Albany and an MS from SUNY Oneonta. She undertook additional course work at Russell Sage College, the University of Milan, Italy, and the University of Birmingham in England.

In her long and distinguished career, Marian held a number of varied offices. She taught elementary school in both Albany and Schenectady and summer courses at SUNY Oneonta; developed the Black Studies program at Hudson Valley Community College; and served as the coordinator of human relations for the Albany School District, as an associate in the New York State Education Department's Center for International Programs, the principal of the Abeokuta Girls High School in Nigeria, West Africa, and as a consultant for teacher training in Nigeria.

Marian was the recipient of numerous honors for her work in education and international and race relations. She has received the White House Citation in Education, the Award in Education from the Schenectady Chapter of Zonta Club International, and the Award of Excellence in Education from the Gloversville Kiwanis Club and has served as president of Delta Kappa Gamma women's honor society. She was presented with the National Urban League Award for outstanding work in race relations, the Albany District Links Award for Outstanding Contributions to the International Community, and the National Council of International Visitors Award of Distinction.

In addition, Marian was named the Woman of the Year by the Arbor Hill Community Center and was selected one of 200 Outstanding Women of the Capital District as part of the College of St. Rose Bicentennial celebration. She has been featured in *Ebony* magazine, *Who's Who in Colored America*, and *Hands, Hearts, and Voices: Women Who Followed God's Call*, a publication celebrating outstanding women of the Reformed Church in America. She is the author of *Standing Tall: A History of the Albany School District*, and the creator of *Meet the Mayor at City Hall*, a board game selected to commemorate Albany's Tricentennial.

With her late husband, Paul M. Hughes, Marian traveled extensively throughout South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Russia, and the United States. She had maintained a winter residence in Tucson, Arizona, and hosted many international guests at her Loudonville, NY home. She passed away March 11, 2005 in Tucson, Arizona.

Scope and Contents of the Collection

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Organization of the Collection

Related Material

In Library:

Hughes, Marian I., *Refusing Ignorance: The Struggle to Educate Black Children in Albany, New York, 1816-1873*

371.82 HUG REF

371.82 HUG REF C2

Hughes, Marian I., *Standing Tall: Nine Leaders in Education: Building Positive Bridges, Home, School, and Community.*

371.2011092 HUG 1984 (2 copies)

Separated Materials

Other Finding Aids

none

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

[MG 217]

[Marian Irvis Hughes: Black Children Education in Albany]

Box #	Folder #	Item #. Title / Description
1		2 Copies of the book: <u>Refusing Ignorance: The Struggle to Educate Black Children in Albany, New York, 1816-1873</u> . Mount Ida Press, Albany, NY, 1998.
1		1 signed copy of the book: <u>This Land of Fire</u> . By K. Leroy Irvis. Temple University, Philadelphia, 1988.
1	1	Copies of a short biography of Marian I. Hughes.
1	2	Speech given at book signing at AIHA
1	3	Thank you cards and letters: part 1
1	4	Thank you cards and letters: part 2
1	5	Thank you cards and letters: part 3
1	6	Newspaper articles
1	7	Various materials regarding book release.
1	8	Various personal items.