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JAMES STANLEY DURKEE PAPERS
Collection 32-1 to 32-12

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Scope Note

The papers of James Stanley Durkee span the years 1831-1938 and are contained in eight boxes measuring approximately six linear feet along with three individually wrapped oversized materials. Among these papers are land indentures of his father Joseph James Durkee, and a copy of the will of Susan Durkee, his mother. Also included are a scrapbook of clippings containing a comprehensive genealogy of the Durkee family from 1630- 1898, a diary for the year 1879 kept by "R.F.D.T sermons, sermon outlines, pastoral prayers, eulogies, manuscripts, letters, postal and greetings cards, a marriage record book and a record of sermons.

In addition, there are photographs, original water colors by S.D. Corning, Russian propaganda posters, newspaper clippings, and the front pages from five Boston newspapers for the period March 14 to July 2 1918.

Biographical Data

- 1866 November 21 Born in Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia,
- 1885 Came to the United States.
- 1890 Graduated from Batavia High School, Batavia, New York.
- 1897 Graduated from Bates College, Lewiston, Maine.
- 1897 Married Florence Marian Robbins of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia,
- 1898 Ordained into the Free Baptist Ministry at Auburn, Maine.
- 1901 Called to Boston as pastor of First Free Baptist Church.
- 1905 Received M.A. degree from Bates College.
- 1906 Received Ph.D. degree from Boston University,
- 1909 Called to South Congregational Church, Boston, Massachusetts
- 1918 Elected President of Howard University,
- 1920 Received D.D. degree from Bates College,
- 1926 Received LL. D. degree from Howard University.
- Resigned as President of Howard University.
- Accepted pastorate of Plymouth Congregational Church, Brooklyn New York.
- 1940 Resigned as pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, Brooklyn, New York.
- 1951 September 28 Died in Hyattsville, Maryland, Convalescent Home.

Series Description

- Series A**
Box 32-1
Family Papers
Includes land indentures, legal papers, a diary of his father and last will and testament of Susan Durkee, his mother.
- Series B**
Box 32-1
Correspondence
Greeting cards, post cards and letters of James Stanley Durkee.
- Series C**
Box 32-1
Diaries
Autographs and messages from friends and acquaintances of the Durkees, apparently written while Durkee and wife were on a trip abroad; plus a diary with scattered entries covering the years 1912-1938.
- Series D**
Box 32-1
Legal Papers
Agreement to purchase a cemetery plot.
- Series E**
Box 32-1
Poems and Prayers
Typescript and printed poems and prayers.
- Series F**
Box 32-1
Programs
Programs from the inauguration of James Stanley Durkee; a memorial to George Eldon Keith and programs from the Plymouth Church of Brooklyn, NY.
- Series G**
Box 32-1
Record Books
A marriage record book from 1910-1918 and a book of sermons (see also Series S).
- Series H**
Box 32-2
Sermons, Pastoral Prayers
Primarily sermons prepared and delivered in 1940. Includes notes for eulogies and sermons, plus vesper services programs (see also Series S).
- Series I**
Box 32-2
Manuscripts
Typescript and holographic papers, including novels, written by Durkee.

Series Description

- Series J**
Box 32-3
Clippings
Newspaper and other article clippings primarily concerned with the Howard University vs. Durkee controversy. Includes a number of articles from the "Alumnus" series of the Afro-American newspaper and its anti-Durkee campaign.
- Series K**
Box 32-3
Statements
A sworn statement concerning charges against Durkee and an official statement from the Board of Trustees of Howard University regarding the situation.
- Series L**
Box 32-3
Scrapbook
Contains clippings regarding Durkee's religious and work related endeavors; and also an extensive genealogical study of the Durkee family from 1630 to the late 1800's.
- Series M**
Box 32-4
to Box 32-7
Photographs and Prints
Photos of Durkee, and other identified and unidentified photographs and prints (see also Series S)
- Series N**
Box 32-4
Paintings
Original water colors by S. D. Corning.
- Series O**
Box 32-5
Negatives
Unidentified negatives found in the collection number 1-129.
- Series P**
Box 32-6
to Box 32-8
Newspapers
Printed pages from five Boston newspapers from March - July 1918 and the Washington Post for October 15, 1918.
- Series Q**
Box 32-9
Publications
Various publications including a Chinese Sunday School lesson book dated 1892.
- Series R**
Box 32-9
Posters
Russian propaganda poster.

