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**Guide to Resources on
Women
in the Processed Manuscript
Collections of the Moorland-
Spingarn Research Center**

Moorland-Spingarn Research Center Manuscript Division

Introduction to the Guide:

The resources of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center combine to provide important insight into the growth and development of Black families, organizations, institutions, social and religious consciousness, and the continuing struggle for civil rights and human justice. Organized in 1974 into four departments - Manuscripts, Prints and Photographs, Oral History, and Music - the collections of primary source materials of the Manuscript Division complement the resources of the Library Division and broaden the scope of the areas for research on the Black experience.

This resource guide highlights the Manuscript Division's holdings of material relating to the unique contributions of women to the Black experience. This list is not comprehensive, but it provides an annotated overview of the material available within the processed manuscript collections. The underlined entries indicate that the Manuscript Division has a complete collection of that subject's papers. Entries that are not underlined are followed by a "see" reference and a description of the relevant material.

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Adams, Harriet Chalmers

See: **Simms Family Papers, 1802-1965**

Geographer. Personal papers include correspondence between herself and her husband, Franklin Adams.

Allen, Maryrose, 1899-1967

Papers, 1914-1967

12 linear ft.

Educator and administrator. The collection documents Allen's career in the fields of physical education and health. School notes from the Sargent School of Physical Education for Women and teaching material from Howard University and Hampton Institute comprise the bulk of the collection.

Ames, Mary

See: **Oliver Otis Howard Papers, 1850-1906**

Included in the Howard Papers is Ms. Ames's "A New England Woman's Diary in Dixie", 1865.

Anderson, Marian, 1902-1993

Collection, 1939-1943

1 ½ linear ft.

Singer. The bulk of the collection is microfilm of clippings relating to Miss Anderson and the Daughters of the American Revolution Controversy. Also included is correspondence, speeches, petitions, lists, and reports arising out of the activities of the Marian Anderson Citizens Committee.

Bowser, Elizabeth H.S., d. 1908

See: **Bustill-Bowser-Asbury Collection**

Second wife of David Bustill Bowser. Papers included correspondence, receipts, and news clippings. Also included is the 1865 Annual Report of the Ladies Union Association.

Branch, Mary Elizabeth, 1882-1944
Collection, 1909-1948
½ linear ft.

Educator, college president. The collection contains biographical data, correspondence, manuscripts, and historical data on Tillotson College, Austin, Texas.

Brent, Martha Cromwell
See: Cromwell Family Papers, 1849-1855

Member of the Cromwell Family. Papers include a draft of "Education for Negroes in the District of Columbia," and material about the Neighborhood Improvement Club.

Burge, R. Louise, 1908-1986
Papers, 1930-1984
8 linear ft.

Vocalist and teacher. The collection reflects Burge's performing career and her teaching career at Howard University.

Callis, Myra Colson, 1892-1979
Papers, 1830-1978
23 linear ft.

Social worker, social science researcher, and Y.W.C.A. administrator. The bulk of the collection is correspondence between Ms. Callis and various family members including her husband, Dr. Henry Arthur Callis, and her mother and sister, Kate and Edna Colson, respectively. Ms. Callis's research and writings focus on the issues of women, work, and industry.

Carter, Jeannette, 1886-1964
Papers, 1927-1964
½ linear ft.

Journalist, civic leader. Papers reflect her activities advocating women's rights as founder and president of the National Political Study Club in the Republican Party.

Cary, Mary Ann Shadd, 1823-1893
Papers, 1844-1884
½ linear ft.

Abolitionist, editor. Correspondence, articles, editorials, reports, documents, printed material, and programs relating to her activities in the U.S. and Canada as editor of the *Provincial Freeman*, as a strong supporter of women's suffrage, and as an army recruiter.

Consolidated Parent Group, Inc.
Records, 1947-1954
2 ½ linear ft.

Washington, D.C. based civic organization. Consists of organization materials, reports, minutes, community activities manuscripts, and printed material relating to members and to the Women's Action Committee.

Cook, Vivian Johnson, 1889-1977
Papers, 1903-1977
28 linear ft.

Educator and administrator. Papers include correspondence and writings documenting Mrs. Cook's tenure as an educator, vice-principal, and principal at various Maryland high schools including Dunbar, Douglass, and Booker T. Washington High Schools. She was also actively involved in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the National Association of College Women, and the Y.W.C.A. Family members Mary Edna Johnson Lane and Evelyn Johnson are also documented.



