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ANGELINA WELD GRIMKE COLLECTION
Collection 38-1 to 38-16

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Scope Note

In honor of his aunt, Angelina Emily Grimke Weld (1805- 1875), a noted abolitionist and feminist, Archibald Grimke named his daughter, the only child: Angelina Weld Grimke. Angelina Weld Grimke (1880-1958) was a prolific author of poetry, drama, and short stories. Among her most noted writings are, the plays "Rachel" published in 1921, and the poem "The Black Finger", first published in Opportunity in 1923.

The Angelina Weld Grimke Collection spans her life, dating 1887 to 1958, and totals 8 linear feet. The collection is abundant in writings by Angelina Weld Grimke, many holograph drafts as well as published items. Equally as abundant is the correspondence from family, friends and business associates. Angelina, and her father, Archibald, were very close and the correspondence between them covering a span of 35 years reflects this fondness.

For over 20 years, Angelina Weld Grimke taught English in the public school system of Washington, D.C. The collection contains some items documenting her work, primarily related to Dunbar High School. There are also a few personal papers, including her birth certificate, a brief autobiographical sketch, and a few items of printed materials and memorabilia.

Biographical Data

- 1880 February 27 Born to Archibald H. and Sarah Stanley Grimke in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 1887-1894 Attended Fairmont School, Hyde Park, Massachusetts.
- 1895 Attended Carleton Academy, Northfield, Minnesota.
- 1902 Graduated from Boston Normal School of Gymnastics (absorbed by Wellesley College in 1909) Appointed teacher in the Armstrong Manual Training School, Washington, D.C.
- 1904-1910 Pursued summer courses of instruction at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- 1907 Transferred to M Street High School, (later called the Dunbar High School) as teacher of English, Washington, D.C.
- 1921 Published the three-act play entitled "Rachel".
- 1926 Retired from teaching.
- 1958 June 10 Died, New York City.

Series Description

Series A Correspondence

Box 38-1 General A-W, organizational, and family, correspondence; thank you &
to Box 38-6 sympathy cards; telegrams, and invitations
[BOX 38-1 CURRENTLY CLOSED TO RESEARCHERS]

Series B Personal Papers

Box 38-6 Biographical information, including an autobiographical sketch; grade
cards, birth certificate, and items of memorabilia

Series C Financial Records

Box 38-7 Financial correspondence, check books & stubs, copyright on Rachel,
to Box 38-8 royalties; personal and real estate tax assessments, account statements and
canceled checks

Series D Manuscripts

Box 38-9 College admission essays, addresses, poetry songs, ballads, triolets, short
to Box 38-14 stories dramas, notes and reviews

Series E Scrapbooks

Box 38-15 One of newspaper clippings, and one of poetry by Angelina W. Grimke

Series F Notebooks

Box 38-15 French vocabulary exercises, writings of prose and poetry, and recipes

Series G Diaries

Box 38-15 Diaries 1903, 1909, 1912; address book, and autograph album

Series H Printed Materials

Box 38-16 Books, pamphlets, book reviews, broadsides, reprinted articles, bulletins,
newspapers and clippings

Container List

Series A	Correspondence
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	[BOX 38-1 CURRENTLY CLOSED TO RESEARCHERS]
38-1	1 A - general correspondence 2 B - general correspondence 3 C - general correspondence 4 D - general correspondence 5 E - general correspondence 6 F - general correspondence 7 G - general correspondence 8 H - general correspondence 9 J - general correspondence 10 K - general correspondence 11 L - general correspondence 12 M - general correspondence 13 N - general correspondence 14 O - general correspondence
38-2	15 P - general correspondence 16 R - general correspondence 17 Sa - Stebbins, general correspondence 18 Stebbins - Steward, general correspondence 19 T - general correspondence 20 U - general correspondence 21 W - Wo, general correspondence 22 Wy - general correspondence 23 Wy - (xerox copies) 24 One name only correspondence 25 Postcards
	Organizational Correspondence
38-3	26 American Genealogy Institute 27 Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, Inc. 28 Atlantic Monthly 29 Barnes Foundation 30 Board of Education of District of Columbia 31 Boston Transcript 32 Civil Service Extension League 33 Colored Poetic League of the World 34 Cornhill Publishing Company 35 District of Columbia, Office of The Auditor

