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MORDECAI JOHNSON PAPERS

Collection 178-1 to 178-47

Prepared by Helen Rutt October 1995

SCOPE NOTE

The papers of Mordecai Wyatt Johnson (1890-1976), Baptist minister, educator, and university president, span the period from 1913 to 1976, and measure twenty linear feet. The collection focuses on Johnson's career as a minister and a theology student. This body of material primarily documents Johnson's life, before and after his tenure as President of Howard University. The Howard University Archives holds the administrative files of his office. This collection, however, contains datebooks chronicling some of Johnson's activities while in office.

In 1913 Johnson accepted his first ministerial post, in Mumford, New York. Three years later, he served as a student secretary for the Y.M.C.A. The collection includes correspondence with Jesse Moorland, reports, and printed material from Johnson's year-long work with the Y.M.C.A. Johnson's lifelong support of the Y.M.C.A. is evident throughout the collection.

In 1917 Johnson moved to Charleston, West Virginia where he served as Pastor of the First Baptist Church. The correspondence and programs attest to his national popularity as a pastor and guest lecturer. While in West Virginia, Johnson became instrumental in the establishment of the Charleston branch of the N.A.A.C.P. Letters between Johnson and Walter White address this matter. Correspondence with Stanley Durkee discloses Howard University's attempts in 1922 and 1923 to hire Johnson as Professor of Religion. Although Johnson declined the offers, he repeatedly spoke at the Day of Prayer for Colleges, and accepted an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Howard University.

From 1926 to 1960, Johnson served as President of Howard University. He is credited with securing an annual congressional appropriation, boosting academic standards, increasing enrollment, and attracting world-class scholars. In 1962, after two years of retirement, Johnson joined the D.C. Board of Education. This collection contains Johnson's files from his tumultuous three-year tenure on the Board.

In 1977 William H. Johnson donated the papers to Moorland-Spingarn.

Biographical Data

Mordecai Wyatt Johnson

| 1890 January 12 | Born to Carolyn Freeman and Wyatt Johnson in Paris, Tennessee |
|-----------------|---|
| 1911 | Received Bachelor of Arts degree from Atlanta Baptist [later Morehouse] College |
| 1911-1913 | Taught English at Atlanta Baptist College |
| 1913 | Received Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Chicago |
| 1913-1916 | Served as Pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Mumford, NY |
| 1916 | Ordained as a Baptist minister |
| 1916 | Married Anna Ethelyn Gardner; five children |
| 1916-1917 I | Worked as a student secretary of the nternational Committee of the Y.M.C.A. |
| 1917-1926 | Served as Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charleston, West Virginia |
| 1920 f | Received Bachelor of Divinity degree rom Rochester Theological Seminary |
| 1922 | Received Master of Sacred Theology degree from Harvard University; Delivered graduation speech, "The Faith of the American Negro" |
| 1926-1960 | Served as President of Howard University |
| 1929 | Awarded the N.A.A.C.P.'s Spingarn Medal |
| 1959 | Served as a delegate to the Atlantic Congress |
| 1962-1965 | Served as a member of the D.C. Board of |

Education

| 1970 April | Married | Alice | Taylor | King | |
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- 1973 September 6 Dedication of the Mordecai Wyatt Johnson Building at Howard University
- 1976 September 10 Died in Washington, DC. Buried in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Suitland, Maryland
- Source: Mordecai Johnson Papers, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University, Box 178-16, Writings about Mordecai Johnson

Series Description

| Series A | Family Papers |
|-------------------------|--|
| Box 178-1 to 178-2 | Comprised of material relating to Johnson's children, father, and mostly, his wives, Ethelyn and Alice. See also, Series O, Oversize, for a genealogical chart of Ethelyn Johnson's family. |
| Series B | Personal Papers |
| Box 178-2 to 178-3 | Includes travel documents, employment papers, wills. Also documents the dedication of the Mordecai Wyatt Johnson Building at Howard University. |
| Series C | Correspondence |
| Box 178-3 to 178-14 | Contains Johnson's personal and (pre-Howard University) professional correspondence. Nannie Burroughs, Louis Crampton, John Hope, Benjamin Mays, and Carter G. Woodson are among the correspondents. The Howard University Archives houses Johnson's presidential correspondence; See Series H, for correspondence relating to Johnson's work as a member of the District of Columbia Board of Education. |
| Series D | Writings by Mordecai Johnson |
| Box 178-14 to 178-16 | Consists of speeches, writings, and notes. Topics include race relations, education, Howard University, and Johnson's life. See also Series F, Education, for Johnson's student writings. |

