



TAKING OUTREACH ONLINE

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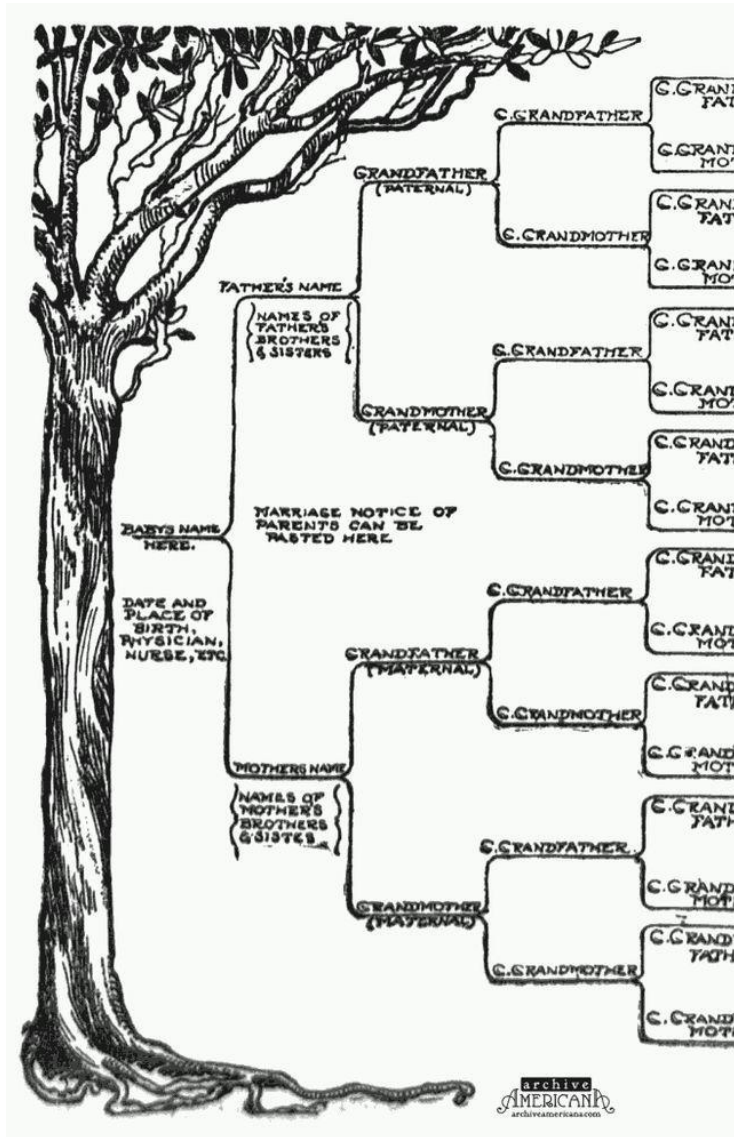
GENEALOGY COLLECTION

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THE VASARI PROJECT

Collections Overview



Genealogy Collection

- Our Genealogy collection includes publications from every state in the U.S., books, immigration and passenger lists, and other genealogy research materials.
- Recently we launched the online [Miami-Dade Obituary Index](#). This free digital index provides names and obituary dates for over 915,000 people whose obituaries or death notices were published in local newspapers of the time. The index is possible thanks to the work of longtime MDPLS volunteer and genealogist Ann J. McFadden.



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@ EDUCATORS &
STUDENTS*



Teaching with Primary Sources

- Online presentation to Dade-County Educators on how to incorporate primary sources into their curriculum
- Introduced educators to local and online resources for finding primary sources

Setbacks

- Worldwide pandemic
- County employees reassigned to other duties
- Getting access to Zoom pro account



Dr. William A. Chapman Elementary

- Contacted by a teacher from Chapman Elementary who wanted information about the man who the school was named after
- Rather than just send along resources I offered to give a presentation to her class
- Presentation grew to the entire school!





Chapman house

Then and now



EXAMPLES OF MIAMI HOUSES DURING DR. CHAPMAN'S LIFE



THE STATE PRESS

—Buy Fourth Liberty Bonds—

Colored People Want Aid In 'Flu' Epidemic

Some of the colored citizens of Miami, represented personally by Lieut. R. E. S. Toomey, are endeavoring to secure the appointment of one of the colored physicians as temporary assistant city physician on account of the prevalence of influenza. Dr. William A. Chapman has been suggested, and will be recommended to the mayor and city physician for appointment.

"Many of our people are ill," said Lieutenant Toomey this morning, "and some are positively too poor to employ medical aid. It is clearly to the interest of the whole community, white as well as colored, to see to it that these very poor people are looked after as well as possible. We hope the city will give us an assistant to the city physician who can look after the interests of the colored sick people especially."



Public Programing

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LITERATURE, AND COMMUNITY-BUILDING
OUR TEAM OF ARCHIVISTS AND LIBRARIANS

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New monthly program

Decisions to be made

- Weekday over weekend
- Afternoon vs. morning
- Length of presentation

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WE WILL FEATURE VIDEO CLIPS FROM **HISTORYMAKERS**, A 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION. IT IS THE NATION'S LARGEST AFRICAN AMERICAN ORAL VIDEO ARCHIVE.

FEATURED CLIPS FROM...

- FORMER CHAIRWOMAN OF THE MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AUDREY M. EDMONSON
- THE HONORABLE LES BROWN
- ROBERT BATTLE, CHOREOGRAPHER

THE **HIST**ORYMAKERS.



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HISTORICAL SURVEY OF MODEL CITY



THE COLLECTION

Items: 71 black and white images

Date Range: 1968-1989

Created by: The Miami Herald

Acquired/Purchase: October 2020

Vendor: Walkabout Book

Images include buildings, program activities, and people who were directly involved or affected by The Model City Federal Program. The Miami Herald reported on the origin, process, and results of the program, article usually included photographs.



Audrey M. Edmonson remembers her early neighborhood of Liberty City in Miami, Florida

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Do you remember what you, what the neighborhood looked like? Your house?

Well, we lived in a little house; and **Liberty City** [Miami, Florida] was really thriving then. I lived right off of 15th Avenue, which has really gone down now. But, they had nightclub on 15th Avenue. We had beauty parlors, barbershops, you name it. We had, we had the ice cream shops, the drug stores. We had The Miami Times on 15th Avenue. You name it, we had it.

So, it was a thriving neighborhood?

Yeah, it was really thriving back then.

Were there a lot of black owned businesses?

Every business on (simultaneous)--

(Simultaneous) Every one?

--15th Avenue was black owned.

And so, what were your, your nei-- well, did you live in a house?

About Audrey M. Edmonson

Mayor and city commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson (1953 -) was mayor of the Village of El Portal for six years before serving the Miami Dade Board of Commissioners for twelve years.

[To see the entire interview, click here.](#)

Citation

Audrey M. Edmonson (The HistoryMakers A2017.035), interviewed by Harriette Cole, March 10, 2017, The HistoryMakers Digital Archive. Session 1, tape 1, story 9, Audrey M. Edmonson remembers her early neighborhood of Liberty City in Miami, Florida

Afterthoughts

- Great way to showcase databases and other library resources
- Promote across multiple avenues
- Tie event to a current exhibit



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On the docket

- Continue Voices from Florida
- Branch out to guest speakers
 - FL Humanities grant
- Even if in person programming is allowed, we will likely still have a virtual component
- June presentation to feature items from Vasari Project
- Connecting with Social Studies Curriculum Support Specialist @ Miami-Dade Schools



QUESTIONS?