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# CARTER G. WOODSON PAPERS

Collection 118-1

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Scope Note

The Carter G. Woodson Papers cover the years 1922 to 1941 and are contained in one box measuring 1/2 linear feet. The collection contains correspondence, clippings, papers and statements pertaining to the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, manuscripts, financial statements, an address book and a photograph of Carter Woodson's mother.

Correspondence between Woodson, his sister, Bessie W. Yancy and business correspondents concerning the purchase and upkeep of a house in Huntington, West Virginia, make up the bulk of this collection. It reveals Woodson as having an adroit acuteness for minute details in business transactions and a somewhat paternalistic attitude towards family affairs.

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Biographical Sketch

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| 1875 Dec. 19 | Born of ex-slave parentage in New Canton, Va.            |
| 1892         | Moved to Huntington, West Va.                            |
| 1895         | Entered Douglass High School, Huntington, West Va.       |
| 1903         | Received Litt. B. Degree from Berea College in Kentucky. |

- 1903-1906 Served as Supervisor of schools in the Philippines.
- 1908 Mar. 17 Received B.A. Degree from the University of Chicago.
- 1908 Aug. 28 Received M.A. Degree from the University of Chicago.
- 1912 Received Ph.D. Degree from Harvard.
- 1915 Sept. 9 Organized and founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in Chicago, Il.
- 1916 Jan.1 Published the first issue of the Journal of Negro History.
- 1918 Appointed Principal of Armstrong High School, Washington, D.C.
- 1919-1920 Served as Dean of the School of Liberal Arts at Howard University.
- 1920-1922 Served as Dean of West Virginia Institute (now West Virginia State College)
- 1926 Received the Spingarn Medal
- 1926 Inaugurated Negro History Week
- 1937 October Published the first I of Negro History Bulletin.
- 1941 Received LL. D. Degree from Virginia State College.
- 1950 April 3 Died in Washington, D.C.

Source: Dictionary of American Negro Biography, edited by Rayford W. Logan and Michael R. Winston. Norton, 1982.

### Series Description

Series A Correspondence

Box 118-1 Numerous typewritten letters between Woodson, his sister, Bessie W. Yancey and business firms primarily concerned with the purchase and upkeep of a house in Huntington, Va. in 1941.

Series B Financial Statements

Box 118-1 Receipts, agreements and statements of money received and expended by Woodson for the purchase and up keep of his house; and also by the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, Incorp.

Series C Manuscripts

Box 118-1 A poem written by Arthur Randall, Sr. entitled "Kissed by Aeons Shrines Become"; and an account of the Brownsville, Texas Raid, August 1906.

Series D Statements

Box 118-1 Miscellaneous papers pertaining to the Study of Negro Life and History. Some include lists of letters and documents discovered but not collected and others that have been turned in to the Library of Congress.

Series E Photograph

Box 118-1 Of Anne Eliza(Riddle) Woodson, Carter Woodson's Mother.

Series F Clippings

Box 118-1 Newspaper clippings, clipped book reviews and notices of recent publications during the years 1922-1940.

Series G Address Book

Box 118-1      Very fragile, with Woodson's business card enclosed.

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Container List

| Box 118-1 | Folder |  |
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|           |        | 1 Correspondence, Family   |
|           |        | 2 Correspondence, General, A-R   |
|           |        | 3 Correspondence, General, S-Z   |
|           |        | 4 Financial Statements   |
|           |        | 5 Randall, Arthur, Sr. "Kissed by<br>Aeons Shrines Became"   |
|           |        | 6 "Brownsville"  |
|           |        | 7 "Budget For Three Years"   |
|           |        | 8 "The Collection of Handwritten<br>Materials Bearing on the Past<br>of the Negro"   |
|           |        | 9 "Copies of Materials Bearing on  |
|           |        | 10 List of Letters "Discussed But Not<br>Collected".   |
|           |        | 11 "The Journal of Negro History, 35<br>Bound vols., A Veritable and<br>Indispensable Encyclopedia of History."<br>"The Negro History Bulletin, 4 bound<br>volumes." |
|           |        | 12 "Letters From Negro Migrants of 1916-1918<br>Addressed to the Mt. Olivet Baptist<br>Church, Chicago, II."   |
|           |        | 13 Manuscripts Turned over to the Library<br>of Congress: Letters and other<br>Documents."   |
|           |        | 14 For Release September 16, 1936<br>"No Participation in the Re-election<br>of Roosevelt."  |
|           |        | 15 For Release June 3, 1936<br>"An Open Letter to the Afro-American<br>on the Negro Encyclopedia"  |

- 16 Patrons of "Three Periods in Negro Music". Presented May 6 at Lincoln Theatre for the Benefit of the National Negro Music Center
- 17 A Project For A Statistical Study of Free Negro Heads of Families in the United States in 1860".
- 18 A Project For the Development of the Extension Department of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History"

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| Box 118-1 | Folder | 19 | For Release June 17, 1936<br>"Remember 1917"                             |
|           |        | 20 | "Report on Publications from July 1,<br>1926 To April 30, 1929           |
|           |        | 21 | For Release June 10, 1936<br>"Woodson cites Brawley's Misrepresentation" |
|           |        | 22 | Photograph   |
|           |        | 23 | Clippings  |
|           |        | 24 | Address Book   |
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