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DOROTHY RODGERS TILLY PAPERS

1936, 1945-1979

2 Boxes, 14 Folders

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DOROTHY RODGERS TILLY PAPERS

I

The papers of Dorothy Rogers Tilly, civil rights activist and church worker from Atlanta, Georgia were received as a gift from Dr. Arnold Shankman on February 5, 1979. A large part of the collection contains duplicate and photocopied material from the Southern Regional Council records now part of the Atlanta University Archives Collection and the Dorothy Rogers Tilly Papers at the Special Collections Department of the Robert W. Woodruff Library of Emory University.

Linear ft. of shelf space occupied: .5
Approximate no. of pieces: 1,000

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A notice was sent to the NUCMC on February 13, 1979 (see collection control file for any additional notices).

Scope and Content Note: **Dorothy Rodgers Tilly (1883-1970) was a Civil rights worker and church worker from Atlanta, Georgia. The collection consists of photocopies (from material in the possession of the Atlanta University Archives and Emory University) of biographical data, reports, correspondence, newspaper and magazine clippings, minutes, speeches, and other papers collected by Dr. Arnold Michael Shankman, Winthrop history department member (1975-1983), who did research on Mrs. Tilly. Most of the collection concerns Mrs. Tilly's work as a field worker and member of the Fellowship of the Concerned and the Southern Regional Council, with which the Fellowship was affiliated.**

II

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

DOROTHY RODGERS TILLY

June 30, 1883	Born at Hampton, Georgia
1899	Graduated Reinhardt Junior College, Georgia.
1901	Graduated Wesleyan College, Georgia
ca. 1901	Married Eben Tilly
1931	Joined Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching.
1940-1948	Secretary of Christian Social Relations Committee of the Women's Society of Christian Service for the Methodist Episcopal Church
1944	Became a field worker and a director of women's work for the Southern Regional Council.
1945	Appointed President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights
1949	Founded Fellowship of the Concerned in Atlanta, Georgia
1949	Sent to Israel by the American Christian Palestine Committee to help prepare a report of the internationalization of Jerusalem.
1956	Elected to national committee of American Civil Liberties Union
March 16, 1970	Death

**See Box 1-Folders 1 and 2 for additional biographical information on Dorothy Rogers Tilly.*

III

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1-2	BIOGRAPHICAL DATA Mainly magazine and newspaper articles about Mrs. Tilly, but also included are obituary articles of her death in 1970, short biographical sketches and a draft of a sketch of Mrs. Tilly by Dr. Shankman for the supplement to the <i>Notable American Women</i> to be published by Harvard University Press. In chronological order.	1950-1951, 1956, 1964-1978, nd
1-2	3-11	CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATED PAPERS CONCERNING DOROTHY ROGERS TILLY Includes newspaper clippings, reports by Mrs. Tilly, minutes financial records, speeches and news released mainly relating to Mrs. Tilly's work with the Southern Regional Council, particularly the Fellowship of the concerned. Mrs. Tilly served as director of women's work for the Southern Regional Council and was founder of the Fellowship of the Concerned in 1949. The papers are in chronological order.	1936, 1945-1972, nd
2	12	VARIOUS ARTICLES WRITTEN BY MRS. TILLY These articles concern her word as a Methodist church leader, her activities with the Southern Regional Council, particularly the Fellowship of the Concerned, her interest in the emerging state of Israel, and her general interest in human rights.	1947-1966, nd
2	13-14	CORRESPONDENCE OF DR. ARNOLD SHANKMAN RELATING TO MRS. TILLY This series concerns Shankman's research on the life and work of Mrs. Tilly, particularly his efforts to acquire and certify information for his biographical sketch of Mrs. Tilly, which will be published by Harvard University Press in <i>Noteable American Women</i> .	1977-1979
2	14	"DOROTHY TILLY CIVIL RIGHTS AND THE METHODIST CHURCH" A paper by Dr. Arnold Shankman on the life of Mrs. Tilly Published in the <i>Methodist History</i> in 1980.	1979