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JEANNETTE CARTER COLLECTION
Collection 12-1

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Scope Note

The Jeannette Carter Collection was donated to Howard University by Mrs. R.T. Ward in 1965. The collection totals « linear foot and spans the period 1927-1964. The collection is a sampling of items documenting the activities of Jeannette Carter. Miss Carter resided in Washington, D.C. most of her career. She was very active in politics, particularly in relation to the Republican party. She was founder and President of the National Political Study Club; and served as first editor and manager of the Women's Voice, a national women's magazine published in the interest of the Republican policies. Miss Carter was also active in women's rights, campaigning avidly for women's suffrage. In 1918 she served as President of the Woman's Wage Earner's Association.

Miss Carter's brother, William Justin was also very active in politics and labor. Attorney Carter, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania was one of the organizers of the Niagara Movement; and was chairman of the Commission to Rewrite the State Workmen's Compensation Act in Pennsylvania. The collection contains a few items of biographical materials related to him. The collection also includes a speech by William Justin Carter, Jr.; a few photographs, and some general printed materials on politics and religion.

Biographical Sketch

- Jeannette Carter
1886 Born in Harrisburg, PA.
- 1908-1912 Attended Howard University Law School.
- 1918 Served as President of the Women's Wage Earner's Association.
- 1923 Founder and President of the National Political Study Club.
- 1939 First editor and manager of the Women's Voice, "a national women's magazine published in the interest of Republican policies."
- 1964 Died in Washington, D.C.

Biographical Sketch

William Justin Carter, Sr.

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| 1886 May 28 | Born in Richmond, VA. |
| 1883-84 | Attended Virginia State College. |
| 1892 | Graduated from Howard University Law School. |
| 1892-94 | Taught school in Annapolis, MD. |
| 1894 January | Admitted to Dauphin County Bar in Pennsylvania. |
| 1894-1947 | Attorney in Harrisburg, PA holding positions as district attorney, secretary to Lt. Governor E.E. Beidleman, Chairman of the Commission to Rewrite the State Workman's Compensation Act, and a member of legal staff of Unemployment Compensation Bureau. |
| 1907 | One of the organizers of the Niagara Movement. |
| 1910 | Delegate to the Universal Races Congress in London, England. |
| 1927 | Appointed as a member of the Howard University Board of Trustees. |
| 1946 June | Conferred an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, Virginia State University. |
| 1947 March 23 | Died in Harrisburg, PA. |

source: Jeannette Carter Collection

Series Description

- Series A** **Jeannette Carter**
Box 12-1 Correspondence primarily related to her political activities; speeches related to women's rights and politics; programs and organizational materials related to the organizations of which she was affiliated.
- Series B** **William Justin Carter**
Box 12-1 Biographical materials, includes news-clippings, speech, resolution, and a letter.
- Series C** **William Justin Carter, Jr.**
Box 12-1 A copy of his speech that was broadcasted by WKBO radio station, to encourage the election of republican candidates, Thomas E. Dewey, John C. Kunkel, Governor Duff and Senator Taylor of Pennsylvania.
- Series D** **Lester H. Sweeney**
Box 12-1 A brief synopsis of a murder case convicting Corporal Lester Sweeney, U.S. Army in 1945.
- Series E** **Photographs**
Box 12-1 Several unidentified individuals, and two photographs of Mary Elizabeth Spencer.
- Series F** **Printed Materials**
Box 12-1 Newsclippings, broadsides, periodicals, pamphlets related to politics and religion.

Container List

- Series A Jeannette Carter**
Box Folder
12-1 1 Biographical data
2 Correspondence
3 Suppression of News by Newspapers
4 Woman Wage Earners Assn.
5 Woman's Suffrage 1-4 missing
6 Woman's Suffrage
7 National Political Study Club
8 Republican National Committee
9 Programs
- Series B William Justin Carter**
10 In memoriam-newsclippings
11 In memoriam -resolution
12 Correspondence (honorary degree from Virginia State College 1946)
13 Speech before a Virginia agricultural and mechanical association.
- Series C William Justin Carter, Jr.**
14 Speech Oct. 27, 1948 Vote for Republican Candidates
- Series D Lester H. Sweeney**
15 Lester H. Sweeney Case
- Series E Photographs**
16 Mary Elizabeth Spencer
17 Unidentified Individuals
- Series F Printed Materials**
18 Newsclippings
19 Pamphlets, broadsides, periodicals.