| Series E | <u>Writings about Mordecai Johnson</u> |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Box 178-17 | Includes biographical sketches, press releases, and newspaper clippings. |
| Series F | Education |
| Box 178-17 to Atlanta | Contains Johnson's essays and class notes from divinity school. Also includes Baptist's publication, <u>The Athenaeum</u> , with references to Johnson. |
| Series G | Programs |
| Box 178-23 to 178-24 | The programs on which Johnson's name appears document events at which Johnson spoke or received honors. Most other are funeral or conference programs. |
| Series H | District of Columbia Board of Education |
| Box 178-24 to | Consists of correspondence, minutes, and 178-26 notes relating to Johnson's tenure as a member of the Board. |
| Series I | Organizations |
| Box 178-26 to 178-30 | Contains materials from organizations with which Johnson was associated. Among these are the A.C.L.U., American Negro Leadership Conference on Africa, the Atlantic Congress, and Gandhi Society for Human Rights. |
| Series J | <u>Financial Papers</u> |
| Box 178-30 to | Includes tax returns, notes, and a 1932 178-31 expense journal. |
| Series K | Address books and datebooks |
| Box 178-31 178-36 | Johnson's datebooks document some of his personal and professional commitments between 1940 and 1965. |

| Series L | Photographs | |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Box 178-37 to 178-38 | Images include Johnson alone and with o and family members. See also Series O, Oversize, for more photographs of Morde Johnson. | |
| Series M | Awards | |
| Box 178-39 | Contains plaques, honorary degrees, | testi monia ls, certi ficat es, and a gavel award ed to Johns on. |
| Series N | Artifacts | |
| Box 178-40 | Comprised of desk ornaments. | |
| Series O | <u>Oversize</u> | |
| Box 178-41 to 178- | Includes newspapers, photographs, and 42 certificates. | |
| Series P | Wrapped Items | |
| Box 178-43 to 178-46 | Contains four plaques awarded to Johnso | n. |
| Series Q | Restricted | |
| Box 178-47 | Contains materials that are closed to research because of confidentialit preservation concerns. | y or |

Container List

A Family Papers

| Box | Folder | |
|-------|---------------------------------|---|
| 178-1 | 1 2 | Gardner, Mary - correspondence Johnson, A. Clement |
| | | Johnson, Alice King |
| | 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 | Personal papers Phone books Membership cards Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Fisk University Huston-Tillotson College Independent Funeral Directors Assoc. |
| | 10 11 12 13 14 | of Texas LeMoyne-Owen College LeMoyne-Owen College LeMoyne-Owen College National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, Inc. Top Ladies of Distinction |
| | 15 16 17 18 19 | Johnson, Anna F. Johnson, Anna F correspondence Johnson, Anna F correspondence Johnson, Carolyn Johnson, Dee and Mordecai Jr correspondence |
| | | Johnson, Ethelyn |
| | 20 21 | A-G H-M |

| 178-2 | 1 2 3 | N-R S-W First names, recipients unknown |
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| | 4 5 | Passport Death of Ethelyn Johnson |
| | 6 7 | Johnson, Mordecai Jr. Johnson, William H. |
| Box | Folder | |
| 178-2 | 8 | Johnson, Wyatt J. |
| | <u>B</u> Per | sonal Papers |
| | 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 | Business cards Membership cards Book plate Guest book Teacher's commissions 1911-1912 Delegates to Council called to consider the Ordination of Johnson 1916 Certificate of Appointment As Delegate to Victory-For-Peace Convention 1918 Grade reports 1912-1913, 1931 Certificate of Discharge from Military Service 1917 Certificate of membership to N.A.A.C.P. 1922 Wills Declarations of trust Survey of Southern schools and colleges Accident reports |
| 178-3 | 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 1 2 3 | Travel Ship passenger list 1926 Clergy fare certifications 1957-1960 Passport 1959 Denmark 1959 U.S.S.R. 1959 Statements, notes Itineraries Airline tickets Airline tickets Medical Loudoun County Farm Gun registrations 1969 |