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38-3	36 Doubleday & Company Inc.
	37 Dunbar High School Parent - Student Committee. 50 th Anniversary Celebration
	38 The Dunbar News. New York City
	39 The evening Star. Washington, D.C.
	40 Harcourt, Brace and Company, Inc.
	41 Harper & Brothers Publications
	42 Hospital and Training School for Nurses
	43 League for Industrial Democracy
	44 The Liberator. New York City
	45 Manassas Industrial School for Colored Youth
	46 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
	47 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. District of Columbia
	48 NAACP New Bedford, Massachusetts
	49 National Cyclopaedia of America Biography
	50 National Urban League Washington, D.C.
	51 Opportunity
	52 H. K. Parker Publishing Corporation
	53 Poets Journal
	54 Public Schools. District of Columbia
	55 The Smart Set
	56 Tekawitha House, Washington, D.C.
	57 Young Women's Christian Association. Colored Branch New Castle, Pennsylvania
	58 James T. White & Company Publishers
	59 Washington Tuberculosis Association
	60 Envelopes that had been previously separated from correspondence
	61 Envelopes that had been previously separated from correspondence
	62 Envelopes that had been previously separated from correspondence
	63 Envelopes that had been previously separated from correspondence
	64 Envelopes that had been previously separated from correspondence

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38-4	65 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1894
	66 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1895
	67 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1897
	68 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1898
	69 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1899
	70 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1900
	71 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1901-1902
	72 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1904
	73 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1905 (March to Sept.)
	74 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1905 (October to December)
	75 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1906
	76 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1907
	77 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1908
	78 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1909
38-5	79 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1910
	80 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1911
	81 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1912
	82 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1913
	83 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1914
	84 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1915
	85 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1916
	86 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1917-1918
	87 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1921
	88 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, 1929
	89 Archibald H. Grimke to Angelina, undated
	90 Charlotte Forten Grimke to Angelina
	91 Francis J. Grimke to Angelina
	92 Sarah Stanley Grimke to Angelina
	93 S. P. Stanley to Angelina
38-6	94 Thank you cards
	95 Sympathy cards
	96 Greeting cards
	97 Telegrams
	98 Calling cards
	99 Invitations

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|-----------------|---|
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| 38-6 | 100 Autobiographical information |
| | 101 Photograph - Angelina Weld Grimke |
| | 102 Personal grade cards, Fairmont School |
| | 103 Birth certificate |
| | 104 Certificates |
| | 105 Personalized stationery |
| | 106 Contract with Cornhill Publishing Company
(original in Correspondence - Organizational under Cornhill
Publishing Co.) |
| | 107 Teacher Rating Sheets |
| | 108 Drawings |
| | 109 Descriptive List for Increasing Pensions, Boston, Massachusetts |
| | 110 Memoirs - caricature drawings, badge, menus, table favors,
ribbon flowers |
| | 111 Dedication of the Archibald Grimke School |
| | 112 Sick Chart for Archibald Grimke |
| Series C | Financial Records |
| 38-7 | 113 Financial correspondence, A-Z |
| | 114 Check books & stubs, 1911-24, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930 |
| | 115 Checkbooks, 1924, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931 |
| | 116 Memoranda of Investments |
| | 117 Canceled checks - National Savings and Trust Company,
Washington, D.C. |
| | 118 National Savings and Trust - Bank Receipts |
| 38-8 | 119 Grimke Family Financial Status |
| | 120 American Trust Company, Boston, Massachusetts, brochure |
| | 121 Weekly Budget, Nov. 17-23rd, and lists of bills |
| | 122 Account Statement Insurance |
| | 123 Copyright for Rachel: A Drama in Three Acts |
| | 124 Royalties |
| | 125 Receipts |
| | 126 Real Estate Tax Assessments |
| | 127 Personal Income Tax Assessments and Receipts |
| | 128 Account Statements with Whitefield McKinlay |
| | 129 Account Statement |
| | 130 United States Customs Services, Notice and Account of Fines,
Penalties and Forfeitures and Receipts |
| | 131 Cancelled Checks and Bank Receipts |

