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**Creator:** Norshore Twelve, Inc.

**Collection Title:** Norshore Twelve Collection

**Date Span:** 1951-1982

**Extent:** 11.75 Linear feet; four letter boxes, two oversized boxes

**Processors:** Processed by CLIR funded Black Metropolis Research Consortium (BMRC) "Color Curtain Processing Project." By Dustin Witsman. July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Updated with new content by Dino Robinson, July 23, 2022.

**Repository:** Shorefront Legacy Center, 2214 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201

## ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

**Access Restrictions:** None

**Usage Restrictions:** All copyrighted material created by the Norshore Twelve, In. was transferred to Shorefront Legacy Center upon donation of materials.

**Language:** English

**Preferred Citation:** Shorefront Archives

**Provenance:** The bulk of these records were donated to Shorefront Legacy Center in 2006 by Eleanor J. Frazier, Daughter of Wilbur Frazier who was one of the founding members of the Norshore Twelve. Eleanor or "Brownie", managed the Norshore Twelve sponsored annual Debutante Cotillion. Additional materials added to the collection originated by Shorefront staff, and various miscellaneous donations that were incorporated into the collection. The dress was donated by Robin (Cobb) Bryant in 2022, who was a participant in the Debutante Cotillion in 1969.

**Separations:** Duplicate Debutante Cotillion ad books were removed from the collection and placed in the Shorefront general library.

**See Also:** Social and Civic Clubs and Organizations collection

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Norshore Twelve, Inc. records are arranged into three series: "Organizational History," "The Debutante Cotillion," and "Artifacts." The collection consists of newspaper clippings, artifacts, organizational materials, and photographs documenting the activities of Norshore Twelve and the annual Debutante Cotillion. The collection includes a selection of organizational records and artifacts. The bulk of the material documents the annual Norshore Twelve Cotillion.

## BIOGRAPHICAL / ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The Norshore Twelve, Inc., a social and civic club in Chicagoland's North Shore region, was formed in 1950 and remained active until 1981. The Norshore Twelve, Inc. was a social and civic club in Chicagoland's North Shore region. The club was devoted to community improvement through civic engagement, public service, fundraising endeavors, and social events such as the Norshore Debutante Cotillion. They worked closely with Evanston organizations like the local Evanston NAACP chapter, Community Hospital of Evanston, Foster Center, Child Care Center, and Boy Scouts Troop 30. Taking its name from the truncation of their geographical location and the fixed number of members, Norshore Twelve, Inc. was formed in 1950 and remained active until 1981.

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## CITED SOURCES

Oral history and transcript: Byron Wilson and Eleanor "Brownie" Frazier, recorded October 20, 2006

Robinson, Morris (Dino), Jr. "The Norshore Twelve, Inc.: 12 Men, 31 Years of Service" p. 8-9; and "Eleanor J. Frazier Moore: Bringing Grace, and Culture", p. 12-20, *Shorefront Journal*, Vol. 8, No. 1, Winter 2006.

## ACCESS HEADINGS

African American history.

African Americans--Illinois--Evanston.

African Americans--Social life and customs

African Americans--Societies, etc.

Norshore Twelve, Incorporated (Evanston, Ill.)

Norshore Twelve Debutante Cotillion (Evanston, Ill.)

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## CONTAINER LIST

### Series I. Organizational History, 1951-1982, n.d.

This series consists of material documenting the history, membership, meetings, and activities of the Norshore Twelve.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	History, By Laws, Group Photos	1951-1982
	2	Oral Histories: Byron Wilson, Eleanor J. "Brownie" Frazier Moore	2006
	2.1	NAACP membership notification to Forrest Powell	1967
	3	Letterhead, Membership Card of Wilbur Frazier	1982-1983
	4	Press Release	1977
	5	Meeting Minutes	1981
	6	Certificate from the Chessmen of the North Shore	1961
	7	Table Place Cards (circular)	n.d.
	8	4 8x10 Black and White photographs of formal Dance, receipts	c1950s
	9	Envelope of extra Press Release	1977

### Series II. The Debutante Cotillion, 1960-1971, 2006

This series consists of photographs, newspaper clippings, and programs documenting the annual Debutante Cotillion, which ran from 1960 to 1971.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	10	Eleanor J. "Brownie" Frazier Moore: Articles, photographs, letter, <i>Shorefront Journal</i> , Vol 8, No 1, 2006	c1961-2006
	11	List of Debutant Participants, Various Photographs	1960 - 1971
	12	Cotillion Invitations	1965 - 1967
	13	Various Correspondences and Participant Questionnaire Form	1960s
	14	Various Newspaper Clippings	1960s
	15	Group Photograph of Debutantes at the Parkway Ballroom	1961
	16	30 Color Slides. Photo Shoot in Backyard and Social Gathering	1962
	17	3 5x7 Color Cotillion Photographs "The King and I"	1967-1968
	18	14 5x7 Color Cotillion Photographs "My Fair Lady"	1968
	19	Robin Cobb Bryant, 1969 Debutante	1969

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20		Delores Blackman, 1969 Debutante: Ad Solicitation Letters	1969
21		Donna Rae Loudon, 1969 Debutante: Obituary, Flyers, Agenda and Acceptance Letter	1969
22		9 4x5 Black and White Photographs of Debutante Participants: Mary Anne Wallace, Meredith Jean Emmons, Lynne Yvette Boone, Edwina Cecilia Hill, Lolitha Beverly Harris, Shelrita Jean Montgomery, Cheryl Jean Pitts, Pamela Jean Powell, Johanne Mae Wright	1970
23		17 4x5 Color Cotillion Photographs "Camelot"	1971
24		7 3.5x3.5 Color Photographs and Negatives: Outreach trip to Malcom X College	1971
2	N/A	3 Photo Albums Color Cotillion Photographs: 1965 "Tonight"; 1966 "Viennese Delights"; 1969 "Black and Tan Fantasy"	1965, 1966 1969
3	N/A	Norshore Debutante Cotillion Ad/Program Books	1961-1971

### Series III. Artifacts, 1950, 1968 - 1970, n.d.

This series is comprised of physical artifacts relating to the Norshore Twelve. The collections in this series are contained in larger and oversized boxes.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
4	n/a	Multiple Blank Norshore Twelve Membership Cards	n.d.
	n/a	Multiple 3x5 Ruled Index Cards with Addresses	n.d.
	n/a	One Wooden Beaded Neckless with Norshore Twelve Logo and One Wooden Norshore Twelve Logo	n.d.
	n/a	2 Hangars "Sherman House", "Bramsons" (Robin Cobb Dress)	1969
	n/a	8x10 Black and White Photograph of Norshore Twelve members	n.d.
	n/a	12x10 Certificate of Completion (Donna Loudon)	1969
	n/a	2 Cotillion Trophies	1970
5	n/a	2 Norshore Twelve Collegiate Sweaters (one blue, one ivory) from member Rudy Frazier	c1950
6	n/a	One Formal Dress worn by Robin Cobb Bryant (1969); One Parasol Used in 1968 "My Fair Lady", and 1969 "Black & Tan Fantasy"	1968, 1969

**Note:** Duplicate sets of Norshore Debutante Cotillion Ad/Program Books are available in library bookshelf