| 4 | List of senders of congratulatory letters on occasion of retirement 1960 |
|----|---|
| 5 | Naming of the Mordecai Wyatt Johnson |
| _ | Building at Howard University 1973 |
| 6 | Antenuptual agreement with Alice King |
| | Johnson 1970 |
| 7 | Wedding invitation 1970 |
| 8 | Name lists (wedding guests?) |
| 9 | Personalized/ signed Christmas cards |
| 10 | Christmas card lists |

| Box | Folder | |
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| 178-3 | 11 12 13 14 | Christmas card lists 1960? Christmas card lists 1963 "Mammy" sheet music [inscribed to Johnson by Louia Vaughn Jones] Autobiography of David Alexander Timpson |
| | <u>C</u> Cor: | respondence |
| | 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 | Ab-Al Am-An As-Au Anderson, Marian Ar Archer, S.H. Bab-Bal Baker, Paul E. Ban-Barn Bank of Commerce Barbour, Clarence Barr-Bay |
| 178-4 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 | Be-Bi Bergthold Blackburn, H.D. Booker, S.S. Bowles, Eva Bowling, Richard Bi-Book Boon-Bra Bradby, R.L. |

Bradby, R.L. Brawley, Benjamin Bre-Bri

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Brown

Brooks, Vera

Brownlee, Fred Browne-Bun

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| | 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 | Bullock, Matthew W. Bur-But Burger, W.H. Burroughs, Nannie By-Cal Cady, George Cam-Carr |
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| 178-5 | 1 2 3 4 | Cart-Chal Carter, E.C. Chadsey, Mildred Cham-Ci |
| Box | Folder | |
| 178-5 | 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 | Cheek, James Chiles, J.M. Cla Clark, J.F.J. Clark, William J. Cle-Cog Cobleigh, Rolfe Cochran, A. Myron Colb-Com Con-Cox Craft, Henry K. Crampton, Louis Craver, William O. Crag-Cu Da Davis, John W. De-Dib |
| 178-6 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 | DeFrantz, F.E. Dic-Dis Dix-Do Du-Dy Du Bois, W.E.B. Duffield, Katharine Dunbar, H.S. Durkee, Stanley E-El East, J.E. Eddy, Sherwood Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Foundation Elkins, Davis En-Ex Fa-Fe Fenninger, Laurence Fi-Fl Fo-Fy |

| 178-7 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 | Franklin, W.R. Ga-Gi Gandy, Samuel Gardner, Mary Gl-Gra Gleiss, H.C. Gray, Mayme Gre-Ham Green, J.A. Gregg, James E. Griffin, S.A. Hamlin, R.P. |
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| 178-7 | 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 | Han-Harp Harr-Harv Harreld, Kemper Has-He Haynes, Charles H. Haynes, George E. Haynes, William Hi Hil, Daniel Hirst, J.T. Ho |
| 178-8 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 | Hope, John Hornsby-McCoy Realty Co. Hovey, George Rice Hu Hubbard, J.P. Hutcherson, W.L. Hutchins, Fred I-Jac Jackson, Sallie Jah-Je John-Johnson, L. Johnson (family) Johnson, Callie Johnson, Callie Johnson, Campbell C. Johnson, Mordecai Johnson, Muggin Johnson, P Jones, L. Johnson, W.J. Jones, Eugene Kinckle |
| 178-9 | 1 2 3 | Jones, M Ken Jordan, L.G. Ker-Kn |

| | 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 | King, Martin L. Ko-La Le Li-Lom Lon-McC Lyman, H.C. McG-McL McM-Mar Mas-Maz Mays, Benjamin Me-Mi Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Miller, Kelly |
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| 178-9 | 17 18 | Moe-Mot Moorland, Jesse |
| 178-10 | $ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} $ $ \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \\ 10 \\ 11 \\ 12 \\ 13 \\ 14 \\ 15 \\ 16 \\ 17 \\ 18 \\ 19 \\ 20 \\ 21 \\ 22 \\ 23 \\ 24 \end{bmatrix} $ | Mou-Na Nabrit, James National Association of Colored Women's Clubs National Baptist Publishing Board Ne Nelson, William S. Ni-No Norman, Ruth Nutter, T.G. O Overton, B.W. Pac-Pat Page, Kirby Parks, E.L. Pax-Pea Pen-Pet Ph-Pi Pl-Pop Por-Pow Powell, Adam Clayton Pra-Pri Prillerman, Byrd Pro-Rad Quamina, James |
| 178-11 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | Rah-Red Randolph, A. Philip Rauschenbusch, Pauline Reed-Rh Reid, Ira De Reyneau, Betsy |

