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ANGELINA WELD GRIMKE COLLECTION

Collection 38-1 to 38-16

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Scope Note

In honor of his aunt, Angelina Emily Grimke Weld (1805-1875), a noted abolitionist and feminist, Archibald Grimke named his daughter, the only child: Angelina Weld Grimke. Angelina Weld Grimke (1880-1958) was a prolific author of poetry, drama, and short stories. Among her most noted writings are, the plays "Rachel" published in 1921, and the poem "The Black Finger", first published in Opportunity in 1923.

The Angelina Weld Grimke Collection spans her life, dating 1887 to 1958, and totals 8 linear feet. The collection is abundant in writings by Angelina Weld Grimke, many holograph drafts as well as published items. Equally as abundant is the correspondence from family, friends and business associates. Angelina, and her father, Archibald, were very close and the correspondence between them covering a span of 35 years reflects this fondness.

For over 20 years, Angelina Weld Grimke taught English in the public school system of Washington, D.C. The collection contains some items documenting her work, primarily

related to Dunbar High School. There are also a few personal papers, including her birth certificate, a brief autobiographical sketch, and a few items of printed materials and memorabilia.

- 1880 Feb. 27 Born to Archibald H. and Sarah Stanley Grimke in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 1887-1894 Attended Fairmont School, Hyde Park, Massachusetts.
- 1895 Attended Carleton Academy, Northfield, Minnesota.
- 1902 Graduated from Boston Normal School of Gymnastics (absorbed by Wellesley College in 1909)
- Appointed teacher in the Armstrong Manual Training School, Washington, D.C.
- 1904-1910 Pursued summer courses of instruction at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- 1907 Transferred to M Street High School, (later called the Dunbar High School) as teacher of English, Washington, D.C.
- 1921 Published the three-act play entitled "Rachel".
- 1926 Retired from teaching.
- 1958 June 10 Died, New York City.

Series Description

Series A	Correspondence
Box 38-1 to 38-6	General A-W, organizational, and family, correspondence; thank you & sympathy cards; telegrams, and invitations
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prose and poetry, and recipes

Series G Diaries

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and autograph album

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and clippings

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A Correspondence

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| Box 38-1 | Folder | 1 A - general correspondence |
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correspondence |
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correspondence |
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| | | 20 U - general correspondence |
| | | 21 W - Wo, general correspondence |
| | | 22 Wy - general correspondence |
| | | 23 Wy - (xerox copies) |
| | | 24 One name only correspondence |
| | | 25 Postcards |

Organizational Correspondence

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| Box 38-3 | | 26 American Genealogy Institute |
| | | 27 Association for the Study of
Negro Life and History, Inc. |
| | | 28 Atlantic Monthly |
| | | 29 Barnes Foundation |
| | | 30 Board of Education of
District of Columbia |

- 31 Boston Transcript
- 32 Civil Service Extension League
- 33 Colored Poetic League of the
World
- 34 Cornhill Publishing Company
- 35 District of Columbia, Office of
The Auditor
- 36 Doubleday & Company Inc.

- Box 38-3 Folder
- 37 Dunbar High School Parent -
Student Committee. 50th
Anniversary Celebration
 - 38 The Dunbar News. New York City
 - 39 The evening Star. Washington, D.C.
 - 40 Harcourt, Brace and Company, Inc.
 - 41 Harper & Brothers Publications
 - 42 Hospital and Training School
for Nurses
 - 43 League for Industrial Democracy
 - 44 The Liberator. New York City
 - 45 Manassas Industrial School for
Colored Youth
 - 46 National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
 - 47 National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People.
District of Columbia
 - 48 NAACP New Bedford, Massachusetts
 - 49 National Cyclopedia of America
Biography
 - 50 National Urban League
Washington, D.C.
 - 51 Opportunity
 - 52 H. K. Parker Publishing
Corporation
 - 53 Poets Journal
 - 54 Public Schools. District of
Columbia
 - 55 The Smart Set
 - 56 Tekawitha House, Washington, D.C.
 - 57 Young Women's Christian
Association. Colored Branch
New Castle, Pennsylvania
 - 58 James T. White & Company
Publishers
 - 59 Washington Tuberculosis Association
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- 60 Envelopes that had been
previously separated from
correspondence
 - 61 Envelopes that had been previously
separated from
correspondence

- 62 Envelopes that had been previously separated from correspondence
- 63 Envelopes that had been previously separated from correspondence
- 64 Envelopes that had been previously separated from correspondence

A Correspondence (cont'd)

Family Correspondence

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| Box 38-4 | Folder | 65 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1894 |
| | | 66 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina,
1395 |
| | | 67 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1897 |
| | | 68 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1898 |
| | | 69 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1899 |
| | | 70 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1900 |
| | | 71 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1901-1902 |
| | | 72 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1904 |
| | | 73 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1905 (March to Sept.) |
| | | 74 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1905 (October to
December) |
| | | 75 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1906 |
| | | 76 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1907 |
| | | 77 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1908 |
| | | 78 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1909 |
| Box 38-5 | | 79 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1910 |
| | | 80 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1911 |
| | | 81 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1912 |
| | | 82 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1913 |

