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TITLE: Eleanor Andrews Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2021.009

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1950 - 2019

Extent: 3 boxes

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Eleanor Andrews

Administrative/Biographical History:

Eleanor Louise Andrews (née Poole) was born April 12, 1944 in Los Angeles, California to Jimmie Williams and Muriel Williams Poole. She grew up in the Compton neighborhood and graduated from Compton Senior High School in 1962. She completed courses at California State University, Los Angeles before she married Franklin Andrews and gave birth to her son, Franklin Andrews, Jr. and her daughter, Marti Andrews. In 1965, she traveled to Fairbanks, Alaska to visit her biological father and decided to move there with her family. They lived in Fairbanks for three years before moving to Anchorage in 1968 where Andrews began working as a counselor at McLoughlin Youth Center for the State of Alaska. During her career, she also worked for the Alaska Public Employees Association, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and served as the Director of Human Resources for the Municipality of Anchorage. In 1982 she was appointed to work for the State of Alaska as a deputy and then commissioner of the Alaska Department of Administration. In 1987, she moved from the public to the private sector when she started her own business, the Andrews Group. The Andrews Group was a management services company, which engaged primarily in U.S. government service contracting in Alaska and across the United States. The company started
with only Andrews and grew to employ thousands as an award winning business for its excellence and support of the community. Throughout her career, Andrews assisted numerous women-owned and Indigenous-owned businesses with guidance and partnerships to bid and fulfill federal government service contracts through what became the 8(a) procurement program of the government’s Small Business Administration. Andrews retired in 2007, but she continues to be actively involved in her community and to give back to Alaska.12

Andrews built her life and career in Anchorage, working in both the public and private sectors while serving and investing her time and knowledge to organizations she believes in. She served on the Alaska Judicial Council from 2001 to 2007 where she gave her time to review and deliberate the application of all judges applying to serve in the Alaska court system. She has also served on boards that initiated the Foraker Group, the ATHENA program of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, and the Anchorage Urban League. Andrews raised and contributed funds for organizations in order to build the Dr. Etheldra Davis Fairview Elementary school, to strengthen the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Clinic, and develop affordable housing programs in the state. Additionally, Andrews has served on advisory boards for the University of Alaska Anchorage, Providence Alaska Foundation, and Commonwealth North, the Anchorage Parks Foundation Board, and the Providence Alaska Region Ministry Board.3

Andrews is regarded as a successful Black businesswoman and civic entrepreneur, who is a person who inspires institutions, businesses, and individuals to excel in their work and at the same time to invest in the community. She leads others in the understanding that it is good business to develop quality schools, affordable housing, accessible economic opportunities, safe neighborhoods, and a just and fair city and state. She has given her own time, money, and talents for decades, but has also inspired others to participate in advancing our communities. She is a gifted and fair public servant, a volunteer, a philanthropist, a mentor, a board member, a loyal friend, and a loving mother and grandmother. Andrews credits Alaska with providing opportunities for women and “anyone with curiosity” to succeed.

Scope and Content Description:
This collection encompasses the personal records of the donor Eleanor Andrews, and includes 35 photographic prints, 21 born-digital images, 14 papers and correspondence, 5 publications, 11 newspaper articles and clippings, 13 honors and awards from the early 1950s to 2019. The geographic area of the records is primarily from Anchorage, Alaska, but also includes materials


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from the donor’s early life in California as well as her travels in the United States and internationally in Mexico and Italy.

Arrangement:

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

Restrictions on Access and Use: The collection is open for research use.

Physical Access: Most original items in good condition. Special handling and storage required for one oversized panoramic photographic print. Oversized trophy and awards are stored separately.

Technical Access: Original born-digital photographs and/or copies thereof require computer access. No special equipment is needed to access other materials.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information
Donated by Eleanor Andrews in October 2021.

Processing Note
Digital files saved to Museum servers. Files copied to create access versions. All born-digital images printed out on standard office paper for physical access. Newspapers and newspaper clippings photocopied on standard office paper for physical access.

Separated Materials
All non-accessed materials and scanned originals were returned to donor.

