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In church circles “Clem” Hodges was known as “Mr. Layman.” His many years of dedication and hard work earned him a statewide and national reputation as a special Baptist layman. In addition to his church work, Mr. Hodges was a leader and activist in many community organizations, as well as local and statewide boards in his profession—Social work. In 1991, he retired from his position as Director of Social Work Services for the Veterans Hospitals in Batavia and Rochester. Mr. Hodges life was a model of total dedication to helping people and public service.

For more than 50 years he was an active and prominent member of First Shiloh Baptist Church, Buffalo. He was a past Chairman of that church’s Christian Education Department; a member of the First Shiloh Board of Trustees; vice president of American Baptist Churches of the Niagara Frontier; past president of the Laymen’s Departments of the Empire Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention. He was known as a leader and an innovator in the Baptist Laymen’s movement.

Mr. Hodges was involved with numerous community organizations and activities. He was president of First Shiloh Development Corporation. In that position he was a “driving force” behind that Corporation’s partnership with the Ellicott Mall housing
development. He was a board member of the American Red Cross; a vice-president of the Buffalo United Way; a member of the boards of directors of the Erie County Medical Center, Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Westminster House and Community Center, and the Buffalo Branch NAACP. He was a member of the committee that wrote the constitution for B.U.I.L.D. of Buffalo, a federation of community organizations. He was also a founder and vice-president/treasurer of 1490 Enterprises, a community service center and senior housing provider.

Mr. Hodges was also an active member of state and national boards and organizations in his profession. He earned an M.S.S. Degree from the SUNY Buffalo School of Social Work. In later years he was a Field Instructor in the Graduate School of Social Welfare, SUNY Buffalo. He was a member of the NY State Board for Social Work. Mr. Hodges was chairman of a committee on certification for the Academy of Certified Social Workers. His activities are summarized in folder # 10 (biographical). In a larger sense this collection of materials is a testament to his long involvement in activities and programs to help people. In recognition of his years of service and dedication, The Clemmon Hodges Community Center was named in his honor.

His wife, Mrs. Leah Hodges, was also active in her church and in numerous community organizations and activities. She was an educator by training and was also known for involvement in the Buffalo LINKS and Pan Hellenic activities. Her papers are contained in folders 58-65.

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164. Western District Association, 1987
166. Westminster House, 1971
167. Westminster House, Executive Board
168. YMCA
169. YMCA, Youth Committee, 1966
170. “You’ll Be All Right”
1. **Academy of Certified Social Workers, 1969-1973**
   Mr. Hodges was chairman of a committee on certification. This folder contains correspondence and other papers.

2. **Africa**
   This folder contains literature from Connect International, Inc., a firm that attempting to interest Americans in business investments in Africa.

   A special graduation ceremony to recognize graduates who were members of fraternal organizations. Numerous papers, including correspondence and programs.

4. **African Peoples of the Bible**
   Several pieces of information literature

5. **African Travel**
   Pamphlets and other information that would have been useful in planning for tour groups to Africa.

6. **Alpha Phi Alpha**
   Correspondence, printed programs and other information pertaining to this organization. Folder is about 1 inch thick.

7. **American Baptist Churches of the Niagara Frontier, 1972-1990**
   Mr. Hodges was active in this organization. This folder is more than 1 inch thick and contains correspondence, membership lists and other information on this group

8. **Baptist Association, Executive Committee**
   Folder contains correspondence.

9. **Baptist Manor, 1992**
   Contains correspondence and other papers.

10. **Biographical (Clemmon Hodges)**
    Folder contains resumes, and other biographical material about Mr. Hodges.

11. **Black Leadership in the Republican Administration of Erie County, NY**
    A promotional pamphlet put out by the Erie County Republican Party. n.d.

12. **Block Club**
    Correspondence, and other material that would have been used by a block club.

13. **Brighton Community Church**
    Newsletters, correspondence, periodicals and other informational material.
14. **Buffalo Baptist Association**
This folder contains correspondence, and other materials.

15. **Buffalo Board of Community Relations, 1956**
Two promotional pamphlets published by the group.

Hamlin Park, as a community group, was a member of the B.U.I.L.D. Federation. Mr. Hodges was a member of the Hamlin Park Community group. He was also a member of the committee that wrote the B.U.I.L.D. constitution. He was involved with very earliest B.U.I.L.D. organizing effort. This folder contains numerous documents from 1968 and 1969 when the federation was being formed.

