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COOK FAMILY COLLECTION
Collection 20-1 to 20-3

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Scope Note

The Cook Family Collection was donated to the Howard University in two installments. The first was presented in May 1961 by Mrs. Harriet Shadd Butcher and Charlotte Atwood in memory of Jane Eleanor Datcher. The second was presented By Mrs. Elizabeth Abele Cook Faulkner in March 1967. The two gifts were combined in 1970 and the collection totals approximately 180 items, spanning the period 1827-1969.

The collection has a number of historical documents of interest. It begins with a genealogical chart of the Cook family, outlining seven generations, and the free papers of Rev. John Francis Cook and his children Mary and George are also significant. Most of the materials about the Cook family are related to Rev. Cook (1810-1855). A founder of the Union Bethel Church and pioneer of education for Blacks in Washington, D.C., Rev. Cook's papers document his activities in these areas. There are also some writings by Rev. Cook, including his diary from June 6, 1850 to March 5, 1851; a poem to his wife; and a speech "on the injurious effects of tobacco". Materials about other members of the Cook family consist primarily of biographical data, certificates and correspondence. There is also an extensive collection of photographs of the family. Among the Cook Family Collection are a number of historical documents not directly related to the family's activities. There are two letters from abolitionist Frederick Douglass and William Lloyd Garrison. There is a marriage license and passport of Montgomery Parke.

Scope Note continued

There is a resolution from the Colored Citizens of Washington in regards to the Liberia Colony dated ca. 1835. Also of interest are the artifacts and memorabilia including badges from national presidential campaigns and inaugurations 1889-1904.

Series Description

- Series A**
Box 20-1 **Cook Family Papers**
Biographical materials; writings, free papers and certificates related to members of the Cook Family, including a genealogical chart outlining seven generations. Materials are arranged by the names of the family member. Most materials are related to Rev. John Francis Cook, including his diary and some records from the Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, Washington, D.C.
- Series B**
Box 20-1 **Correspondence**
Correspondence belonging to various members of the Cook family are arranged by family member. In addition there are two letters written by abolitionist Frederick Douglass and William Lloyd Garrison.
- Series C**
Box 20-1 **Documents and Writings of Others**
Some reports, a resolution, biographical sketch manumission deed, marriage certificate and passport belonging to individuals not related to the Cook family.
- Series D**
Box 20-1 **Memorabilia**
Invitations, program, news clipping, book, newspaper and drawing.
- Series E**
Box 20-2 **Photographs**
Primarily photographs of members of the Cook family, also includes photographs of the Grace Club, Montgomery Harriet Parke, and the residence of John F. Cook II.
- Series F**
Box 20-3 **Artifacts**
Badges from presidential campaigns, inaugural ceremonies and Republican Conventions 1889-1904, and a pin-cushion for Mrs. Keckly dated 1895.
- Series G**
Box 20-3 **Oversize Items**
The original diploma of George F.T. Cook; the original passport of Montgomery Parke; and a reproduction of a portrait of Alethia Browing Tanner.

Container List

Series A

Box

20-1

Cook Family

Folder

- 1 Genealogical data
- 2 Newsclippings
- 3 Certificate of Freedom for John F.; Mary Victoria; and George Frederick Cook.

Cook, John Francis
- 4 Biographical sketches
- 5 Sources making reference to J.F. Cook
- 6 Diary - original
- 7 Diary - xerox copy (Also microfilm, Box 20-3)
- 8 "For the" benefit of a young man about to disenthral himself from slavery" (program)
- 9 A Heart To Be Let (poem)
- 10 "On the Injurious Effects of Tobacco" Dec. 15, 1834 (address)
- 11 Bean, James. The Christian Ministers Affectionate Advice to a Married Advice to a Married Couple (inscribed by J.F. Cook)
- 12 History of the Founding of Union Bethel Church 1838
- 13 Minutes of the Founding of Union Bethel Church - July 6, 1838
- 14 Report to Board of Trustees, Union Bethel Church - Sept. 1, 1840
- 15 Extract of Proceedings of Annual Conference of the A.M.E. Church
-
April 28, 1840

Cook, George F.T.
- 16 Military Pass - July 7, 1861
- 17 Diploma - May 28, 1890 (xerox copy)

Cook, Charles Chauveau
- 18 In Memoriam (program)

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Series A

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Cook Family continued

Folder

Datcher, Jane Eleanor (Nellie)

- 19 Certificate - D.C. Public Schools, June, 1882
- 20 Certificate - D.C. Public Schools, June, 1877 (xerox copy)
- 21 In memoriam (program)

Datcher, Mary V.

- 22 Certificate - D.C. Public School, August, 1887

James, Gladys V.

- 23 In memoriam (program)

Series B

Correspondence

- 24 William Lloyd Garrison to Mrs. Mitchell, Dec. 20, 1878
- 25 Frederick Douglass to Dr. Furman Shadd, May 13, 1892
- 26 Bessie Cook to Ralph Victor Cook, Dec. 17, 1901
- 27 Bessie Cook to George Frederick Cook, Sept. 29, 1909
- 28 Elizabeth Abele Cook Faulkner - Henry S. Robinson
- 29 Victor R. Daly to Elizabeth Abele Cook Faulkner, Sept. 24, 1965

Series C

Documents and Writings of Others

- 30 King, Samuel D. - Certificate as Justice of Peace - Aug. 15, 1842
- 31 Parke, Montgomery. Manumission deed- July 25, 1833
- 32 Parke, Montgomery and Harriet E. Bruce Marriage Certificate - June 27, 1850
- 33 Parke, Harriet E. Appointment as Administrator of the Estate of Montgomery Park, Aug. 2, 1852
- 34 Parke Montgomery. Passport Jan. 16, 1857 (xerox copy)
- 35 Washington, Eliza. Free Papers, Oct. 30, 1827
- 36 Address before the President, Bishops and General Officers, A.M.E. Church
- 37 Charlotte Forten Grimke (biographical sketch)

Container List

Series F

Box

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Artifacts continued

Folder

- D.C. Delegate Republican National Convention Chicago June 21st 1904
- Inaugural March 4, 1897 (torn)

- Centennial Inaugural Harrison and Morton 1889

- July 27, 1904 (picture T. Roosevelt)

- Delegate Republic National Convention June 21st 1904

- Inaugural -Inauguration of Theodore Roosevelt 1905

- Reception -Inauguration of Theodore Roosevelt 1905

- Inaugural - Second Inauguration of William McKinley 1901

- District of Columbia- Member of Committee to notify Theodore Roosevelt of New York of his nomination by the Republican National Convention of 1904 for President of the United States

Medallion:

- Second Inauguration of William McKinley March 4, 1904

Pincushion:

- Mrs. E. Keckly 1895

Tin Holder:

- Holder for identification papers carried by free men of color before civil war

Container List

Series G

Box

20-3

Oversize Items

Folder

- Cook, George F.T. -Diploma May 23, 1890

- Parke, Montgomery - Passport - Jan. 16, 1857 (original)

- Reproduction of a portrait of Aletha Browning Tanner

- Datcher, Jane Eleanor - Certificate June 1877

- Datcher, Jane Eleanor - Certificate June 1882