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Myra C. Callis papers
Collection 193-1 to 193-53

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Scope Note

The papers of social worker, social science researcher, and Y.W.C.A. administrator, Myra Colson Callis, span the years 1830-1978 and measure approximately 23 linear feet. Biographical material is found in the series, Personal Papers, as well as within the collection's voluminous correspondence. Material relating to Ms. Callis's professional career is found within the Organizational Affiliations, Writings, and Correspondence series. Her research and writings examine issues such as women, work, and industry. Her work with the Y.W.C.A. is documented through correspondence, organizational affiliations, and photographs. Also of note in Organizational Affiliations is the transcript of her 1948 trial before the Federal Security Agency Loyalty Board.

The bulk of the Myra Callis Papers is comprised of her correspondence with her husband, Dr. Henry Arthur Callis, as well as with various other family members. This unique collection of letters spans over seven decades and provides a wealth of information on the relationships and accomplishments of a notable family of educators and professionals.

The Colson family is also documented in the series, Family Papers. Ms. Callis' father, James M. Colson II, was Principal at Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute. Her mother, brothers, and sister were also educators. The activities of early Colson family members is documented in this series as well. Of note is a brief history of the family, 1830s correspondence, and an 1833-1835 record book from Monrovia, West Africa.

The Myra Colson Callis Papers were donated by Ms. Callis in 1974 along with the papers of her husband, Dr. Henry A. Callis (MSRC collection #191). Her brother, James Colson, donated additions to the collection in 1979.

Biographical Sketch

March 13, 1892

Born to James M. and Kate D. Colson in Petersburg, VA.

1915

Received B.S. from Fisk University.

1915-1917	Taught Botany and Chemistry at Armstrong High School, Richmond, VA.
1917-191[9]	Taught Physics and Chemistry at Virginia State College, Petersburg, VA.
1919-1927	Employed by the Y.W.C.A. in Cincinnati, OH, Germantown, PA, and Chicago, IL.
1922	Received certification at the National Training School for Y.W.C.A. secretaries. First African- American woman to do so.
1927	Married Dr. Henry Arthur Callis.
1928	Received M.A. from the University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration.
1928-1930	Served as assistant in research, Department of Records and Research, Tuskegee Institute.
1930	Spent three months at Fisk University assisting in compilation of research on "The Negro in Nashville."
1930-1932	Researched and wrote report, "The Employment of Negroes in the District of Columbia," and tabulated data for Carter G. Woodson's "The Negro in the Professions."
1933-1934	Served as social worker, Emergency Relief Division, Board of Public Welfare, Washington, D.C.

1935-1942	Employed at the Washington, D.C. Employment Service Center.
1948	Tried before the Federal Security Agency Loyalty Board.
1953	Retired.
1979	Died of natural causes.

Series Description

Series A	Personal Papers
Box 193-1 to Box 193-4	Autobiographical writings, day planners, a 1915 diary, and curriculum vitae provide biographical information on Ms. Callis. Educational material, membership cards, and certificates highlight her personal and professional accomplishments.

Series B	Family Papers
Box 193-4 to Box 193-8	Primarily correspondence of family members to persons other than Ms. Callis, this series provides valuable insight into the Colson family of Virginia. The bulk of the correspondence spans 1908 to the 1950s. It is arranged by family member, including Ms. Colson's parents, James M. and Kate D. Colson, and her siblings: William, Edna, James "Major," and Cortlandt. There is material other than correspondence documenting a number of relatives, notably her brother William who served in WWI, became a lawyer, and died young. Colson family correspondence with Myra Callis can be found in series C, Correspondence. In addition to Ms. Colson's immediate family, this series includes a number of documents (1830-1848) from early family members as well as biographical writings on the Colson family. There is also material documenting Ms. Callis's husband, Dr. Henry Arthur Callis.

Series C C Correspondence

Box 193-8 The bulk of the series includes correspondence with Ms. Callis's family to Box 193-39 members and provides a wealth of information on the relationships and accomplishments of a notable family of educators and professionals. In addition to Ms. Callis's personal correspondence, this series documents her professional activities as scholar, researcher, Y.W.C.A. secretary, and social worker. Correspondents include Anne Amison, John P. Davis, E. Franklin Frazier, Charles Johnson, Henry Pope, A. Philip Randolph, Carter Wesley, and Carter G. Woodson. Correspondents are arranged alphabetically, and organizational affiliations are noted in parentheses.

Series D Writings and Research by Myra Callis

Box 193-40 Published articles, manuscripts, research files, and survey information to 193-41 highlight Ms. Callis's commitment to the advancement and rights of African-Americans in the labor force. She was particularly active in support of women in industry and in domestic service. Included in this series is her Master's thesis, "Home Work Among Negro Women in Chicago," from the

University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration.