| | 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 | Ri-Rob Richmond, Edwin B. Roc-Run Roosevelt, Eleanor Rose, James E. Rus-Sam San-Say Sc Scott, Emmett J. Scruggs, Baxter Sea-Sh Sheibley, Mabel Shepard, James E. Shepard, Marshall |
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| 178-11 | 21 22 | Si-Sl Sma-Smith, J. |
| 178-12 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 | Smith, Fred B. Smith, M-Spa Spaulding, C.C. Spe-Sta Ste-Sto Str-Sum Sumner, Francis Sup-Tap Tat-Te Tax Collectors The-Thomas Thomas, Helen L. Thomas, Wilbur Thompson-Ti Thurman, Howard To-Tre Tobias, C.H. |
| 178-13 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 | Travis, Dave Tri-Turm Truman, Harry S. Turman, Black & Calhoun Turner, Ty Tyler, D.R. U-V Vass, S.N. Wac-Walk Walden, H Wall-Wass Wat-Wer Wes-Wh |

| | 14 15 16 17 18 19 | White, Clarence White, Walter Wi-Williams, F. Wilkinson, G.C. Williams, A.C. Williams, G Wilson, A. |
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| 178-14 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | Wilson, BWinn Wins-Wooda Woode-Wor Woods, R.C. Woodson, Carter G. Wright, E.R. Wright-Ye Yo-Z |
| Box | Folder | |
| 178-14 | 9 | First names only, foreign language, |
| | 10 | illegible Recipient or writer unknown |
| | <u>D Wri</u> | tings by Mordecai Johnson |
| | 11 | Address delivered before the Twentieth Annual Conference of the N.A.A.C.P. |
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| | 12 | 30 June 1929 Address delivered before the West Virginia State Federation of Labor Convention |
| | 12 13 | 30 June 1929 Address delivered before the West Virginia State Federation of Labor Convention at Charleston 17 Nov. 1922 Address on Abraham Lincoln before the Joint Convention of the Michigan |
| | 13 14 | <pre>30 June 1929 Address delivered before the West Virginia State Federation of Labor Convention at Charleston 17 Nov. 1922 Address on Abraham Lincoln before the Joint Convention of the Michigan Legislature 12 Feb. 1959 "America's Great Hour" 18 April 1954</pre> |
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| | | Freedom" |
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| | 25 | re: Edward C. Finney |
| | 26 | re: Emancipation Proclamation |
| | 27 | "Extremes of the Spirit" |
| | 28 | "The Faith of the American Negro" 1922 |
| | 29 | "The Faith of the American Negro" 1922 |
| | 20 | [notes] |
| | 30 | "The First Period of My Life: January 12, 1890 to about September 9, 1913" |
| | 31 | "The First Task that Confronted me at Howard" |
| | 32 | "The Freedoms" |
| | 33 | re: George William Cook |
| | 34 | "Great Motives In American Black and White Relations" |
| | 35 | "The Heart of the Matter" In <u>The</u> |
| | 33 | Progressive March 1952 |
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| Box | Folder | |
| 178-15 | 1 | "Heavy Laden Laborers" 1955 |
| 1/0 10 | 2 | "The Historical and Future Significance of |
| | 2 | its Private Negro Colleges" |
| | 3 | "Howard University: First Five Years as |
| | 5 | President July 1, 1926 - |
| | | June 20, 1931" |
| | 4 | re: Howard University School of Law |
| | 5 | re: Howard University School of Medicine |
| | 6 | "The Imperative Moral Challenge of the |
| | - | Underdeveloped Peoples of Africa, |
| | | Asia, and Latin America" |
| | 7 | "Important Steps Taken After Congress |
| | | Approved the Substantive Law" |
| | 8 | "Influence of My Father Upon Me" |
| | 9 | "It Was Here" |
| | 10 | "Julian Waldo Ross - Professor Emeritus |
| | | and Head, Emeritus of Obstetrics and |
| | | Gynecology, M.D., 1911" |
| | 11 | "Man's Inhumanity to Man Has Made |
| | | Countless Thousands Mourn" |
| | | [attributed to West Virginia Heating |
| | | & Plumbing Co.] 1918 |
| | 12 | "The Multitude of Appeals Made Directly to |
| | | the President" |
| | 13 | "My Call to Howard University and the |
| | | Circumstances Surrounding It" |
| | 14 | "My First and Best Educator From the Very |
| | | Beginning of My Life in 1890 to Her |
| | 1 - | Death" |
| | 15 | "Negro Education in the Present Crisis" |
| | 16 | "Negro Youth and the American Youth |
| | | Commission. In <u>The Educational Record</u> |