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RELATED MATERIALS
Ed Wesley Collection, B2021.004
Judge Larry Card Collection, B2021.006
Mayfield Evans Collection, B022.001
Anchorage Museum Exhibition Records: Black Lives in Alaska (2021-2022)

SUBJECTS
Andrews, Eleanor Louise (née Poole), 1944 -
Andrews, Jr., Franklin Christopher, 1964-2020
Guzman, Marti (née Andrews), 1965 -
African American businesspeople
African American business enterprises – Alaska
African American women civic leaders
African American families
African Americans – Alaska
Alaska Judicial Council
Alaska Public Employees Association
Anchorage Chamber of Commerce
Anchorage Urban League
Black businesspeople
Book clubs (Discussion groups)
Business – Awards
Business consultants
Commonwealth North
Dr. Etheldra Davis Fairview Elementary
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Municipality of Anchorage
State of Alaska
The Andrews Group
Travel
University of Alaska Anchorage
Women entrepreneurs
Anchorage (Alaska)
Fairbanks (Alaska)
Juneau (Alaska)
Compton (California)
Los Angeles (California)
Detailed Description of the Collection

**Series 1**
**Photographic Prints**
**B1/F1**
.1 – George Washington Elementary, Eleanor, 1st grade. Love you. [class photograph, c. 1950, Compton, California. Eleanor Andrews is seated in the front row, far right. Note: print is fragile and torn]
.2 – With mother Muriel Poole, 1956, Compton, CA [two Black women standing together. Young woman at left is Eleanor Andrews. Woman at right is her mother, Muriel Williams Poole]
.3 – Emilie Blake, Eleanor, Willow Brook Jr High, 1959, 9th grade [two young Black women standing in front of a desk at an event. Woman at left is Eleanor Andrews. Woman at right is Emilie Blake, Eleanor’s childhood friend. Note: print is fragile and torn]
.4 – Homecoming 1962, escort Roy Garcia [five young women and five young men seated at a restaurant in formal dress. The young women are the 1961 homecoming court from Compton Senior High School. Eleanor Andrews is seated bottom left closest to camera. Directly across from her is her escort, Ray Garcia. The women at the table from closest to farthest from Andrews are: Josie Small, Donna Spiller (Queen), Sandra Martin, Irene Garcia]
.5 – Siblings, Ella (18), baby Shawn, Jimmie, Jacqueline, Deborah. Winter 1962 [three women, one child, and one man seated and facing the camera. Left to right, Eleanor Andrews, Shawn Poole, Jim Poole, Jacqueline Poole, and Deborah Poole. Note: print is fragile and torn]
.6 – Eleanor C. Poole [Eleanor Andrews (née Poole), high school graduation portrait, Compton Senior High School, 1962]
.7 – [Oversized panoramic graduating class photo, Compton Senior High School, 1962. Print stored separately from prints in this folder]
.8 - Date night, 1963 [Eleanor Andrews in formal dress with nametag that reads, “Eleanor,” seated on the truck of a white Thunderbird automobile, Sunset Strip, Los Angeles, California]
.9 – Christmastime 1965 [Eleanor Andrews is seated on couch with son, Franklin Andrews Jr., and holding daughter, Marti Guzman, while former husband Franklin Andrews stands behind]
.10 - Fairbanks, 1966 [Eleanor Andrews is seated with daughter, Marti Guzman, in her lap and son, Franklin Andrews Jr., seated in highchair wearing a red fire hat in their house in Fairbanks, Alaska]
.13 – Eleanor, Thanks for being part of the team. Bill Sheffield, Governor. [Eleanor Andrews with former Governor Bill Sheffield, c. 1986]
.14 – Eleanor, Best wishes and good luck. Bill Sheffield [Eleanor Andrews seated far left. Former Governor Bill Sheffield and his cabinet before leaving office, 1986]
.15 - [Anita Robinson, founder of Literary Ladies Book Club, 1987]
.16 – To Eleanor, with best wishes, Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senator for Alaska, c. 1998
.20 - ARCO Alaska, Inc., North Slope Tour for Women, April 15-16, 1999 [Eleanor Andrews, standing second from right, with group of women in front of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline at Mile 0 in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, 1999]
.21 - [Eleanor Andrews with her 125-pound halibut catch, c. 2000]
.22 - [Eleanor Andrews with Literary Ladies on annual outing, floating the Nenana River, c. 2000]
.23 – Honorary Commanders 2001 [Eleanor Andrews, standing second from left, in group of women and men in formal and military dress. Related to Certificate of Promotion dated December 2, 2000 in Papers and Correspondence]
.24– [Group photo at the home of former State of Alaska Governor Bill Sheffield to commemorate the 20th anniversary of his election, 2000. Related to Letter to Eleanor Andrews from Governor Bill Sheffield dated December 9, 2002 in Folder 3: Papers and Correspondence]
.28 – [Eleanor Andrews with three women standing next to a gold-colored Audi automobile with a banner that reads “Literary Ladies.” Red, white, and blue balloons are tied to the rearview mirrors and the license-plate holder reads, “Morrison Auto Group.” Anchorage Fourth of July Parade c. 2005. From left to right: Evelyn Ramos Abello, Sheryl Ladd, Eleanor Andrews, Thelma Snow Jackson]
.29 – [Eleanor Andrews standing at back center with a group of women and men in a living room]
.30 - [Eleanor Andrews at March for Women’s Lives Rally in Washington, D.C. standing on a bus behind Julianna Guy and next to Arliss Sturgulewski, 2004]
.32 – [Eleanor Andrews second from the right standing next to Jewel Jones to her right and two other women]
.33 - [black and white inkjet print. Four Black women seated at a restaurant table wearing hats. CGC ladies at Fletcher’s, c. 2005]
.34 – I can have you un-elected ... [color inkjet print. Meme of Jewel Jones at right speaking into the ear of former Mayor Anchorage and former U.S. Senator Mark Begich]