Series Description continued

Series E Organizational Affiliations

Box 193-41 Included in this series is the District of

to Box 193-44 Columbia Employment Center, where Ms. Callis was employed as a social worker from 1935-1942. Correspondence from domestic workers and employers document both sides of the center's placement service. Also of note in this series is the material documenting the United Federal Workers of America. In 1948, Ms. Callis was tried before the Federal Security Agency Loyalty Board, and her case material is found under the UFWA's legal cases. Included is a full transcript of the trial.

Series F Printed Material

Box 193-45 This series includes published articles, pamphlets, and manuscripts by
to Box 193-46 others on topics related to Ms. Callis's work. Included are several bulletins from the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor.

Series G Programs/Invitations

Box 193-46 This series is comprised of programs from events that Ms. Callis was either involved with or attended. Also included are both wedding and graduation invitations.

Series H Photographs

Box 193-47 This series is divided into four subseries: Photographs of Myra Callis;
to Box 193-49 Photographs of Myra Callis with others; Family Photographs; and Photographs without Myra Callis. Each subseries is arranged either by identified individuals and groups, or by the subject that the photographs document. Included are photographs documenting the Callis and Colson families, Fisk University, and various Y.W.C.A. camps.

Series I Scrapbooks

Items 193-50 This series is comprised of two scrapbooks of newspaper clippings
to Item 193-51 documenting politics, religion, sports, and performing arts from the 1920s to the 1940s.

Series J Oversize Material

Box 193-52 Included in this series is oversize correspondence from the Colson Family
Papers, and two rolled photographs from Myra Callis's retirement.

Series K Restricted

Box 193-53

Container List

Series A Personal Papers, 1911-1978, n.d.

Autobiographical Writings, n.d.

Box	Folder	
193-1	1	"An Auto-biography," n.d.
	2	"Germantown," n.d.
	3	"A Page in the Life of Myra Callis in the Early Years of the Twentieth Century, n.d.
	4	"Preface," n.d.
	5	"Suggested Questionnaire for Adolescents Life History," n.d.
	6	Notes, n.d.
	7	Tape-Recorded Biography of Myra Callis, n.d.
	8	Writings About Myra Callis, 1926-1930
	9	Diary, 1915

Day Planners, 1924-1974

10	1924
11	1942
12	1944
13	1945

193-2	1	1946
	2	1947
	3	1949
	4	1951
	5	1957
	6	1962
	7	1963
	8	1964
	9	1965

193-3	1	1966
	2	1967
	3	1968
	4	1969
	5	1970
	6	1971

Container List

Series A Personal Papers, 1911-1978, n.d. continued

Day Planners, 1924-1974

Box Folder

193-3

1974

7 January 21 - July 21
8 July 22 - October 21

9 Notebooks, n.d.

193-4

1 Curriculum Vitae
2 Employment Contracts, 1915, 1926

Education, 1926, 1929

3 Class Notes, "The Negro," 1929
4 Class Notes, " Social [Psych]ology," 1926

5 Membership Cards, 1914, 1935-1948
6 Certificates, 1911-1978
7 Travel Documents, n.d.

Series B Family Papers, 1830-1976, n.d.

Henry Arthur Callis, 1927-1965

- 8 Callis Family Tree, c.1955
- 9 Autobiography Preface, n.d.
- 10 Journal, 1965

Correspondence

- 11 A-Z
- 12 Adams, Numa P.G.
- 13 Barker, Prince P.
- 14 Black, J.H. (Society of Clinical
Pathologists)
- 15 Bryant, J. Edmond

Container List

Series B Family Papers, 1830-1976, n.d. continued

Correspondence

Box	Folder	
193-4	16	Bryant, Marjorie B.
	17	Callis, Helen (Daughter)
		Callis, Jane (Daughter)
193-5 1		1927-1934
	2	1935
	3	1936-1953
	4	Callis, Nellie A.
	5	Colson, Edna
	6	Colson, Kate
	7	Dailey, U.G.
	8	Dibble, Eugene H.
	9	Evans, Diane (Granddaughter)
	10	Evans, Joele (Granddaughter)
	11	Hunter, Marcellus
	12	Johnson, Mordecai W.
193-5	13	Robinson, Claude D.
	14	Wyatt, Margot (Granddaughter)

One Name Only

15	A - Z
16	Alice
17	Cora

	18	Florence
19		Gertie
		Letters of Condolence
	20-22	Letters
193-6	1-3	Cards
	4	Notes, n.d.
	5	Programs, 1934-1942

Colson Family, 1835-1848, 1932-1976.

Container List

Series B Family Papers, 1830-1976, n.d. continued

Writings About Colson Family, 1932-1976.

Box	Folder	
193-6	6	Colson, Hill, Brown Family Trees,

n.d.

- 7 The Colson Family, 1976.
- 8 "Family History: My Early Life," n.d.
- 9 Negro History Bulletin, October 1946.
- 10 Untitled History
- 11 Notes, n.d.
- 12 Newspaper Articles, 1932-1976.

- 13 Slave tax form, 1848.
- 14 Receipts, 1835-1847.
- 15 Photostats of Colson Documents, The
Register of Free Negroes and
Mulattoes; Clerk's Office,
Petersburg, VA, 1946.

