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ROBERT J. DICKEY, JR. PAPERS
Collection 151-1 to 151-6

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Scope Note

The papers of Robert J. Dickey, Jr., [? - 1941], measure approximately 3 linear feet, and are composed mainly of correspondence, financial papers and photographs. They span the period between the 1880's and the 1930's, with the bulk of them covering the period between 1889 and 1928.

One significant value of these papers is their presentation of the financial transactions of a professional, single Black male during this period. The financial papers show that Dickey owned stocks and securities. He also owned property which was managed by real estate companies. Although Dickey earned two degrees in Law, he remained a civil servant.

The Dickey papers contain a number of period photographs of unidentified people. Also among the Dickey papers are the business and financial records of Dickey's friend, Anna E. Thompson, and her mother, Mary A. Thompson. These records show some of the financial activities of Black women during that period.

Biographical Sketch

Biographical information on Robert J. Dickey is very limited. However, it has been determined that he was born in Franklin, Kentucky during the early part of the 19th Century. He attended primary and secondary school in his hometown and later moved to Washington, D.C. where he attended Howard University. Dickey was graduated from Howard University with a Bachelor of Law degree in 1891 and the Master of Law degree in 1892. Dickey remained in Washington, D.C. after graduation from Howard and made his home in the city. He obtained positions in Washington in various branches of the government and spent over 34 years in civil service.

His career included tenure as an Operative in the General Accounting office (GAO), a Sorter in the Post office Department and a Clerk in the Treasury Department. In August of 1923, he took a leave of absence from the GAO for one year due to ill health. There is no evidence that Dickey ever married.

The last active records in the Dickey papers are dated 1928. He died on Wednesday, December 10, 1941 at Freedman's Hospital in Washington, D.C. and was buried on December 18th of the same year at Harmony Cemetery.

Sources: Robert J. Dickey, Jr. Papers, MSRC, Howard University. Obituary, *The Evening Star*, December 12, 1941.

Series Description

Series A Correspondence

Box 151-1 Letters from and to relatives, friends and business associates and one letter
to Box 151-3 from his father. (For financial correspondence see Series B.)

Series B Financial Papers

Box 151-3 Business and financial records, including bank statements, canceled checks,
to Box 151-4 and receipts for taxes, insurance, real estate holdings, stocks and securities; related
correspondence arranged alphabetically by company name. (For personal
correspondence, see Series A.)

Series C Organizational Affiliations

Box 151-4 Notices, correspondence, assessments; and receipt books, certificates and
membership cards, constitution and by-laws and statements of purpose for
organizations in D.C. in which Dickey held memberships or had an active interest.

Series D Programs, Invitations and Memorabilia

Box 151-4 Programs from events and activities, invitations to programs and
events, and various memorabilia.

Series E Printed Materials

Box 151-4 Published writings and newsclippings on various topics of black history and culture
which were collected by Dickey; also includes a 1924 National Baptist Convention
publication.

Series F Anna E. Thompson and Mary A. Thompson

Box 151-5 Business and financial papers of Dickey's friend, Anna, and her mother, Mary;
includes bank statements, real estate receipts, insurance policies, deeds and a
will. These items appear to be unrelated to the Dickey papers themselves, but are a
part of his records.

Series G Photographs

Box 151-6 Photographs of Robert J. Dickey, Jr. and his father, Robert Sr.; a few photographs
of friends but must be unidentified. Dickey's relationship to the persons who
have been identified in their photos is undetermined

Container List

Series A	Correspondence
Box	Folder
151-1	1 Aa-Be
	2 Bell, Emma J.
	3 Bell, Lenora
	4 Bf-Bo
	5 Bogan, Rosetta
	6 Bogan, W. H. 1888-1919
	7 Bogan, W. H. 1920-1924
	8 Bp-Br
	9 Bs-Bz
	10 Ca-Cu
	11 Cunningham, Nathan
	12 Cv-Da
	13 Db-Di
	14 Dickey, Robert J., Jr.
	15 Dickey, Robert J., Sr.
	16 Dj-Dz
	17 Ea-Ez
151-2	1 Fa-Je
	2 Jewell, Emma L. 1885-1888
	3 Jewell, Emma L. 1889-1923
	4 Jf-Lz
	5 Ma-Mz
	6 Mangrum, Mary E. Wade
	7 Martin, Mattie 1921-1923
	8 Martin, Mattie 1924
	9 Martin, Mattie 1925-1926
	10 Na-Pz
	11 Ra-Zz
	12 Thompson, Anna E.
	13 First Name Only - Gertrude
	14 First Name Only - Lena
	15 First Name Only - Mary
	16 First Name Only - Mattie
	17 First Name Only - Paradine
	18 First Name Only - Priscilla
	19 First Name only - Winnie
	20 Unsigned
	21 Partial Letters
	22 Other Correspondents

