CARY, Maryann Shadd

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Scope Note

The Mary Ann Shadd Cary Papers are contained in one box measuring ½ linear feet and cover the period between 1844 to 1884.

Included in the papers are correspondence, articles, speeches, editorials, reports, documents, printed material, and programs relating to Mary Ann Shadd Cary's 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.

Transcripts have been provided throughout the collection for many of the items that are in poor condition or otherwise illegible. There are also some incomplete and unidentified papers in this collection.

These papers were donated to the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center by Vanetta Willis in 1971.
Biographical Data

Cary, Mary Ann Shadd

1823          October 9, Born in Wilmington, De., the first of the 13 children of Abraham and Harriet Shadd.

1833-39        Educated in a Quaker School, West Chester, Penn.

1839-50        Taught in various schools for colored children in Wilmington, West Chester, New York City, and Norristown, Penn.

1850          The Fugitive Slave Law was passed and Cary moved to Canada West.

1850          Lectured in the U.S. convincing colored Americans to emigrate to Canada.

1854          Established The Provincial Freeman, the first anti-slavery organ in Canada West.

1856 Jan. 3    Married Thomas F. Cary of Toronto and settled in Chatham, Canada West.

1861          Because of her interest in the John Brown movement she compiled and published the notes of Osborne P. Anderson, a member of John Brown's company at Harper's Ferry, October 1859.

1863          Appointed Recruiting Army Officer by special order to enlist colored volunteers in the Union Army in Indiana.

1865          Moved to Washington, D.C.

1867          Entered Howard University Law Department.

1870          Received her LL.B. degree from the Howard University Law Department.

1881          Became a member of the National Women's Suffrage Association.

1893          Died.

*According to the Directory of Howard U. Graduates, Cary is listed as graduating in 1883.
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Box 13-1  Howard University commencement program of 1871 and program of the 40th anniversary of the women's suffrage movement

Series K  Unidentified and Incomplete Material
Box 13-1  Untitled manuscripts: some with missing pages, others illegible; drawings; notes; excerpts from poetry primarily concerned with Blacks; temperance; women and politics.
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     34 Cary, M.A.S. - Wash., D.C. April 1871. Oath of residence
     35 Cary, M.A.S. - Wash., D.C., Sept. 1, 1874. Teaching certificate
     36 Chatham, Canada West, March 14, 1858. Petition
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52 ("Washington Star") (1888) - clipping xerox - A(urene) L(ensure) Shadd
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      54 Annual Commencement of H. U. Law Department

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