**Born-Digital Images**

**B1/F2**

.36 - [Eleanor Andrews with son Franklin Andrews, Jr. at his high school graduation, 1983]
.37 - 1983 [Franklin Andrews, Jr. at a celebration in Japan in traditional dress dancing in process with Japanese men and one white man, c. 1989]
.38 - [Eleanor Andrews during a Rag Hags get together in Juneau, Alaska c. 1985. The Rag Hags were a group of women who celebrated and supported each other professionally and personally during their time in Juneau]
.39 - [Eleanor Andrews, standing at right, with The Rag Hags in Juneau, c. 1985. ]
.40 - [Eleanor Andrews, standing at center, with The Rag Hags in Juneau, c. 1985]
.42 - [Eleanor Andrews, seated front left, next to her mother Muriel Poole. Standing behind left to right: Deborah Poole, Shawn Poole, and Jacqueline Poole]
.43 - ARCO Alaska, Inc., North Slope Tour for Women, April 15-16, 1999 [Eleanor Andrews, standing at center, with group of women in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska]
.44 - [One Black man holding a clear plastic cup with a nametag that reads, “FBI” standing next to a white woman with a hat that has an Anchorage Police Department patch in the brim in front of a trailer]
.45 - [Eleanor Andrews, standing at center, with two white women in Mexico, November 2002]
.46 - [Eleanor Andrews, standing second from right, with five people in Mexico, November 2002. From left to right: Anne Hurt, Marti Guzman?, ?, ?, Eleanor Andrews, ?]
.47 - [Eleanor Andrews at March for Women’s Lives Rally in Washington, D.C. standing on a bus behind Julianna Guy and next to Arliss Sturgulewski, 2004]
.50 - [Julianna Guy and Eleanor Andrews in costume for Literary Ladies gathering]
.51 - [Literary Ladies lunch]
.52 - [Literary Ladies lunch]
.53 - [Julianna Guy and ? at Literary Ladies lunch]

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.54 – Literary Ladies, 2004 [Eleanor Andrews standing in front of a yellow Hummer with a banner across the front, Anchorage, Fourth of July parade, July 4, 2004]
.55 – Literary Ladies, 2004 [Eleanor Andrews with three women standing in front of a yellow Hummer with a banner across the front, Anchorage, Fourth of July parade, July 4, 2004]
.57 – [Eleanor Andrews standing at center with her daughter Marti Guzman on the left and son Franklin Andrews, Jr. at right, Hawaii, 2016]

Series 2
Papers and Correspondence
B1/F3
- Check, cancelled. Eleanor Andrews, pay to the order of Jesse Jackson for President. $50.00. National Back of Alaska.
- Letter to Eleanor Andrews from Bill Sheffield, Governor, State of Alaska, Juneau, December 1, 1986 [related to .13 and .14]
- Letter to Eleanor Andrews from Louie X to Commissioner with printouts from the 1987 Information Please Almanac.
- Letter to Eleanor Andrews from Malcom S. Forbes, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, Editor in Chief, Forbes Magazine, September 15, 1995. [related to scarf housed in Box 4]
- Letter to Eleanor Andrews from Senator Ted Stevens, United States Senate, Washington, D.C., July 9, 1998 [related to .17]
- Letter to Eleanor Andrews from former Governor Bill Sheffield, December 9, 2002 [related to .24]

B1/F4
- Thank you card. Thank you for letting us coming to your party!! Laos Class.
Series 3
Publications
B1/F5
- Program. Compton vs. Paramount, Homecoming, Friday, November 3, 1961. Kick off 8:00pm, Ramsaur Stadium, Official Program, 15c [related to .4]
- Booklet. Commencement Exercises the Class of 1962. Ramsaur Stadium, Thursday, June 14, 1962, 8:00pm. Compton Senior High School, Compton, California [related to .6 and .7]

B1/F6

Series 4
Newspapers, Articles, and Clippings
B1/F7

Series 5
Honors and Awards
B1/F8

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B2
- [Oversized] scarf, Forbes Magazine. [scarf from Malcom Forbes, Jr. and referenced in letter sent to Eleanor Andrews on September 15, 1995]

B3

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