| | 17 | April 1942 "Opening Addressat the beginning of the Autumn Quarter, Wednesday, September 29, 1926" |
|--------|----------|--|
| | 18 | "A Pathway to World Peace" Excerpted in Washington Afro-American 9 June 1951 |
| | 19 | Prayer of Thanksgiving at the Dedication of the Harry S. Truman Library, Independence, Missouri 6 July 1957 |
| | 20 21 | "The Public School in a Democracy" "Relationship of Judge Julian Mack to the Life of Mordecai Wyatt Johnson" |
| | 22 | Remarks at the presentation of the Clendening Award 1949 |
| | 23 | "Role of the Church in the World Revolution" |
| Box | Folder | |
| 178-15 | 24 | Speech delivered at the commemoration of the Emancipation Proclamation in West Virginia |
| | 25 | Speech delivered at the Conference on Courts and Racial Integration |
| | 26 | Speech delivered at the conferring of Doctor of Humane Letters degree upon Agnes Elizabeth Meyer |
| | 27 | Speech at the Experiment on International Living 1957 |
| | 28 29 | Speeches to the Atlantic Congress 1959 "The Spiritual Implications of Social Protest" |
| | 30 | re: Teachers' salaries at Howard University |
| | 31 32 | "Thoughts Preceding Prayer" 1956 Tribute to Mary Church Terrell delivered on the occasion of Terrell's eighty- |
| | 33 | ninth birthday "Type of Men Now Needed in the Light of |
| | 34 | World Conditions" "The University Wounded in the Depths of Being" 1950 |
| | 35 36 | "Whole-heartedness in Work" re: World War I and Negro soldiers |
| | 37 | "Zones of Light in Race Relations" |
| | 38 39 | Notes for memoirs Notes for memoirs |

| | 40 | | Notes from tenure at First Baptist Church |
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| 178-16 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7-25 | | Notes re: "the burning bush" Notes re: enrollment/income of Howard University Notes re: Howard Univ. Board of Trustees Notes re: ROTC Notes re: "significant moments in the modern world" Notes - Negro population statistics Notes |
| 178-17 | | <u>E Wri</u> | tings about Mordecai Johnson |
| | 1 2 3 4 | | Bibliography Biographical sketches Death of Mordecai Johnson Education for Freedom: The Leadership of Mordecai W. Johnson, Howard University, 1926-1960 |
| Box | Folder | | |
| 178-17 | 5 6 7 | | Howard University calendar 1960 Howard University press releases "Leaders in Education" from <u>Negro Builders</u> and Heroes 1937 |
| | 8 9 | | <u>Message Magazine</u> May-June 1939 <u>New Directions</u> Jan. 1977 |
| | | | <u>Clippings</u> |
| | 10 11 12 13 14 15 | | no date 1931, 1934, 1943 1956, 1959 1960 1962-1965 1970-1976 |
| | | <u>F Edu</u> | acation |
| | | | <u>Essays by Mordecai Johnson</u> |
| | 16 | | "The Christology of the Ritschlian School, Especially of Albrecht Ritschl, Adolph Harpack and Wilbolm Herrmann" |
| | 17 | | Adolph Harnack and Wilhelm Herrmann" "The Prophets and Social Righteousness: |
| | 18 19 | | An Essay in Old Testament Theology" "Rudolph Eucken's View of God" "The Templars" [thesis] |

| | 20 | | "The Templars: An Historical Essay" |
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| | | | Notes/Class work |
| | 21 22 23 | | American Church History Applications of Christian Principles Christology |
| 178-18 | 1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 | 5 | Church Administration and Pastoral Care Comparative Religion Comparative Religion Development of Roman Catholicism Early Epistles of Paul Elocution Ethics of the Personal Life Grammar Hebrew Hebrew Hebrew Hebrew - Isaiah The History and Philosophy of Christian Mysticism |