Series Description

Series S

Wrapped Materials

Box 32-10

An oversized framed photograph, a record of sermons and a scrapbook
to Box 32-12

Container List

Series A

Family Papers

Joseph James Durkee

Box

Folder

32-1

- 1 Land indentures, 1834-1859
- 2 Land indentures, 1863-1900
- 3 Papers pertaining to estate of Joseph Durkee
- 4 Receipts, 1901
- 5 Legal statements, 1864
- 6 Diary, September 28-November 17, 1879 by R.F.D.
- 7 Susan Durkee Will 1900

Series B

Correspondence

James Stanley Durkee

- 8 Greeting cards
- 9 Letters
- 10 Post cards
- 11 Other correspondents

Series C

Diaries

- 12 "My Trip Abroad" - autographs, 1913-1920
- 13 "A Line A Day" - January 1, 1912 June 15, 1938

Series D

Legal Papers

- 14 Agreement with Carrton Cemetery Co., for a plot, May 1923

Series E

Poems and Prayers

- 15 Poems and prayers - typescript
- 16 Poems and prayers - printed

Series F

Programs

- 17 Inauguration as President of Howard University - November 12, 1919
- 18 Eighth Anniversary of Henry Ward Beecher's first sermon. Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, NY- May 15, 1927
- 19 In Memoriam - George Eldon Keith, December 11, 1920

Container List

- Series F** **Programs**
Box Folder
32-1 20 Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, N.Y. December 4, 1931
- Series G** **Record Books**
21 Marriage record book - 1910-1918 (including 4 loose licenses, 1924-1926)
- Series H** **Sermons, Pastoral Prayers**
32-2 22 Half Success-Half Failure, 1938
 23 Sermons, pastoral prayers, Feb, 1940
 24 Sermons - pastoral prayers, March, 1940
 25 Sermons - pastoral prayers - April, 1940
 26 Sermons - pastoral prayers - May 1940
 27 Sermons - pastoral prayers June 1940
 28 Sermons - pastoral prayers September 1940
 29 Sermons - pastoral prayers October 1940
 30 Sermons - pastoral prayers no date
 31 Extract sermons - "Barbarism vs. Civilization
 32 Notes-eulogies and sermons
 33 Programs - Vesper services - some sermon outlines
- Series I** **Manuscripts**
34 From the Camp Door
35 Introducing others and to the Bible
36 Musings of A Woodland Wanderer
37 Simon-Peter Fisherman and Apostle (notebook part 1)
38 Simon Peter-Fisherman and Apostle
39 The Swamp Murder
40 Unfinished stones (label on brown envelope)
41 Miscellaneous notes (notebook part 11)
42 Manuscript Notes
- Series J** **Clippings**
32-3 43 Alumnus series of anti-Durkee articles in Afro-American, 1925
 44 Alumnus series of anti-Durkee articles in Afro-American, 1926
 45 Alumnus series of anti-Durkee articles in Afro-American
 undated

Container List

- Series J** **Clippings continued**
Box Folder
32-3 46 Durkee vs Faculty and Alumni 1924-26
 47 Student strike and aftermath, 1925
 48 Story ideas, miscellaneous
 49 Durkee, Kelly Miller, Howard University 1917-1926
- Series K** **Statements**
50 Sworn statement concerning Durkee's charges at Howard An official statement
 from the Trustees of Howard University (Xerox copies)
- Series L** **Scrapbook**
52 Scrapbook, 1886
- Series M** **Photographs and Prints**
32-4 53 Photographs of James Stanley Durkee
 54 Photographs, individual - identified
 55 Photographs, individual - unidentified
 56 Photographs, group
 57 "Victory Liberty Loan" Poster
 58 Photograph - Places
 59 Photograph album- Camp Waninda, Aug. 1904
 60 Prints & paintings
- Series N** **Paintings**
61 Original water colors by Corning, S. D.
- Series O** **Negatives**
32-5 62 Unidentified negatives, 1-129
- Series P** **Newspapers**
32-6 63 Boston American - March - June, 1918
 64 Boston Evening Globe March- April, 1918
 65 Boston Evening Record April June, 1918
 66 The Boston Post - March - July 1918
 67 The Boston Travelers April, 1918
 68 Brockton Enterprise March April, 1918
 69 Brockton Times, March June, 1918
 70 The Washington Post - October 1918

Container List

Series P **Newspapers continued**

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| Box | Folder |
| 32-7 | 71 The Boston Herald - March, 1918
72 The Boston Herald - April, 1918 |
| 32- 8 | 73 The Boston Herald May, 1918
74 The Boston Herald June) 1918
75 The Boston Herald July, 1918 |

Series Q **Publications**

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| 32-9 | 76 Antiques and Amber by Anne Lloyd, 1928
77 Chinese Sunday School Lesson Book, 1892
78 Sonnets from the Portuguese by Elizabeth Barrett Browning, 1900
79 Tale of a City
80 The Independent Weekly - An Independent Income Planned for 1,250 of our
subscribers NY, 1915 |
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Series R **Posters**

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| 81 Russian Propaganda Posters |
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Series S **Wrapped Materials**

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| Item 32-10 | Record of sermons |
| Item 32-11 | Scrapbook 1898-1932 |
| Item 32-12 | Photograph (unidentified group) |