Colson, Cortlandt (Brother), 1934-1955, n.d.

- 193-7 1 Newspaper Articles, n.d.
- 2 Programs, 1934-1955

Colson, Edna (Sister), 1914, 1926-1976.

- 3 Correspondence, 1914, 1940-1943.
- 4 "Unsolved Problems in Negro Education,"
1926.
- 5 Newspaper Articles, 1933-1976.
- 6 Notes, n.d.
- 7 Fisk University, 1929, 1953
- 8 Programs, 1926-1976.

- | | |
|----|---|
| 9 | Colson, James Major II (Father), n.d. |
| | Colson, James Major III (Brother), 1928, 1955,
1967. |
| 10 | Correspondence, 1928. |
| 11 | Newspaper Articles, 1955, 1967. |

Container List

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|----------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Series B | Family Papers, 1830-1976, n.d. continued | |
| | Writings About Colson Family, 1932-1976. | |
| Box | Folder | |
| 193-7 | 12 | Colson, James Major IV (Nephew), n.d. |
| | | Colson, Kate D. (Mother), 1886-1952. |
| | 13 | Biographical Sketch, n.d. |

- 14 Wedding Announcements, 1886, 1906
15 Dedication of Colson Hall, Winston-Salem
Teachers College, 1952.

Correspondence

- 16 Atkins, G.
17 Atkins, Oleana
18 Berry, Emily
19 Blackwell, Helen
20 Blough, William
21 Brown, Francis
22 Callis, Henry A.
23 Churchman, Horace
24 Colson, Cortlandt
25 Colson, Edna
26 Colson, Fannie Meade
27 Colson, James Major II
28 Colson, James Major III
193-7 29 Colson, William
30 Forbes, Lizzie
31 Haynes, Leslie
32 Jones, York
33 Lindsay, Anna
34 Mathews, S. Edwards
35 Moorland, Jesse E.
36 Pope, Henry
37 Roundtree, Fannie
38 Virginia Normal and Collegiate

Institute Students

39	Williams, T.C.
40	Woody, Mary

Container List

Series B Family Papers, 1830-1976, n.d. continued

One Name Only

Box	Folder	
193-7	41	A - Z
	42	Frances
	43	Gertie
	44	Hattie
	45	Mary
	46	Nellie
	47	Randall
193-8	1	Colson, Sarah H. [Grandmother], 1830-1836.

Colson, William Nelson (Grandfather), 1833-1836.

- 2 Correspondence, 1834-1835.
- 3 Memorandum Book, Roberts, Colson & Co.,
Monrovia, West Africa, 1833-1835.
- 4 Travel Pass, 1833.
- 5 Receipts, 1835-1836, n.d.

Colson, William Nelson (Brother), 1908-1916.

- 6 Newspaper Article (Obituary)

- Educational Material, n.d.

- 193-8 7 "Is Coeducation in College
Desirable?"
- 8 "Missionary of the New Century," n.d.
- 9 Geology Notebook, n.d.

- 10 Teaching Material, c.1915
- 11 Financial Report of the Virginia Christian
Orphanage, 1915.
- 12 Receipts, 1915.

- Correspondence, 1908, 1915-1916

Container List

Series B Family Papers, 1830-1976, n.d. continued

Box	Folder	
193-8	13	A - C
	14	Colson, James
	15	D - G
	16	Frissell, Hollis B. (President, Hampton Institute; re: Birth of a Nation).
	17	H - M
	18	Huggins, Willis N.
	19	Jones, Thomas Jesse
	20	Kelsey, Carl

- 21 N - Y
- 22 Nerney, Mary Childs (NAACP; re: Birth of a Nation).
- 23 New Republic
- 24 Peple, Charles A.
- 25 [Tourellio], Ida A. (Hampton)
- 26 Colson, William Nelson, IV (Nephew), 1960.
- 27 Elebeck, Henry, 1836.
- 28 Jackson, Booker, 1843, 1863.
- 29 Jackson, Sarah H., 1845-1846.

Series C Correspondence, 1908-1973

- 193-9 1 A
- 2 Achille, Louise T.
- 3 Alleyne, Vivian Garth (YWCA)
- Amison, E. Anne
- 4-5 Undated
- 6 1923-1929

Container List

Series C Correspondence, 1908-1973 continued

Box	Folder		
193-7	7	1932-1940	
	8	1941-1943	
	9	1944-1947	
	10	1948-1954	
	11	1955-1959	
	12	1960-1962	
	13	1963-1964	
	14	1965-1966	
	15	B	
	16		Bennett, Gwendolyn B.
	17		Bickford, Mabel E. (Interracial Conference of Church Women)
	18		Bixler, Roy W. (University of Chicago)
	19		Bowles, Eva D. (YWCA)
	20		Bragg, George
21		Bragg, Nellie	
22		Broadwell, M.H. (YWCA)	
23		Brown, Hilda E.	
24		Browne, Hugh M. (Institute for Colored Youth)	