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| 178-19 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 | History of Doctrine History of New Testament Times in Palestine The History of Philosophy History of Religion History of Religion History of Religion History of the New Testament History of the Reformation Homiletics Introduction to the Study of Church History |
| 178-20 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 | Jewish Eschology and the New Testament of Apocalypse Life of Jesus The Materials of Religious Education Metaphysics Modern Preachers Modern Sunday School New Testament Exegesis Old Testament Introduction Old Testament Introduction Old Testament Theology The Origins of Christian Baptism Pastoral Theology Pastoral Theology |

| | 14 | Pauline Theology |
|--------|---|--|
| 178-21 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 | Philosophy Philosophy of the State Philosophy - Problem of Freedom Primitive Christianity Primitive Christianity Primitive Christianity Primitive Christianity Psychology of Religion The Reformation Religious Education Religious Education Religious Life in English Colonies Short Stories |
| 178-22 | 1 2 3 4-10 | Social Psychology Social Psychology/ Statistics Notes re: University of Chicago Notes |
| Box | Folder | |
| 178-23 | 1 | Topical Index for bible students |
| | | Printed Material |
| | | <u>Atlanta Baptist College</u> |

| 2 | The Athenaeum (v.13, n.2 Nov. 1910) |
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| 3 | The Athenaeum (v.13, n.6 Mar. 1911) |
| 4 | The Athenaeum (v.13, n.7-8 April-May |
| | 1911 |
| 5 | The Athenaeum (v.14, n.2 Dec. 1911) |
| | |
| 6 | Harvard University |
| 7 | Rochester Theological Seminary |
| 8 | University of Chicago |

<u>G</u> Programs

| | <u>Programs on which Mordecai Johnson's Name</u> |
|---------------------|---|
| | Appears |
| 9 10 11 12 | 1913, 1922-1925 1926-1931, 1945-1948 1956-1960 1961-1962 |

| | 13 14 | 1963-1964 1973-1977 |
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| | | Other Programs |
| | 15 16 17 | No date 1913-1921 1922-1925 |
| 178-24 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1926-1928 1949, 1959, 1962 1963-1970 1971-1973 1974 1975-1976 |

<u>H</u> District of Columbia Board of Education

Correspondence

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| 178-24 | 10 | I-Mc |
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| | 11 | Maz-P |
| | 12 | Q-Si |
| | 13 | Sl-Z |

Digests of Minutes - 1962-1963

| | 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 | First (organization) meeting 2 July 1962 Second (special) meeting 20 July 1962 Third (stated) meeting 16 Sept. 1962 Fourth (special) meeting 28 Sept. 1962 Fifth (stated) meeting 17 Oct. 1962 Sixth (stated) meeting 19 Dec. 1962 Seventh (stated) meeting 19 Dec. 1962 Eighth (stated meeting 16 Jan. 1963 Ninth (special) meeting 24 Jan. 1963 Tenth (stated) meeting 21 Feb. 1963 Eleventh (special) meeting 14 March 1963 Thirteenth (stated) meeting 20 March 1963 Fourteenth (stated) meeting 17 April 1963 |
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| | 28 | Fifteenth (stated) meeting 15 May 1963 |
| 178-25 | 1 | Sixteenth (stated) meeting 26 June 1963 |