17. **Church Programs**
This folder contains numerous programs from various church Sunday services.

18. **Clergy Study Institute of WNY**
Several pieces of informational literature.

19. **Correspondence (General), 1950s-1970s & n.d.**
Correspondence received during the designated time period.

20. **Correspondence (General), 1980s-1990s**
Correspondence received during the designated time period.

21. **Council of Churches**
Correspondence and newspaper clippings.

22. **Deacon’s Alliance**
Correspondence, promotional literature, and other materials pertaining to the organization.

23. **Deacon’s Alliance Farm**
Correspondence, and other papers.

24. **Employment Folder**
A personnel folder pertaining to Mr. Hodges work at the VA Hospital.

25. **First Shiloh (Buffalo) Housing Task Force**
Correspondence, contracts, and related information.


27. **1490 Enterprises Annual Finance Statement, 1977**

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   Correspondence, information about 1490 Enterprises, and other promotional material.
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46. **1490 Enterprises, Buffalo Black Achievers, 1997**
The official printed program for this year’s dinner/award ceremony.

47. **1490 Enterprises (Correspondence) various dates**
Correspondence received, 1970s & 1980s.

48. **1490 Enterprises, Executive Board Minutes, etc., 1970s & 1980s**

49. **1490 Enterprises Misc.**


51. **Fund of Renewal, 1975**
This was a project of a coalition of white and black churches to address urban and race relations matters. Mr. Hodges was WNY chairman. Folder contains correspondence, promotional literature, printed programs, etc.

52. **Funeral (Clemmon Hodges)**
Sympathy cards and messages sent to Mr. Hodges’ family during their bereavement. There is also a resolution presented by New York State Assemblyman Arthur O. Eve. The resolution is a good summary statement on Clemmon Hodges’ life.

53. **Funeral Programs, Misc.**
Funeral programs of numerous persons from the local community.

54. **Graham (Billy) Crusade in Buffalo**
Mr. Hodges was a local coordinator for the Billy Graham Crusade in Buffalo. This folder contains materials that he would have had in his file.

55. **H.A.D.C.I.L.**
The Humboldt/Delavan Community Interest League was a community improve association. The folder contains correspondence, a copy of the constitution, newsletters, etc.

56. **Hamlin Park**
An information brochure on Buffalo’s Hamlin Park community (has pictures).

57. **Hodges Memorial**
Folder contains a printed program of the Empire Baptist Laymen’s Clemmon Hodges Memorial Workshop.

58. **Hodges, Leah – Biographical**
Biographical material on Mrs. Clemmon Hodges.
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Correspondence. |
| 60.      | Hodges, Leah – Hamlin Park Garden Club  
Correspondence, printed programs, newspaper clippings, and other material pertaining to the Garden Club. |
| 61.      | Hodges, Leah – LINKS  
At one time Mrs. Hodges was president of the Buffalo LINKS. This folder contains newsclippings, printed programs, etc. |
Folder contains a copy of the research paper that was written as partial fulfillment of her MS Degree at SUNYAB. The title was, “Factors Leading to the Reading Readiness Program in the First Grade.” |
| 63.      | Hodges, Leah – Pan Hellenic Council  
Mrs. Hodges apparently chaired a Council committee to organize a blood donor drive. This folder contains correspondence, promotional literature and blood donor pamphlets. |
| 64.      | Hodges, Leah – Personal  
This folder contains correspondence, news clippings, a passport, award certificates, etc. |
| 65.      | Hodges, Leah – Retirement  
A printed program and various other items from Mrs. Hodges retirement party in 1990. |
| 66.      | Laymen – 1979  
Correspondence, printed programs, and other laymen materials from the year 1979. |
| 67.      | Laymen – “A Redeeming Ministry”  
| 68.      | Laymen – Annual Address, 1972  
Several pages of handwritten speech notes. |
| 69.      | Laymen – Area 3  
Correspondence and printed programs. |
| 70.      | Laymen – Clergy Institute  
Correspondence and informational material. |
71. Laymen – Correspondence, 1960s
Correspondence from the designated years. Correspondence is organized by year.

