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ABRAM LINCOLN HARRIS PAPERS
Collection 43-1

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Scope Note

The Abram Lincoln Harris Papers consist of 29 items and span the period 1919-1929. These papers were developed from Harris' research on the involvement of Negroes in the American Labor Movement, particularly in the Industrial Workers of the World (I.W.W.). In letters from Covington Hall and Benjamin H. Fletcher, both activists in the I.W.W.,

Harris gained information concerning the sociological and historical relationship between the I.W.W. and the Negro membership. Letters and pamphlets also provide data involving the American Socialist Party and the Negro. Research notes and manuscripts included with the papers further reflect the involvement of Negroes in the American Labor Movement.

Biographical Data

Harris, Abram L.

- 1899 January 17 Born in Richmond, Va. son of Abram and Mary E. Harris.
- 1922 Received B.S. degree, Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA.
- 1924 Received M.A. degree, University of Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1926 June 6 Married Callie McGuinn.
- 1925-26 Served as Executive Secretary, Minneapolis Urban League.
- 1927-45 Served on the faculty, Howard University (1936-45). Served as chairman of the department of economics.
- 1931 Received Ph.D. in economics from Columbia University, New York; dissertation entitled *The Black Worker*.

Published *The Black Worker*, Sterling Spero co-author.
- 1936 Published *The Negro As Capitalist*.
- 1946-63 Served as professor in the Department of Philosophy and the College, University of Chicago.
- 1963 November 16 Died in Chicago, IL.

Source:
Biography, 1982

Logan, Rayford W. and Winston, Michael R. *Dictionary of American Negro*

Series Description

Series A Correspondence

Box 43-1 Primarily correspondence concerning Harris' research of Negro involvement in the American labor movement, also includes a letter from Harris to Frances Wells responding to a request for contribution to the Republican Party.

Series B Manuscripts

Box 43-1 Typescripts and holographs of articles about the labor movement, and Blacks involvement in the movement.

Series C Labor Dispute Cases

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1886
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