164 Poetry N-T (typescript)

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38-10	165 Poetry U-Z (typescript)
	166 Untitled poetry (typescript)
	167 Poetry submitted to Carolina Magazine (typescript)
	168 Songs
	169 Epitaphs
	170 Sonnets
	171 Rondeaux
	172 Triolets
	173 Ballads
	174 WAG - Poems by Angelina Weld Grimke - some published under her name
	175 Anonymous authors
	176 Poetry by others A-Z
	177 Reviews - Cook, Coralie F.
	178 Poetry submitted to Charles S. Johnson (Opportunity Magazine)
	Short Stories
38-11	179 Black Is, As Black Does
	180 Blackness
	181 Blind Alley
	182 Blind Alley (cont'd)
	183 Blind Alley, Part II, Chapter 1
	184 Blind Alley draft
	185 Blind Alley draft (cont'd)
	186 The Closing Door
	187 Goldie
	188 Inevitables
	189 Jettisoned
	190 Jettisoned (original copies)
	191 Jettisoned (typed copy)
38-12	192 The Closet and Closet Door
	193 The Creaking
	194 The Creaking, copy II
	195 The Ear
	196 The Ear (cont'd)
	197 The Fence
	198 The Handicapped
	199 The Hunger of Love

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Series D	Manuscripts continued
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38-12	200 Ideals
	201 The Laughing Hand
	202 The Laughing Hand (typed) (apparently returned by the publisher)
	203 The Lesson
	204 The One Who Would and the One Who Wouldn't
	205 The Revery of a Violin
	206 Story of a Mother
	207 The Umbrellas
	208 The Waitin (incomplete typescript)
	209 The Waitin, draft I
	210 The Waitin, draft
	211 Evangeline
	212 Harriet
	213 Selections from "Red Pottage" by Mary Chalmoudrly
	214 Holograph notes
	215 Miscellaneous Prose
	216 Gertrude of Denmark (review by Angelina Weld Grimke)
	217 The Artistic Element in Mac Beth by Lillie Buffum Chace Wyman
	218 The Shadow (review by Angelina Weld Grimke)
	219 Miscellaneous pages untitled
38-13	Drama (Play)
	220 Blessed Are The Barren, Act I
	221 Blessed Are The Barren, Act II
	222 Blessed Are The Barren, Act III
	223 Rachel, synopsis and purpose in writing play by Lillie
	224 Rachel - reviews Buffum Chace Wyman
	225 Reviews on Rachel
	226 Rachel - printed programs (performance)
	227 Untitled drama
	228 Unfinished drama
38-14	229 Mara, Act I
	230 Mara, Act I, copy 2
	231 Mara, Act I, odd
	232 Mara, Act I, Scene I, odd sections

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- Series D** **Manuscripts** continued
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 Drama
- 38-14 233 Mara, Act II, Scene II
 234 Mara, Act III, Scene I, odd sections
 235 Mara, Act III, odd sections
 236 Mara, Act IV, Scene I
 237 Mara, Act IV, Scene 1, Copy 2
 238 Mara, odd sections
 239 Mara, Revision I
 240 Mara, Revision II
 241 Mara, Revision, III
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- Series E** **Scrapbooks**
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 244 Scrapbook - clippings
- Series F** **Notebooks**
 245 Notebook - French vocabulary exercises, poetry notes,
 prose notes
 246 Notebook notes - prose and poetry
 247 Notebook - recipes
- Series G** **Diaries**
 248 Diary, 1903
 249 Diary, 1909
 250 Diary, 1912
 251 Pocket diary, address book, autograph album
- Series H** **Printed Materials**
38-16 252 Dorian Days by Wendell Phillip Stafford (autographed)
 253 Reminiscences by Elizabeth C. Putnam

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38-16	254 The Negro Lawyer's Contribution to Seventy-One Years of our Progress by Fitzhugh L. Styles
	255 A New Plan for Negro Education by Paul B. Hogans
	256 College Bulletins
	257 Birth Control Review, July & September, 1920
	258 Birth Control Review, October -December 1920
	259 Opportunity
	260 Poetry, Philosophy and Religion by Percy Adams Hutchison
	261 The Nation
	262 The New Republic
	263 Saunders Weekly National Independent, June 26, 1916
	264 Crisis
	265 Book reviews
	266 The Percentage of Venereal Diseases Among Approximately the Second Million Drafted Men - Cities
	267 The Evolution of Man - by L. M. Rosh
	268 Evangelization of Haiti's Three Million Christless Negroes
	269 Broadsides
	270 The Dunbar Ledger, Feb. 23, 1922; Jan.-April, 1923
	271 Clippings mounted
	272 Clippings, I
	273 Clippings, II
	274 Clippings, III
	275 Programs