Anna J. Cooper

Cooper, Anna Julia, 1860-1964
Papers, 1881-1958
5 linear ft.

Educator, author. Includes writings by Anna J. Cooper, biographical data, memorabilia, correspondence, photographs, scrapbooks, and clippings for her book on the Grimke family. In addition, there is material relating to her tenure as President of Frelinghuysen University, 1930-1941.

Cromwell, Mary E., 1876-1966
See: Cromwell Family Papers, 1849-1955

Member of the Cromwell Family. Personal papers include material documenting the wide variety of organizations she was affiliated with, writings, memorabilia, and travel notes.

Cromwell, Otelia, 1874-1972
See: Cromwell Family Papers, 1849-1955

Writer, member of the Cromwell Family. Papers include reviews of her book, *Lucretia Mott*; printed material; records of the Book and Quill club, Miner Teacher's College, D.C.; and over 1000 postcards and reprints of paintings.

Dubois, Shirley, 1896-1977
See: Kwame Nkrumah Papers

Second wife and widow of W.E.B. Dubois. The collection includes correspondence between Mrs. Dubois and Kwame Nkrumah.

Dunnigan, Alice A., 1906-1983
Papers, 1947-1977 (182)

13 linear feet

Journalist. Correspondence, writings, press passes, and invitations highlight the career of the first African American woman journalist accredited to the White House, Senate, and House of Representative Press corps. The bulk of the material relates to her work for the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity.

Dykes, Eva B., 1893-1986

Papers, 1914-1977

1/4 linear ft.

Educator, author, musician, church leader. This collection documents the life of the first African American woman to finish the requirements for the Ph.D. degree. It contains several biographical pieces, transcripts from interviews and correspondence reflecting her devotion to scholarship and to the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Also included are articles by and about Dr. Dykes, poetry, promotional announcements for her publications, photographs, and programs of her speaking engagements and music recitals.

Edwards, Lena, 1900-1986

Papers, 1905-1985

5 ½ linear ft.

Physician, community activist, recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. 1964. Correspondence, photographs, oral interviews, writings by and about Dr. Edwards, and programs and certificates document her life and career.

Egypt, Ophelia Settle, 1903-1984

Papers, 1930-1980

11 linear ft.

Sociologist, oral historian, social worker, educator, and author. The collection includes photographs, manuscripts, clippings, and correspondence documenting her career.



Madame Lillian Evanti

Evanti, Lillian, 1891-1967

See: Owen Vincent Dodson Papers, 1930-1968

Opera singer. Dodson Papers include a large number of photographs of Ms. Evanti.

Fauset, Crystal Bird, 1893-1965

Collection, 1944-1959

3 linear ft.

Educator, social worker, civic leader. Papers include an autobiographical sketch, correspondence, documents, and photographs. Scrapbooks document her association with the United Nations Council of Philadelphia

Flippin, Katherine Stewart

See: **Stewart-Flippin Family Papers, 1852-1974**

Daughter of McCants and Mary Stewart; wife of Robert B. Flippin. Personal papers include correspondence, legal and financial material, and memorabilia.

Frazier, Marie Brown

See: **E. Franklin Frazier Papers, 1917-1972**

Wife of Sociologist, E. Franklin Frazier. Papers include Mrs. Frazier's correspondence, announcements, and newspaper clippings.

Gilmore, Eliza O. H.

See: **Oliver Otis Howard Papers, 1850-1906**

Mother of Oliver Otis Howard. Papers include her 1853-1857 correspondence.

Goins, Gregoria Fraser, 1883-1964

Papers, 1843-1962

13 ½ linear ft.

Musician. Correspondence, photographs, genealogical material, scrapbooks, notebooks, diaries, clippings, and manuscripts document her career and interests.



Grimke, Angelina Weld, 1880-1958

Papers, 1887-1958

8 linear ft.

Author and educator. Papers contain correspondence, diaries, manuscripts of plays, short stories, and poems, and financial papers. Educational material such as lesson outlines, school reports and records, notebooks, and rating sheets document her role as a teacher in the D.C. public school system.

Angelina Weld Grimke

Charlotte Forton Grimke

Grimke, Charlotte Forten, 1837-1914

See: **Francis James Grimke Papers, 1833-1937**

Teacher, writer and poet; wife of Francis James Grimke. Included are diaries (1854-1892) and some of her poetry.

Harrison, Hazel, 1883-1969

Collection, 1900-1950's

4 linear ft.