- 25 Bullock, H.A.
- 26 Burton, Betty
- 27 Bustill, L.H.
- 28 Butler, Robert
- 29 Butler, Rosie

193-10 1

C

Callis, Helen (Step-Daughter)

- 2 Undated
- 3 1935-1941
- 4 1942
- 5 1943
- 6 1945
- 7 1946-1947

Container List

Series C Correspondence, 1908-1973 continued

Box	Folder	
193-10	8	1948-1949
	9	1950-1953
	10	1954
	11	1955-1957
	12	1958-1959
	13	1960-1964
		Callis, Henry Arthur (Husband)
	14	Undated
		1925
	15	August
	16	September
	17	October - November
193-11	1	December
		1926
	2	January
	3	June - July
	4	August - September
		1927
	5	June
	6	July 1-10

7	July 11-15
8	July 16-19
9	July 21-25
10	July 26-31
11	August 1-5
12	August 6-10
13	August 11-15

193-12 1

August 16-20

2	August 21-25
3	August 26-30
4	September
5	October 2-10

Container List

Series C Correspondence, 1908-1973 continued

Box

Folder

193-12 6

October 11-20

- 7 October 21-31
- 8 November 1-10
- 9 November 11-20
- 10 November 21-30
- 11 December

193-13 1

May

- 2 December

- 3 1929

- 4 1930

1931

- 5 March 6-17
- 6 March 18-22
- 7 March 24-31
- 8 April 1-10
- 9 April 14-21
- 10 April 22-30
- 11 May 1-11
- 12 May 12-20
- 13 May 21-31

193-14 1

August

- 2 October - December

- 3 1933

- 4 1934

1935

5	January
6	February 2-5
7	February 6-15
8	February 16-20
9	February 21-27
10	March 1-7

Container List

Series C Correspondence, 1908-1973 continued

Box	Folder	
193-14	11	March 8-16
	12	March 17-31
	13	April
	14	May 1-7
193-15	1	May 8-18

2	May 19-27
3	August - September
4	1936
5	1937
6	1940
7	1947 February
8	March - April
9	1942
10	1945
11	1946
12	1947-1948
	1950
13	June - September
14	October
15	1954

Callis, Jane (Step-Daughter)

193-16 1

1932-1938

2	1940-1941
3	1942
4	1943
5	1944
6	1945
7	1946

8	1947
9	1948
10	1949
11	1951

Container List

Series C Correspondence, 1908-1973 continued

Callis, Jane (Step-Daughter)

Box	Folder	
193-16	12	1952
	13	1953
	14	1954
	15	1955
193-17	1	1956
	2	1957
	3	1958
	4	1959
	5	1960

6	1961
7	1964-1965
8	Callis, Nellie A.
9	Calloway, Caroline
10	Carner, Lucy P. (YWCA)
11	Caruthers, J. Thomas
12	Clarke, Pauline
13	Coit, Eleanor G. (Affiliated Schools for Workers)
	Colson, Billy (Nephew)
14	1948-1955
15	1956-1961
	Colson, Cortlandt (Brother)
16	Undated
17	1912-1919
18	1920-1926
19	1927-1929
20	1930-1941
21	1942-1951
22	1952-1966

Container List

Series C Correspondence, 1908-1973 continued

Colson, Edna (Sister)

Box	Folder	
193-17	23-25	Undated
193-18	1	1908
	2	1909
	3	1911
	4	1912-1914
	5	1915-1918
	6	1922, 1924-1925
	7	1926
	8	1927
		1928
	9	January - October
	10	November - December

	11	1929
	12	1930
	13	1932-1933
	14	1934-1935
	15	1936
		1937
	16	January - June
	17	July - November
193-19 1		January - April
	2	May - December
		1939
	3	January - August
	4	September - December
		1940
	5	March - June
	6	July - November
		1941
	7	January - July
	8	August - November

Container List

Series C Correspondence, 1908-1973 continued

Colson, Edna (Sister)

Box	Folder		
193-19	9	1942	February - July
	10		August - December
		1943	
	11		January - April
	12		May - December
	13	1944	
	14	1945	
193-20	1	1946	
	2	1947	
	3	1948	
		1949	
	4		January - July
	5		August - December
		1950	
	6		January - May

	7	June - November
		1951
	8	January - June
	9	July - December
		1952
	10	January - June
	11	July - December
		1953
193-20 12		January - March
	13	April - June
	14	July - December
		1954
	15	January - July
	16	August - December

Container List

Series C Correspondence, 1908-1973 continued

Colson, Edna (Sister)

Box	Folder		
193-20	17	1955	January - April
	18		May - December
		1956	
193-21	1		January - February
	2		March - May
	3		August - September
	4		October - December
		1957	
	5		January - April
	6		May - August
	7		September - December
		1958	
	8		January - March
	9		April - July
	10		August - December
		1959	
	11		January - April
	12		May - August
	13		September - December
		1960	

193-22	1	January - March
	2	April - August
	3	September - December
		1961
	4	January - September
	5	October - December