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| | 6 | | Mordecai Johnson and others at a reception at home |
| | 7 | | Mordecai Johnson and others at YMCA Testimonial Banquet 1945 |
| | 8 | | Mordecai Johnson and Marian Anderson |
| | 9 | | Mordecai Johnson and John W. Davis |
| | 10 | | Mordecai Johnson and Alice King Johnson |
| | 11 | | Mordecai Johnson and James Nabrit |
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| | 8 | | James Goodwin Scholarship Club, Bethlehem, PA. 1938 |
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| | 10 11 | | Lakeside Medical Clinic Michigan State College |
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| | 12 | | Nehru, Jawaharlal |
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| | | | Plaques |
| | | | A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Mecca Temple No. 10. 1954. The Cultural Committee of the Second Baptist Church 21 October 1962. Diggs Enterprise Inc. Panorama of Progress 1956 |
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| 178-39 | | | Howard University Alumni of New York City March 1953. The Interdenominational Ministers Alliance of Washington and Vicinity No date. The Leaguers, Inc. 22 June 1956. Morehouse College No date. N.A.A.C.P. December 1957. National Association of Colored Women's Clubs 4 August 1960. State College Club, Michigan State College Commemorative gavel from deans and administrative officers of Howard University 12 Jan. 1940 |
| 178-40 | | <u>N</u> 7 | Artifacts |
| | | | Cardholder Fountain pens (2) and holder Blotter Letter opener – wood spotted camel and bronze handle |
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| | <pre>The Bulletin [of the First Baptist Church, Charleston, West Va.] [bound vol] 14 March 1920 - 20 March 1921 The Bulletin [of the First Baptist Church, Charleston, West Va.] [bound vol.] 27 March 1921 - 26 March 1922 The Bulletin [of the First Baptist Church, Charleston, West Va.] [bound vol.] 2 April 1922 - 25 March 1923 The Bulletin [of the First Baptist Church, Charleston, West Va.] 1 April 1923 - 20 July 1924 [loose pages] Hilltop 17 Sept. 1976 [death of Mordecai Wyatt Johnson] [2 copies] Our World Jan. 1952 [cover story about Mordecai Johnson]</pre> |
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| 178-42 | Certificates and citations Photographs of Mordecai Johnson [3] Watercolor painting of Mordecai Johnson Photograph of Jawaharlal Nehru Photograph of Alice King Johnson and unidentified group Sketch of Mordecai Johnson |
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| | Broadside - "Kings Mountain Student Conference, Young Men's Christian Associations Eighteenth Annual Session " May 30 - June 6, 1930" |
| | Broadside - "Red Letter Sunday at Colored Y.M.C.A Speaker Mordecai Johnson 'The Challenge of these Times to Christian Men." Genealogical chart /"As I Remember Anna Ethelyn Gardner Johnson" by Nellie Washington Lawson Mahood |
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Hoods: 13 academic hoods Cap: Black commencement cap with gold tassel

- Spingarn Medal: Gold. Inscription "For Merit." Inscription on reverse - "Spingarn Medal. Mordecai Wyatt Johnson by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People." Beaded tassel and black, gold, and red sash
- Spingarn Medal: Gold. Inscription "For Merit." Inscription on reverse - "Spingarn Medal. Mordecai Wyatt Johnson by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People."

2 pins with gold with blue stars, ivory white points, and red circle with inscription with inscription - "Light in Darkness."

Pendant/Medal: gold/bronze base with blue stars, white points, blue circle in center with inscription - "The Love of Liberty Brought us Here". Inscription on reverse - "Light in Darkness." Blue and red ribbon.

Pendant/medal: White cross. Inscription - "Medaille Honneur et Merite." Inscription on reverse - "Liberte Egalite Fraternite." Pink and blue ribbon

Medal/Pendant: White and green medal with purple and gold ribbon. Inscription - "Orden De Vasco Nunez De Balboa". Inscription on reverse - "Republica De Panama".

Medal/Pendant: Silver coin with images (of William Tubman and William Tolbert?) on front. Inscription of reverse -

- "Inauguration of President William V.S. Tubman and Vice-
- President William R. Tolbert. Monrovia, Liberia 1956." Red, white, and blue ribbon.
- Pin: Red, white and blue enamel. Inscription "Inauguration Monrovia Liberia; President W.V.S. Tubman; Vice President W.R. Tolbert 1956"
- Gold Medal: gold star-like medal with peach and white ribbon. No inscription
- Pin: Star shaped medal with inscription "L' Union Fait La Force". Inscription on reverse - "Vilardebo & Riera - Habana, Fabricado En Cuba." Silver/bronze color.