Concert pianist. Included are correspondence, news clippings, photographs, concert programs, and music manuscripts.

Hilyer, Amanda Gray

See: **Andrew F. Hilyer Papers, 1893-1913**

Pharmacist, teacher, and an activist in civic, social, and religious organizations. She was the second wife of Andrew F. Hilyer, and one of the founders of the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, Washington, D.C. Her personal memorabilia includes a travel journal, correspondence, photographs, and an autograph book.

Hubbard, Charlotte Moton, 1912-

Papers, 1934-1970

3 ½ linear ft.

Educator, government employee. The collection consists of papers arising out of her career in the fields of education and public relations. Included are biographical materials about Mrs. Hubbard and her father, Robert Russ Moton, correspondence, photographs, scrapbooks, printed material, and manuscripts.

Hughes, Ravella, 1895-1987

Papers, 1909-1987

1 ½ linear ft.

Jazz and classical pianist/organist known professionally as **Carmella Desche**. Papers include programs, newspaper clippings, phonograph recordings, correspondence, and a scrapbook.

Hunt, Ida Gibbs, 1862-1957

See: **William Henry Hunt Papers, 1898-1941**

Teacher, Pan-Africanist, civil rights leader, and wife of Diplomat and U.S. Consul to Tamafare, William Henry Hunt. Papers include her correspondence.

Johnson, Georgia Douglas, 1877-1966

Papers, 1930's-1960's

5 linear ft.

Poet, lyricist, and playwright. Papers consists of drafts of Johnson's poetry and writing. Also included are correspondence and photographs.

Joiner, Laura E.

See: **William A. Joiner Papers, 1866-1950**

1903 graduate of Howard University Medical School; sister of educator, lawyer, William Joiner. Papers include her 1899-1900 diary, correspondence, and school papers.

Jones, Matilda Sissieretta "Black Patti", 1869-1933

See: **Carl R. Gross Collection 1856-1966**

Dramatic soprano. Her biography is included in the Gross Collection.

Kittrell, Flemma P., 1904-1980

Papers, 1924-1980

11 ½ linear feet

Home Economist, educator. Correspondence, writings, photographs, printed material, and affiliated organizations document the accomplishments of Dr. Kittrell in the field of Home Economics at Howard University and abroad.

Lai, Carlotta Stewart

See: **Stewart-Flippin Family Papers, 1852-1974**

Educator who served forty years in developing the public education system in Hawaii; daughter of T. McCants Stewart. Papers include correspondence, financial material, memorabilia, and photographs.

Lane, Layle, 1893-1976

Papers, 1896-1973

1 liner ft.

Educator, labor journalist, and political and civil rights activist. Correspondence, diaries, writings, and photo-graphs document portions of her life in the United States and abroad, including her travels to Haiti and Mexico. Miss Lane was a prominent socialist who ran unsuccessfully for public office numerous times in New York City.

Locke, Mary Hawkins

See: **Alain L. Locke Papers, 1841-1954**

Mother of educator, author, and critic, Alain Locke. Papers include correspondence between herself and her husband, Piney Locke (1869-1882), material documenting her teaching career, her obituary, school grades, and travel notes.

Lovett, Louise

See: **Edward Lovett Papers, 1932-1977**

Drama teacher, playwright. Papers include her writings for her Master's Thesis, Northwestern University.

Marshall, Harriet Gibbs, 1869-1941

See: **Washington Conservatory of Music**

Founder of the Washington Conservatory of Music. Papers include material relating to Ms. Marshall's book, *The Story of Haiti*. Included are correspondence, financial papers, photographs, scrapbooks, legal files, and printed material.

Mason, Charlotte [Mrs. R. Osgood]

See: **Alain L. Locke Papers, 1841-1954**

Correspondence between Ms. Mason and Alain Locke (1927-1945), and Zora Neale Hurston (1930-1933). Also included are various notebooks.

Milne, June

See: **Kwame Nkrumah Papers**

Secretary and executrix of Kwame Nkrumah's estate. The collection includes some of her personal

correspondence and records she used to write *Kwame Nkrumah: The Conakry Years: His Life and Letters*.

Mitchell, Abbie, 1884-1960

See: **Mercer Cook Papers**

Singer and actress; wife of composer, Will Marion Cook; mother of scholar and diplomat, Mercer Cook. Correspondence, programs, autobiographical writings, photographs, and a cassette recording document her theatrical career that spanned over fifty years.