Container List

Series C Correspondence, 1908-1973 continued

Colson, Edna (Sister)

Box	Folder	
193-22	6	January - April
	7	May - August

8 September - December

1963

9 January - April

10 May - September

11 October - December

1964

12 January - June

13 July - December

1965

193-23 1 January - May

2 June - September

3 October - December

1966

4 January - March

5 April - June

6 July - December

7 1967

8 1973

9 Colson, Elsie

10 Colson, Ernestine

11 Colson, Fannie Meade

Colson, James Major II (Father)

	1908	
12		January - October
13		November
14	1909	

Container List

Series C Correspondence, 1908-1973 continued

Colson, James Major III (Brother)

Box	Folder	
193-23	15	Undated
	16	1908-1910
	17	1911-1912
193-24	1	1913-1915
	2	1925-1932
	3	1933-1939

4 1943-1951
5 1952-1957
6 1959-1960
7 1961-1973

8 Colson, James Major IV (Nephew)

9 Colson, Jeanne (Niece)

Colson, Kate D. (Mother)

10-12 Undated

13 1908

1909

193-25 1

February - March

2 April - September

3 October

4 November - December

1910

5 January

6 February - March

7 April - June

8 July - October

9 November - December

1911

10 January

11 February - May

12	October - November
13	December

Container List

Series C Correspondence, 1908-1973 continued

Colson, Kate D. (Mother)

Box	Folder		
193-26 1		1912	January
	2		February
	3		March
	4		April
	5		May
	6		June - August
	7		October
	8		November - December
	9	1913	January - March
	10		April - May
	11		June - September
	12		October
	13		November

14 December

1914

15 January - February

16 March

17 April

193-27 1

May - June

2 October - December

1915

3 January - February

4 March - April

5 May - June

6 July - August

7 October - November

8 December

1916

9 January - February

10 March - April

11 June - July

12 September - December

Container List

Series C Correspondence, 1908-1973 continued

Colson, Kate D. (Mother)

Box	Folder		
193-27	13	1917	January - February
	14		March - May
	15		June - July
	16		August - September
	17		October - November
	18		December
		1918	
193-28	1		January - March
	2		April - May
	3		June
	4		July - November

Box Folder

C Correspondence, continued

Colson, Kate, continued

1919

193-28 5

January - April

6	May
7	June - July
8	August - October
9	November - December

1920

10	January
11	February - March
12	April - May
13	June - July
14	September
15	October
16	November
17	December

1921

193-29 1

January - March

2	April - May
3	June - July
4	September - October
5	November - December

1922

6	January - March
7	April - June
8	August - December

1923

9	January - March
10	April - July
11	August - November

1924

12	January - April
13	May - June
14	July - August
15	September - October
16	November - December

Box	Folder
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C Correspondence, continued

Colson, Kate, continued

1925

193-30 1	January - February
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2	March - April
3	May - June
4	July - August
5	September - October
6	November - December

1926

7	January - March
8	April - June
9	July - August
10	September - December

1927

11	January - March
12	April - July
13	August - September
14	October - December

1928

15	January - February
16	March - May
17	June - December

Colson, William Nelson (Brother)

193-31 1

Undated

2	1908-1910
3	1911

4	1912
5	1913
6	1914-1916
7	1917
8	1918
9	1919-1920
10	1922
11	Copenhagen, Eleanor (YWCA)
12	Cowin, Marion F. (YWCA)
13	Coyle, Grace L. (YWCA)
14	Crittenden, A. Whitman
15	Cromwell, Otelia
16	Cuthbert, Marion (Talladega College)

Box Folder

C Correspondence, continued

193-31 17 D

18	Dabney, W.P.
19	Davidson, Eugene
20	Davis, John P. (Joint Committee on National Recovery)
21	Day, Caroline B.
22	Dieckmann, Annetta
23	Dodge, Odelia
24	DuBois, W.E.B.

25 E - G

26 Edwards, Eliza (Summer School for Women
Workers, University of Wisconsin)

27 Emerson, Josephine (YWCA)

Evans, Diane (Step-Granddaughter)

193-32 1

Undated

2 1947-1951

3 1952-1953

4 1954-1957

5 1958-1960

6 1961-1967

7 Evans, Joe (Stepson-in-law)

Evans, Joele (Step-Granddaughter)

8 1948-1954

9 1955-1957

10 1958-1959

11 1960

12 1961

13 1962-1963

14 1964-1965

193-33 1

Evans, Marguerite

- 2 Ferguson, Romania (Bryn Mawr Summer School for
Women Workers in Industry)
- 3 Foster
- 4 Fox, Grace (YWCA)
- 5 Franklin, E. Frazier
- 6 Freeman, Hattie

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C Correspondence, continued

Gandy, John M. (Virginia Normal and Industrial
Institute)

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1913

- 8 1914
- 9 1917
- 10 1921

- 11 Gifford, Helen W. (YWCA)
- 12 Glover, Sawnie
- 13 Grant, Walter S.
- 14 Graves, Margaret (Bryn Mawr Summer School for
Women Workers in Industry)
- 15 Gray, Hattie (Aunt)
- 16 Green, Helen D. (YWCA)

