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Charles Eaton Burch Papers
Collection 11-1 to 11-4

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Scope Note

The Charles Eaton Burch Collection was acquired in 1952 from Mr. Hepburn Carter. The papers are a small part of the collection that consisted chiefly of Dr. Burch's extensive book collection of Eighteenth Century English Literature. The bound portion of this collection is housed in Founder's Library, Howard University. (See, McLin, Velma E., *The Charles Eaton Burch Collection in Founders Library, Howard University*, 1962. M016, ML22 for a bibliography of the works in the collection.)

Charles Eaton Burch headed the Howard University English Department and received wide acclaim as a professor of 17th, 18th century English Literature. His major research concerned the literary and political activities of author Daniel Defoe. As a result of Burch's research and publications about Defoe, he has been recognized in *Who's Who In American Library Scholarship* and the *Cambridge Bibliography of English Literature*.

The Charles Eaton Burch papers contain various manuscripts, a few chapters of his unfinished book about Defoe, research materials, and letters from his colleagues. Outstanding in his series of correspondence are the letters from William Grant and Verna Arvey Still, Henry L. Hutchins, and John Robert Moore. The bulk of materials are from 1936-1948 and cover his work while on the staff of Howard University's English Department. The collection spans the period 1913 to 1948, and totals 2 linear feet.

Biographical Sketch

Charles Eaton Burch

- 1891 Born in Bermuda. Received early education in St. Georges, Bermuda.
- 1914 Received a Bachelor of Arts degree, Wilberforce University, Ohio.
- 1915-17 Instructor at Tuskegee Institute.
- 1918 Received the Master of Arts degree, Columbia University, New York.
Married Willa Carter Mayer, his second wife.
Taught at Morris Brown College, Langston University, and Alabama State Teachers College.
- 1921 Taught in the English Department, Howard University.
- 1928 Research in Great Britain.
- 1928-48 Chairman of the English Department, Howard University.
- 1933 Received Doctor of Philosophy degree, Ohio State University.
- 1938 Fellow at University of Edinburgh, Scotland.
- 1948 Died, Stamford, Connecticut

Series Description

Series A **Personal Papers**
Box 11-1 Biographical materials - academic records, organizational materials, funeral arrangements and other personal papers. Howard University materials - student papers, lecture notes and some correspondence as Chairman of the English Department.

Series B **Correspondence**
Box 11-2 Primarily personal correspondence of Charles E. Burch, includes correspondence to Box 11-3 with Henry L. Hutchins, John Robert Moore, and William Grant and Verna Arvey Still.

Series C **Writings and Research**
Box 11-3 Articles on Defoe and some chapters of Burch's proposed book on Defoe. Biblio- to Box 11-4 graphies, research notes, and drafts are included.

Series D **Printed Materials**
Box 11-4 Travel brochure, blank post cards from Scotland, announcements, flyers, news- letters.

Series E **Newsclippings**
Box 11-4 About Edinburgh, Scotland circa 1938

Series F **Photographs**
Box 11-4 Charles Burch, family, and friends, including William and Verna Stills with their child. Also two small bound sets of photographic studies of Edinburgh and some famous Scottish lochs.

Container List

Series A Personal Papers

Box Folder

- 11-1
- Biographical papers
 - 1 Academic Records
 - 2 Grant Application data
 - 3 Identification forms
 - 4 Addresses and Address Book
 - 5 Financial papers - Bill and Receipts
 - 6 Financial papers - Checks and Bank Statements
 - 7 Organizational materials
 - 8 Funeral arrangements
- Howard University Materials
- 9 Correspondence concerning Howard University's English Department
 - 10 Programs & Departmental Information
 - 11 Student Papers
 - 12 Examinations
 - 13 Examinations
 - 14 Lecture notes
 - 15 Blank forms

Series B Correspondence

- 11-2
- 16 A
 - 17 B
 - 18 B continued
 - 19 C
 - 20 C continued
 - 21 D, E and F
 - 22 G
 - 23 H
 - 24 Henry C. Hutchins
 - 25 I & J
 - 26 K
 - 27 L
 - 28 M
 - 29 M continued

Container List

Series B Correspondence continued

Box	Folder	
11-2	30 John Robert Moore	
	31 N	
	32 P	
	33 R	
	34 S	
	35 Still, William Grant and Verna Arvey	
	36 T	
	37 W	
	38 Illegible Signature and Unidentified	
	39 Other correspondents	
	40 Greeting cards	
	41 Announcements	
	11-3	42 Publisher's notices
		43 Letterheads (blank)
44 Covers		
45 Covers		

Series C Writings and Research

Charles Eaton Burch	46 "Brief Articles and Notes" -Charles E. Burch
	47 Defoe and the Edinburgh Society for the Reformation of Manners" -
	48 Bibliographies relating to Defoe
	49 A bibliography of John Dryden on cards
	50 "Bermuda Revisited"
	51 "It can be done"
	52 Chapter I - "British Opinion of Defoe during the Eighteenth Century"
	53 Chapter II - "The Attitude of the Early 19th Century"
	54 Chapter III "Wilson's Life"
	55 Chapter IV - "Lee's Research and their Influences - Beginning of the Reaction"
	56 Chapter VT - "Summary and Conclusion"
	57 "The Moral Element in Defoe's Fiction"

Container List

- Series C Writings and Research** continued
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| Box | Folder | |
| 11-3 | 58 | "A Discourse Concerning the Union: An Unrecorded Defoe Pamphlet?" |
| | 59 | "Defoe's first Seasonable Warning (1706) |
| | 60 | "The Moral element in Defoe's fiction?" |
| | 61 | "An Unassigned Defoe pamphlet in the Defoe- Clark Controversy" |
| | 62 | Unidentified Fragments |
| | 63 | Notebook - "The Arthurian Legend" |
| 11-4 | 64 | Research Cards - Defoe |
| | 65 | Research Cards- Defoe |
| | 66 | Research Cards - Defoe |
| | 67 | Research Cards - Defoe |
| | 68 | Research Cards - Defoe |
| | 69 | Blank Cards |
| | 70 | Rough Drafts |
| | 71 | Rough Drafts |
| | 72 | Notes |
| | 73 | Notes |
- Series D Printed Materials**
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| | 74 | "Some Historic Ghost of New York" - Louis C. Jones |
| | 75 | Newsletters |
| | 76 | Travel Memorabilia |
| | 77 | Blank scenic postcards (Scotland) |
- Series E Newsclippings**
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| | 78 | Newsclippings - Scotland |
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- Series F Photographs**
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| | 79 | Photographs |
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