Container List

Series A **Correspondence** continued

Box	Folder
151-3	1 Cards - Postal
	2 Cards - Greeting
	3 Cards - Business and calling cards
	4 Envelopes
	5 Envelopes - Other Addressees

Series B **Financial Papers**

151-4	6 Correspondence	A-C	
	7 Correspondence	Columbia National Bank 1923 - 1924	
	8 Correspondence	Columbia National Bank 1925 - 1928	
	9 Correspondence	D-F	
	10 Correspondence	G-R	
	11 Correspondence	S-Z	
	12 Envelopes		
	13 Payroll Time Cards		
	14 Individual Income	Tax and Worksheets	
	15 Bank Receipts		
	16 Bank Statements	1923	
	17 Bank Statements	1924	
	18 Bank Statements	1925	
	19 Bank Statements	1926	
	20 Bank Statements	1927	
	21 Canceled Checks	1920 & 1921	
	22 Canceled Checks	1926	
	23 Canceled Checks	1927	
	24 Lottery Tickets		
		1 Stocks and Securities	
		2 Real Estate Maintenance Receipts	
		3 Real Estate Management Receipts	
		4 Real Estate Tax Receipts	
		5 Real Estate Receipts	
	6 Utilities Receipts		
	7 Insurance Receipts		
	8 Business Receipts		
	9 Personal Receipts		
	10 Business and Financial Notes		

Container List

Series C Organizational Affiliations

Box	Folder	
151-4	11	Bethel Literary and Historical Association
	12	Frederick Douglass Relief Association
	13	Men's Cliff Rock Beneficial Association, Inc.
	14	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
	15	19 th Street Baptist Church
	16	Republican National Committee
	17	William Andrew Freeman Lodge #2099
	18	Woodmont Council

Series D Programs, Invitations and Memorabilia

19	Program-4 th Summer Festival, Sylvan Theatre
20	Invitations
21	Memorabilia

Series E Printed Materials

22	Barber, J. Max, "The Atlanta Race Riots"
23	Clarke, H.H., "How Hon. Warren G. Harding Was Shown How To Be President of the United States, When He Was Only A candidate for Re-Election to the United States Senate in 1920, By the 'World's Greatest Colored Politician', the 'original Harding Man' and 'American's colored Political Genius' "
24	Foraker, Joseph B. (Hon.), "The Black Battalion" [Speeches in the Senate, 1906-1907]
25	Foraker, Joseph B. (Hon.), "Foraker Bill for Restoration of Discharged Soldiers, An Issue in Approaching Campaign [Letter to John B. Milholland re postponement of vote on Brownsville (Texas) Matter]
26	Van Schaick, John - "Nomination of Dr. John Van Schaick, Jr. to be a Commissioner of the District of Columbia" [Hearings]
27	Wilson, Woodrow (President), "Address of the President of the United States at the Semicentennial of the Founding of the City of Birmingham, Alabama" [Speech re: Race Relations]
28	Commercial Flyers and Advertisements

Periodicals

29	Metoka and Galeda Magazine
30	Newspaper clippings (Xerox copies)

Container List

Series F

Anna E. Thompson and Mary A. Thompson

Box

Folder

Anna E. Thompson

- 151-5
- 1 Correspondence
 - 2 Envelopes
 - 3 Certificates
 - 4 Holograph Notes
 - 5 Bank Notes and Loans
 - 6 Bank Statements 1926 & 1927
 - 7 Checks and Check Stubs
 - 8 Individual Income Tax 1924
 - 9 Insurance Policies & Premium Books
 - 10 Real Estate Maintenance & Management Receipts
 - 11 Personal Receipts & Receipt Books

Mary A. Thompson

- 12 Correspondence
- 13 Will
- 14 Cemetery Plot Receipt
- 15 Deeds
- 16 Payment Book
- 17 Real Estate Management Receipts
- 18 Real Estate Management Receipts

Series G

Photographs

151-6

- 1 Dickey, Robert J., Jr.
- 2 Dickey, Robert J., Sr.
- 3 Collins, McCline
- 4 Collins, Mattie M.
- 5 Davidson, Shelby
- 6 Goode, C. Henri
- 7 Rebecca
- 8 Unidentified Female
- 9 Unidentified Female
- 10 Unidentified Females
- 11 Unidentified Females
- 12 Unidentified Females
- 13 Unidentified Females
- 14 Unidentified Females
- 15 Unidentified Males
- 16 Unidentified Males
- 17 Unidentified Children
- 18 Unidentified Groups

Container List

Series G	Photographs	continued
Box	Folder	
151-6	Oversized	
	19	Unidentified Female
	20	Unidentified Male