72. Laymen – Correspondence, 1970s
Correspondence from the designated years. Correspondence is organized by year.

73. Laymen – Correspondence, 1980s, 1990s, & n.d.
Correspondence from the designated years. Correspondence is organized by year.

74. Laymen – Empire State Baptist Laymen’s Convention Minutes, 1948-1965
A book of handwritten minutes.

75. Laymen – General, n.d.
An inch thick of laymen related informational material. Most of the material explains laymen’s position on various topics.

76. Laymen – General, 1960s-1990s
This folder contains general informational material that is dated.

77. Laymen – Financial, 1970s, 1980s, & 1990s
Various finance reports that cover the designated years.

78. Laymen – Georgia Baptist Laymen
A history of the Georgia laymen movement written by Prof. H.S. Dixon, n.d..

79. Laymen – Hodge’s Speeches
Most are handwritten copies of speeches by Clemmon Hodges.

80. Laymen – History
A handwritten history of the Empire Baptist Laymen, and the Western District Baptist Association. Also includes a paper on the National Baptist Laymen.

81. Laymen – Jordan (Allen) Lectures
A printed informational pamphlet.

82. Laymen – Laymen League Newsletters
Various newsletters published by different laymen groups.

83. Laymen – National Baptist Laymen Officers, 1986
A printed directory.

84. Laymen – National Baptists
Correspondence and a pamphlet entitled, “National Baptist Laymen Visit Africa to Worship and Work,” 1976.
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| 85.     | Laymen – President Cades Annual Address (in Buffalo), 1974  
          | A printed copy of the address. |
| 86.     | Laymen – Prison Ministry  
          | Correspondence and printed information on the laymen’s prison ministry. |
| 87.     | Laymen – Roster  
          | This folder contains many lists of laymen and member churches. Names and addresses are included. N.d. |
| 88.     | Laymen – Webb/Jordan Chapel Fund  
          | Correspondence and other material related to the Fund. |
| 88A.    | Laymen – Workshop, 1963 |
| 89.     | Laymen – Workshop, 1965  
          | Correspondence, printed program, and other material pertaining to the Laymen’s Workshop for the designated year. |
| 90.     | Laymen – Workshop, 1966  
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| 96.     | Laymen – Workshop, 1974  
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97. Laymen – Workshop, 1975
Correspondence, printed program, and other material pertaining to the Laymen’s Workshop for the designated year.

98. Laymen – Workshop, 1982
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100. Laymen – Workshops, Programs, & Meetings, 1960s
Printed programs of laymen’s workshops, programs, & meetings for designated dates. Printed programs are organized and filmed in year order.

101. Laymen – Workshops, Programs, & Meetings, 1970-1972
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108. Laymen – Workshops, Programs, & Meetings, 1986
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109. Laymen – Workshops, Programs, & Meetings, 1987-1989
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110. Laymen – Workshops, Programs, & Meetings, 1990-1993
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111. Laymen – Workshops, Programs, & Meetings, 1994-1999
Printed programs of laymen’s workshops, programs, & meetings for designated dates. Printed programs are organized and filmed in year order.

112. Laymen – Workshops, Programs, & Meetings, 2000
Printed programs of laymen’s workshops, programs, & meetings for designated dates. Printed programs are organized and filmed in year order.

113. Laymen – Workshops, Programs, & Meetings, n.d.
Printed programs of laymen’s workshops, programs, & meetings for designated dates. Printed programs are organized and filmed in year order.

114. Laymen – Western District Baptist Laymen, History
A history of the Western District Laymen and a printed program for 1993.

115. Lincoln Memorial Methodist Church, Membership List, 1958

Newsletters, correspondence, minutes, by-laws, newspaper articles, finance reports and other material pertaining to this group.

117. Masters Thesis (Clem Hodges)
Draft of a research paper written in partial fulfillment of a masters degree in social work at SUNYAB. No title, no date.

118. Meyer Memorial Hospital Advisory Board, 1975
Mr. Hodges was a member of this board. This folder contains correspondence, minutes, and other material that would have gone to board members during the designated time period.