Greenfield, Margaret

17	Undated
18	1943-1948
19	1949-1950
20	1951
21	1952
22	1953-1954
23	1955-1957
24	1958-1959
25	1960-1962

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1963

2	1964
3	1965-1966

4 Guthrie, Anne

5 H

6 Hampton, Jonas

7 Hansberry

8 Harris, Llewellyn

9 Harris, Marketta

Harrison, Thomas

10 1911-1912

- 11 1913, 1915
- 12 Harrison, Wilhemina (YWCA)

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C Correspondence, continued

- 193-34 13 Hatcher, O. Latham
- 14 Haynes, George E. (Joint Committee on National Recovery)
- 15 Heipp, Elsie (YWCA)
- 16 Heiskell, Elsie (Sister-in-law)
- 17 Herbst, Alma
- 18 Hill, Helen (Bryn Mawr Summer School for Women Workers in Industry)
- 19 Hill, Leslie Pinckney (Cheyney Training School for Teachers)
- 20 Hill, T. Arnold (National Urban League)
- 21 Honnay, Mathilda
- 22 Hovey, George Rice
- 23 Hubbard, Dorothy L. (YWCA)
- 24 Hunter, John C. (Nephew)
- 25 Huston, Lydia (Summer School for Women Workers in Industry)
- 26 I-L

27 Itoh, Masayoshi (Stepson-in-law)

Jackson, Alice A.

28 Undated

29 1940-1941, 1952-1953

30 1954-1955

193-35 1 1956-1958

2 1959-1960

3 1961-1963

4 1964-1965

5 Jackson, Gwen R.

6 Jackson, Julien D.

7 Johnson, Charles

8 Johnson, Mordecai W.

Johnston, Alma

9 Undated

10 1922

11 1923, 1925

12 1928-1946

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C Correspondence, continued

Johnston, Virgie

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1912, 1915, 1921

1922

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January - June

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July - December

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1923

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1924-1925

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Jones, E.N.

19

Kautz, Katherine I. (Bryn Mawr Summer School
for Women in Industry)

20

Lewis, [Olive] T. (YWCA)

21

Lewison, Paul

193-36 1

Line, Thelma (YWCA)

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Mac - Mc

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| 3 | Mclaren, Louise Leonard (Southern Summer School
for Women Workers in Industry) |
| 4 | M |
| 5 | Magee, Elizabeth S. (Summer School for Women
Workers, University of Wisconsin) |
| 6 | Martin, Anna O. |
| 7 | Meade, Fannie |
| 8 | Mepette, Grace |
| 9 | Meredith, Amaza Lee |
| 10 | Metcalf, Wilmat |
| 11 | Miller, Helen Hill (Washington Workers
Education Committee) |
| 12 | Morrow, C.W. (letter of reference) |
| 13 | N |
| 14 | Nelson, Robert John and Alice Dunbar |
| 15 | Nett, Ambrose B. |
| 16 | Owen, S. Vincent (Federal Emergency Relief
Administration of Georgia) |
| 17 | Oxley, Lawrence A. |

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P - Q

19 Parsons, Marguerite (Federal Emergency Relief
Administration of Georgia)

20 Pearson, Lorene

21 Pfeiffer, Charlotte

Poindexter, Ruth

22 Undated

23 1953-1958

24 1959-1961

25 Pope, Henry

26 Quallo, L.O. (Mrs.)

27 R

28 Randolph, A. Philip (The Messenger)

29 Randolph, Rae C.

30 Redstrom, Ruth

Reed, Bernice A.

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Undated

2 1936, 1939

3 1940-1941

4	1942-1943
5	1944
6	1945
7	1946
8	1952-1962
9	Rhoades, Lillian
10	Robinson, Eunice
11	Roelofs, Henrietta (YWCA)
12	S - T
13	Savage
14	Shepanski, Irene

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C Correspondence, continued

Shepard, Betty

193-37	15	1931
	16	1932-1933

- 17 Simpson, Mary (YWCA)
- 18 Smith, Alfred Edgar (WPA)
- 19 Steele, Mary (WPA)
- 20 Stoll, Louise K. (YWCA)

Stone, Olive

- 21 Undated
- 22 1934-1937
- 23 1938-1962

193-38 1 Sturges, Sarah E.D. (YWCA)

- 2 Trawick, A.M. (YWCA)
- 3 Turner, Lorenzo D.