- 83 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1914
- 84 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1915
- 85 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1916
- 86 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1917-1918
- 87 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1921

A Correspondence (cont'd)

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| Box 38-5 | Folder | 88 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, 1929 |
| | | 89 Archibald H. Grimke to
Angelina, undated |
| | | 90 Charlotte Forten Grimke to
Angelina |
| | | 91 Francis J. Grimke to Angelina |
| | | 92 Sarah Stanley Grimke to
Angelina |
| | | 93 S. P. Stanley to Angelina |
| Box 38-6 | | |
| | | 94 Thank you cards |
| | | 95 Sympathy cards |
| | | 96 Greeting cards |
| | | 97 Telegrams |
| | | 98 Calling cards |
| | | 99 Invitations |

B Personal Papers

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| 100 | Autobiographical information |
| 101 | Photograph - Angelina Weld
Grimke |
| 102 | Personal grade cards, Fairmont
School |
| 103 | Birth certificate |
| 104 | Certificates |
| 105 | Personalized stationary |
| 106 | Contract with Cornhill
Publishing Company (original

in correspondence -
organizational under
Cornhill Publishing Co.) |
| 107 | Teacher Rating Sheets |
| 108 | Drawings |

Increasing Pensions, Boston,
Massachusetts

110 Memoirs - caricature drawings,
badge, menus, table favors,
ribbon flowers

111 Dedication of the Archibald
Grimke School

112 Sick Chart for Archibald
Grimke

C Financial Records

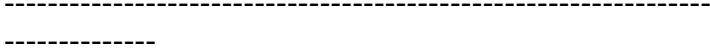
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| Box 38-7 | Folder | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 113 Financial correspondence, A-Z 114 Check books & stubs, 1911-24,
1927, 1928, 1929, 1930 115 Checkbooks, 1924, 1926, 1928,
1929, 1930, 1931 116 Memoranda of Investments 117 Canceled checks - National
Savings and Trust Company,
Washington, D.C. 118 National Savings and Trust -
Bank Receipts |
| Box 38-8 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 119 Grimke Family Financial Status 120 American Trust Company,
Boston, Massachusetts, brochure 121 Weekly Budget, Nov. 17-23rd,
and lists of bills 122 Account Statement Insurance 123 Copyright for Rachel. A
Drama in Three Acts 124 Royalties 125 Receipts 126 Real Estate Tax Assessments 127 Personal Income Tax Assessments
and Receipts 128 Account Statements with
Whitefield McKinlay 129 Account Statement 130 United States Customs Services,
Notice and Account of Fines,
Penalties and Forfeitures
and Receipts 131 Cancelled Checks and Bank
Receipts 132 National Savings & Trust
Company, 1926 133 National Savings & Trust
Company, 1927 134 National Savings & Trust
Company, 1928 |

135 First National Bank of Boston
136 Boston National Bank

D Manuscripts

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| Box 38-9 | Folder | 137 College Admission Essays
June 8, 1904-June 11,1904 |
| | | 138 College Admission - English
Essays, July 6, 1904 - July
31, 1904 |
| | | 139 College Admission - English
Essays, August 9, 1904 -
August 11, 1904 |
| | | 140 English Composition C,
July 9, 1906 -July 26, 1906 |
| | | 141 English Composition C,
August 2, 1906 - August 11,
1906 |
| | | 142 English Literature Course
July 20, 1907 -August 5,
1907 |
| | | 143 18th Century English Literature
July - August 1909 |
| | | 144 History and Development of
English Literature in
Outline |
| | | 145 Lesson Outlines - English
Literature |
| | | 146 Address - "Woman in the
Home" |
| | | 147 Address - The Social Emancipation
of Woman |
| | | 148 Holograph Notes and Lists |
| | | 149 Reports and Reviews - undated |
| | | 150 School notebooks |
| | | 151 Student Essays -Dunbar High
School, Washington, D.C. |
| Box 38-10 | | 152 Poems and writings |
| | | 153 Poetry A-E (holograph) |
| | | 154 Poetry F-I (holograph) |
| | | 155 Poetry J-P (holograph) |
| | | 156 Poetry R-Z (holograph) |
| | | 157 Twilight (written on leather)
fragile |
| | | 158 Untitled poems I (holograph) |
| | | 159 Untitled poems II (holograph) |
| | | 160 Untitled poems III (holograph) |

- 161 Untitled poems IV (holograph)
- 162 Poetry A-B (typescript)
- 163 Poetry C-M (typescript)
- 164 Poetry N-T (typescript)



D Manuscript (cont'd)