Murray, Anna Evans

See: **Daniel Alexander Payne Murray Collection**

Wife of bibliographer, Daniel Murray. Mrs. Murray's correspondence (1908-1937) and legal papers (1899-1937) document her standing as one of Washington, D.C.'s social elite.

Murray, Laura Hamilton

See: **Freeman H.M. Murray Papers, 1883-1916**

Wife of publisher, author, and civil rights activist, Freeman H.M. Murray. Collection includes her diary dated February 7, 1885 - February 17, 1886.



Murray, Pauli, 1910-1985

Papers, 1943-1944

½ linear ft. (photocopies)

Lawyer, author, educator, civil rights activist. The collection includes biographical data, letters, reports, minutes, notes on tactics, address lists, press releases, newspaper clippings, and notes relating to the activities of the Civil Rights Committee.

Camille Nickerson

Nickerson, Camille, 1882-1982

Papers, 1927-1970s

10 linear ft.

Musician, composer, and administrator. Much of this collection reflects Nickerson's work with Creole music. Correspondence, writings, programs, photographs, and music compositions detail Nickerson's life as a performer and composer.

Pool, Rosey Eve, 1905-1971

Papers, 1959-1967

11/2 linear ft.

Editor, author, translator, critic. The collection includes correspondence, biographical sketches, poems, clippings, and programs.

Reynolds, Anita Thompson Dickinson, 1901-1980

Collection, 1850-1980

9 linear ft.

Psychologist, art instructor, actress, model, dancer. Correspondence, articles, manuscripts, and printed material document her life in Europe and the Virgin Islands.

Ridley, Florida Ruffin

See: **Ruffin Family Papers, 1832-1936**

Daughter of George Lewis Ruffin. Papers include clippings, manuscripts, and correspondence.

Slowe, Lucy Diggs, 1883-1937

Papers, 1919-1943

6 linear ft.

Educator, administrator, civic leader, first Dean of Women at Howard University. The bulk of the material covers the years 1922-1937, the period when Ms. Slowe was at Howard University. Also included are correspondence, speeches, articles, photographs, and clippings.

Spaulding, Myra L.

Papers, 1892-19

½ linear ft.

Educator, researcher. Collection consists of Spaulding's correspondence with family members, friends, and business relations.

Spiller, Isabele Taliaferro, 1888-1974

Papers, ca. 1906-1954 (93)

3 linear ft.

Musician, educator. Photographs and programs document her activities as teacher of music and as a member of "The Musical Spillers." Also included is biographical material relating to the Taliaferro and Spiller families.

Spingarn, Amy

See: **Joel Elias Spingarn Papers**

Wife of Joel E. Spingarn. Papers include correspondence between Mrs. Spingarn and her husband, her daughter, and Langston Hughes. The collection also includes programs, photographs, and a sketch of Langston Hughes by Mrs. Spingarn.

Staupers, Mabel Eloise Doyle Keaton, 1890-1989

Papers, ca. 1937-1970

1 linear ft.

Nurse. Correspondence, photographs, biographical data, reports, and press releases document her efforts towards the integration of African American nurses into the national field of professional nursing.

Stewart, Mary Delia Weir

See: **Stewart-Flippin Family Papers, 1852-1974**

Elocutionist, wife of McCants Stewart. Papers include biographical material and correspondence.

Terrell, Mary Church, 1863- 1954

Papers, 1888-1976

11 ½ linear ft.

Lecturer, author, civil rights activist. The collection includes the family papers of T.T. Church, Robert H. Terrell, and Phyllis Terrell; writings by and about Mary Church Terrell; printed material; and artifacts. Also included are letters concerning the International Council of the Women of the Darker Races.

Tibbs, Marie Young

See: **LeRoy Tibbs Collection, 1921-1949**

Actress, wife of nightclub entertainer, LeRoy Tibbs. The collection consists of three scrapbooks containing letters, photographs, printed material, and other memorabilia documenting both LeRoy and Marie Young Tibbs's theatrical careers.

Waring, Elizabeth Avery

See: **Julius Waties Waring Papers, ca.1841-1964**

Integrationist, wife of Federal District Judge and civil rights activist, Judge Julius Waties Waring. Papers include writings by and about Mrs. Waring, correspondence, hate and fan mail, programs, and financial material.

Waring, Laura Wheeler, 1887-1948

See: **Walter Everett Waring Papers**

Portraitist, wife of Walter Waring. Papers include a gallery guide, correspondence, printed reproductions of some of her portraits, and an original water color.



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