- 4 W - Y

- 5 Walford, C.P. (Richmond Public Schools)
- 6 Ward, Rosa
- 7 Weeden, Lula L. (YWCA)
- 8 Wells, Dorothy P. (YWCA)

Wesley, Carter

- 9 1912, 1925-1926
- 10 1956-1957
- 11 1958-1959
- 12 1960-1962

- 13 White, M.E.
- 14 White, Walter (NAACP)
- 15 Whitfield, Susan
- 16 Whiting, Mabel L. (YWCA)
- 17 Williams, Frances H. (YWCA)
- 18 Wilson, Evelyn (National League of Girls Clubs)
- 19 Wilson, Gail
- 20 Wilson, Gertrude (YWCA)

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C Correspondence, continued

Winfield, Naomi

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1911-1933

22 1941-1959

23 1960-1962

24 Winn, Cordelia A. (YWCA)

25 Woods, Helen (YWCA)

26 Woodson, Carter G.

Wyatt, Margot (Step-Granddaughter)

27	1942-1952
28	1953-1959
29	1961-1963

One Name Only

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A - E

2	Adele
3	Bertha
4	Betty
5	Beverly
6	Dorothy
7	Ernestine

8 F - L

9	Florence (Aunt)
10	Gertie (Aunt)
11	Horace
12	Ida

13 M - W

14	Mary
15	Maurine
16	Nell (Aunt)
17	Rena
18	Sue (Aunt)

- 19 Illegible
- 20 Other Correspondents

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Industrial Women) February 20 to March 21,
1944."
- 3 "The Colored Woman in Industry," n.d.
- 4 "Colored Women in Industry," n.d.
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Domesticated Industrial Jobs," May 1943
- 6 "D.C. Averts Laundry Crisis, co-authored with
Ethel Starr, September 1943.
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Columbia," co-authored with Lorenzo J.
Greene, c.1930.
- 9 "The Employment Progress of Negro Women in the

United States, 1890-1920," 1928

- 10 "Employment Prospects for the Practical Nurse,"
n.d.
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Service Administration, March 1928.
- 12 [Household Employment], 1934.
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United States," c.1920s
- 14 [Labor Union Survey], 1928.
- 15 "Legal Status of the Free Negro in Tennessee:
A Summary of account by Caleb Patterson in
The Negro in Tennessee, 1790-1865."
- 16 "Legal Status of the Negro Slave in
Tennessee: A Summary of Caleb Patterson's
The Negro in Tennessee, 1790-1856."
- 193-41 1 "Negro Home Workers in Chicago," September
1928.
- 2 "The Negro in Industry," (notes), c.1923
- 3 "The Negro in Literature, 1924-1929," c.1929.
- 4 "The Negro in Literature, 1924-1929," (notes),
c.1929
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- 7 "Negro Women in Industry," (notes), n.d.
- 8 "The Placement of Negro Women Workers as
General Houseworkers," n.d.

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"Placing Household Workers in the Nation's
Capital," December, 1949.

- 10 "The Problems of the Placement of General
Houseworkers by the District of Columbia
Public Employment Center," n.d.
- 11 "Re: Randall Hampton," n.d.
- 12 "Report on the Household Employment of Negroes
in Washington, D.C.," n.d.
- 13 "Some Observations on the Industrial Employment
of Negro Women," n.d.
- 14 "A Study of Negro Women in the Clothing
Industry in Three Northern and Three
Southern Cities: New York, Philadelphia,
and Chicago; Baltimore, Atlanta, and New
Orleans," n.d.
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to the Negro to be Carried on at Tuskegee
Institute," 1929.
- 16 [Trade Unions], 1928.
- 17 [Vocational Guidance], 1929.
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1941.
- 19 "The Woman Worker Under the N.R.A.," c.1932.

20 Fragments

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21 American Federation of Labor, 1936

22 American Federation of Teachers, 1929-1937

193-42 1 American League for Peace and Democracy, 1939

2 Atlanta School of Social Work, 1936

3 Brookwood, 1927

4 Bryn Mawr Summer School for Women Workers in
Industry, 1926-1927

District of Columbia Employment Center

5 Administrative Papers, 1944, n.d.

Correspondence

6 Memoranda, 1934-1947

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E Organizational Affiliations, continued

District of Columbia Employment Center,

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A-H

Berry, Mary

Brown, Christalia

Burruss, Sara

Constantinople, Patricia

Contee, Bernice

Davis, Jeanette

Edwards, Janie

Greig, Ruth B.

Hamilton, James

Harper, Lena

Howard, Margaret

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L-W

Lomax, Agnes

Nalls, Josephine L.

McAdoo, Lillian

McCallig, Virginia

Maney, Elizabeth

March, F.A.

Newman, Bernie

Pettis, Nellie

Sachs, H.L.

Sager, C. Douglas
Shaffer, Rhoda
Shereshefsky, Pauline Miller
Simms, Elizabeth D.
Stanley, Elizabeth
[Tibbs]
Wilbur, Lillie
Wilson, Louise

Fisk University

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| 9 | Centennial Celebration, 1966. |
| 10 | Fisk News, 1914, 1929-1966. |
| 11 | Printed Material, 1927, 1947, 1953. |
| 12 | National Association of College Women, 1926 |

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E Organizational Affiliations, continued

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| 193-42 | 13 | National Association of Teachers in Colored
Schools, 1931 |
| | 14 | National Congress for Unemployment and Social
Insurance, 1935 |
| | 15 | Opportunity, Invitation designed by Weinold
Reis, 1925. |

16 Public Employment Center of Rochester, 1931

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Constitution/Resolutions, 1940

2 Rosters, n.d.

3 Memos, 1941-1942

4 Reports/Minutes

5 Surveys

Conferences, 1940-1942

6 1st National Convention, 1940

7 2nd Constitutional Convention, 1942

8 Discrimination Conference, 1941

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Callis Case, 1948

9 "Transcript of the Proceedings
before the Federal Security
Agency Loyalty Board",

November 15-17, 1948

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Set-Up," 1948

11 Information Bulletins

12 Correspondence

13

Letters of Support

Brooks, Dovie G.