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| 121.    | Meyer Memorial Hospital Advisory Board, 1977  
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| 122.    | Missionary  
Correspondence, a finance statement, and a printed program. |
| 123.    | National Association of Social Workers (NASW)  
Newsletters, correspondence, and other printed material on this group. |
| 124.    | National Baptists  
A printed program on the National Baptist Junior Laymen basketball tournament. |
| 125.    | *Negro Directory of the Niagara Frontier, 1958-59*  
A printed directory listing Negro associations, businesses, churches, professional people, services, etc., for the Niagara Frontier, 1958-59. |
| 126.    | New Hope Baptist Church (Buffalo), a short history  
A pamphlet with a history and current information (including member lists, photos, etc.), on this church. N.d. |
| 127.    | Newspaper Clippings  
News paper clippings, and *A History of Blacks in Buffalo*, by Henry Locke. |
| 128.    | New York State Board for Social Workers, 1960s  
Mr. Hodges was a member of this board. This folder contains correspondence and other material that would have gone to board members. |
| 129.    | New York State Board for Social Workers, 1970  
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138. **New York State Board for Social Workers, n.d.**  
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139. **Obituary (Clem Hodges)**  
Contains newspaper obituaries as well as the official funeral program noting Mr. Hodge’s death.

140. **100 Black Men of Buffalo**  
Contains an informational brochure, 1979.

141. **Personal (Clem Hodges), 1950s & 1960s**  
Contains correspondence, award certificates, newspaper clippings, and other related items.

142. **Personal (Clem Hodges), 1970s**  
Contains correspondence, award certificates, newspaper clippings, and other related items.

143. **Personal (Clem Hodges), 1980s & n.d.**  
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144. Queen City Radio Corporation (WEBR), 1971
Mr. Hodges was a member of the Board of Directors of this group. This folder contains, correspondence, finance reports, minutes and other information that would have been sent to board members.

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Contains correspondence, award certificates, newspaper clippings, and other related items.

146. Religious
Contains printed materials and handwritten speech notes on religious themes.

147. Scholarship Committee
Correspondence and some finance papers,

148. Scrapbook
The scrapbook contains newspaper clippings and other memorabilia.

149. Social Work Committee
A list of members (and addresses) that make up the scholarship committee.

150. Social Work Paper

151. Social Work SUNYAB
Correspondence and a commencement program for Social Work.

152. Speeches (Clem Hodges)
Handwritten and typed speech notes.

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156. United Fund, Affiliate Agreement Committee
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157. United Fund, Central Services Study Committee
Mr. Hodges was a member of this committee. This folder contains correspondence, minutes, reports, and other material that would have been sent to committee members.

158. Urban League of Buffalo
Mr. Hodges was a member of the Buffalo Urban League’s education committee. This folder contains correspondence, minutes, reports, and other material that would have been sent to committee members.

159. Urban League Award
Mr. Clemmon and Mrs. Leah Hodges were recipients of the Buffalo Urban League’s “Family Life Award” in 1991. This folder contains the printed program for the banquet at which the award was presented.

160. Vacation Church School
Mr. Hodges was a member of the Board of Christian Education at his home church (First Shiloh Baptist). This folder contains correspondence, minutes, and other materials that would have been sent to board members about the church’s Vacation Day Bible School.

161. Veterans Administration Hospital, Training
Contains a summary of a leadership training seminar, written by Clemmon Hodges.

162. Veterans Administration Hospital, Publicity Packet
A packet of publicity material.

163. Veterans Administration Hospital, Representatives Handbook
A printed handbook.

164. Western District Association, 1987
Laymen material pertaining to the Western District Association.

Mr. Hodges was president of Westminster Community House. This folder contains correspondence, minutes, finance reports, and other related material for the designated time period.
166. Westminster House, 1971
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167. Westminster House, Executive Board
This folder contains the kinds of materials that would have been sent to board members. THIS FOLDER WAS NOT FILMED. THE CAMERA RAN OUT OF FILM.

168. YMCA
Correspondence and a report. THIS FOLDER WAS NOT FILMED. THE CAMERA RAN OUT OF FILM.

169. YMCA, Youth Committee, 1966
Mr. Hodges was a member of this committee. The folder has a list of all of the committee members. THIS FOLDER WAS NOT FILMED. THE CAMERA RAN OUT OF FILM.

170. “You’ll Be All Right”
A piece of sheet music entitled “You’ll Be All Right,” written by Emmett Erway. It was autographed by the author. THIS FOLDER WAS NOT FILMED. THE CAMERA RAN OUT OF FILM.