Box 38-10 Folder 165 Poetry U-Z (typescript)
166 Untitled poetry (typescript)
167 Poetry submitted to Carolina
Magazine (typescript)
168 Songs
169 Epitaphs
170 Sonnets
171 Rondeaux
172 Triolets
173 Ballads
174 WAG - Poems by Angelina
Weld Grimke - some published
under her name
175 Anonymous authors
176 Poetry by others A-Z
177 Reviews - Cook, Coralie F.
178 Poetry submitted to Charles
S. Johnson (Opportunity
Magazine)

Box 38-11 Short Stories

179 Black Is, As Black Does
180 Blackness
181 Blind Alley
182 Blind Alley (cont'd)
183 Blind Alley, Part II,
Chapter 1
184 Blind Alley draft
185 Blind Alley draft (cont'd)
186 The Closing Door
187 Goldie
188 Inevitables
189 Jettisoned
190 Jettisoned (original copies)
191 Jettisoned (typed copy)

Box 38-12 192 The Closet and Closet Door
193 The Creaking
194 The Creaking, copy II

195	The Ear
196	The Ear (cont'd)
197	The Fence
198	The Handicapped
199	The Hunger of Love

D Manuscript (cont'd)

Box 38-12

- 200 Ideals
- 201 The Laughing Hand
- 202 The Laughing Hand (typed)
(apparently returned by the
publisher)
- 203 The Lesson
- 204 The One Who Would and the One
Who Wouldn't
- 205 The Revery of a Violin
- 206 Story of a Mother
- 207 The Umbrellas
- 208 The Waitin (incomplete typescript)
- 209 The Waitin, draft I
- 210 The Waitin, draft
- 211 Evangeline
- 212 Harriet
- 213 Selections from "Red Pottage"
by Mary Chalmoudrly
- 214 Holograph notes
- 215 Miscellaneous Prose
- 216 Gertrude of Denmark
(review by Angelina Weld Grimke)
- 217 The Artistic Element in Mac
Beth by Lillie Buffum
Chace Wyman
- 218 The Shadow (review by Angelina
Weld Grimke)
- 219 Miscellaneous pages untitled

Box 38-13

- Drama (Play)
- 220 Blessed Are The Barren, Act I
- 221 Blessed Are The Barren, Act II
- 222 Blessed Are The Barren, Act III
- 223 Rachel, synopsis and purpose
in writing play by Lillie
- 224 Rachel - reviews
Buffum Chase Wyman
- 225 Reviews on Rachel
- 226 Rachel - printed programs

(performance)

227 Untitled drama

228 Unfinished drama

Box 38-14

229 Mara, Act I

230 Mara, Act I, copy 2

231 Mara, Act I, odd

232 Mara, Act I, Scene I, odd sections

D Manuscript (cont'd)

Drama

Box 38-14	Folder	233	Mara, Act II, Scene II
		234	Mara, Act III, Scene I, odd sections
		235	Mara, Act III, odd sections
		236	Mara, Act IV, Scene I
		237	Mara, Act IV, Scene 1, Copy 2
		238	Mara, odd sections
		239	Mara, Revision I
		240	Mara, Revision II
		241	Mara, Revision, III
		242	Mara, Revision, IV

E Scrapbooks

Box 38-15	243	Scrapbook of Poetry by Angelina Weld Grimke
	244	Scrapbook - clippings

F Notebook - Prose - Poetry

245	Notebook - French vocabulary exercises, poetry notes, prose notes
246	Notebook notes - prose and poetry
247	Notebook - recipes

G Diaries

248	Diary, 1903
249	Diary, 1909
250	Diary, 1912
251	Pocket diary, address book, autograph album

H Printed Materials

252 Dorian Days by Wendell
Phillip Stafford (autographed)

Box 38-16

253 Reminiscences by Elizabeth
C. Putnam

H Printed Materials (cont'd)

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| Box 38-16 | Folder | 254 The Negro Lawyer's Contribution to Seventy-One Years of our Progress by Fitzhugh L. Styles |
| | | 255 A New Plan for Negro Education by Paul B. Hogans |
| | | 256 College Bulletins |
| | | 257 Birth Control Review, July & September, 1920 |
| | | 258 Birth Control Review, October -December 1920 |
| | | 259 Opportunity |
| | | 260 Poetry, Philosophy and Religion by Percy Adams Hutchison |
| | | 261 The Nation |
| | | 262 The New Republic |
| | | 263 Saunders Weekly National Independent, June 26, 1916 |
| | | 264 Crisis |
| | | 265 Book reviews |
| | | 266 The Percentage of Venereal Diseases Among Approximately the Second Million Drafted Men - Cities |
| | | 267 The Evolution of Man - by L. M. Rosh |
| | | 268 Evangelization of Haiti's Three Million Christless Negroes |
| | | 269 Broad sides |
| | | 270 The Dunbar Ledger, Feb. 23, 1922; Jan.-April, 1923 |
| | | 271 Clippings mounted |
| | | 272 Clippings, I |
| | | 273 Clippings, II |
| | | 274 Clippings, III |
| | | 275 Programs |