Green, Rosa W.

Johnson, Charles S.

McCoy, Nellie B.

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Newspaper Clippings

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Petitions

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Mass Meeting Leaflet

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Donovan Case, 1934

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McAlpin Case, 1940

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Miller Case, 1941

Printed Material, 1940-1944

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Flyers, n.d.

Newsletters

9 "Local Ten-O-Gram," 1940-1941

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13 University of Chicago School of Social Service
Administration, 1929-1941

14 Virginia State College for Negroes, 1937

15 Washington Committee for Democratic Action,
1940-1941

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1934

Works Progress Administration, Washington D.C.

18 Domestic and Personal Service Study, 1940

Young Women's Christian Association

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Undated

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1908-1929

15	1932-1949
16	1951-1958
17	1961-1969
18	1972-1978

H Photographs

Photographs of Myra Colson Callis

Portraits

193-47 1	1915, 1919, n.d.
2	c.1920; W.W. Foster, photographer, Richmond.
3	c.1924; R.D. Jones, photographer.
4	c.1928; Quarles, photographer, Tuskegee.
5-6	c.1933; Scurlock, photographer, Washington, D.C.

7	Snapshots
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Photographs of Myra Colson Callis with Others

8	Identified Others
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Callis, Henry Arthur

Colson, Edna

Poindexter, John

Savage, Mary

9 Fisk University

YWCA

10 Baseball Team, c.1920

11 Cheyney, PA Camp

12 Germantown, PA Camp

13 Jersey City

Family Photographs

14 Unidentified

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Family Photographs, continued

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Callis Family Photographs

16 Colson Family

17 Colson, Adell O.

18 Colson, Charles Sumner

19 Colson, Cortlandt and Family

20	Colson, Edna
21	Colson, James Major II and Fannie Meade Bolling Colson
22	Colson, James Major III
23	Colson, James Major IV "Major"
24	Colson, James Major V "Jimmie"
25	Colson, Kate
26	Rowntree, Fannie Meade
27	West, Melvina Colson

Photographs without Myra Colson Callis

Unidentified

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Bathers

2	Buildings
3	Groups
4	Sports Teams
5	Women

6 Identified Individuals

- Amison, Anne
- Casey, Estelle
- Connelly, Mr. and Mrs.
- Howard, Clara
- Lealted, Catherine and Mrs. Cohron
- Magowan, Pearl
- Mosely, Viola

Poindexter, John Hill
Robinson, Eunice
Smith, Caroline Duval
Stanley, Eliza
Wallace, Mrs. and Mrs. Watcher
Walton, Blanche
Wilson, Gertrude and Crystal Bird

Fisk University

7 Unidentified

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Fisk University, continued

193-48 8 Identified

Atwood, Blanche
Kelley, Charles
Lewis, Charles
Nelson, Atwood S.
Schaefer, Essel and Carrie Napier
Tildon, Esther and Martha Merrick

Walton, Blanche and Laura Drake

Young Women's Christian Association

Cheyney, Pennsylvania

9 Unidentified

10 Identified

Dandridge, Ethelyn

Hill, Leslie Pinckney

Magowan, Pearl

Shields, Emma

Williams, Clayda

11 Chicago, Illinois

Cincinnati, Ohio

12 Unidentified

13 Identified

Callima, Mr. and Mrs.

Dabney, Wendell Philip

Davis, Margaret

Davis, Mrs.

Forte, Mrs.

Forte, Vera
Lawson, Isabel, Hazel Jones
Moore, Ruth
Tate, Mary
Tompkins, Sara
Wallace, Mrs.
Ward, Rosa, Hazel Jones

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Young Women's Christian Association,
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Dayton, Ohio

Germantown, Pennsylvania

15 Unidentified

16 Identified

Archie, Beulah
Magowan, Pearl
Yancey, Rose

17 Jersey City, New Jersey

18 New York City, New York

193-49 1 Henry Arthur Callis' Graduating High
School Class, Binghamton, NY.

2 Postcards

3 Negatives

I Scrapbooks, 1920s-1940s

Item 193-50 Newspaper clippings about politics, sports, and
performing arts, 1920's-1930's.

Item 193-51 Newspaper clippings about politics, sports, and
religion, 1930's-1940's.

193-52 J Oversize Material

Colson family documents

Rolled Photographs

193-53 K Restricted

Financial Material

