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The Townsend M. Lucas Papers consist of ½ document box of materials and one scrapbook that span the period 1948-1958.

Mr. Lucas donated the materials to Howard University in 1958.

The collection relates to activities in Africa, particularly
Liberia from ca. 1950-1955 And includes news articles, photographs, programs and correspondence. Also, there is a scrapbook containing biographical data about Townsend Lucas and the members of his family.

Biographical Data

1948 June 23 Graduated from Armstrong High School, Washington, D.C.
1948-1951 Served as hospital corpsman in the U.S. Coast Guard.
1954 Served as business manager of Del Mehari Inc. a Howard University student operated firm for purchasing African art
1954 March 9 Inducted as charter member of the Howard University Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national honor society in political science.
1954-55 Served as program director of Station ELBC Liberian Broadcasting Company, Monrovia.
1955 Employed at the Washington Post Library.
1958 Received B.A. degree from Howard University in Political Science.
1958 Awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study French-African affairs at the University of Paris, Institute of Political Science.
1960 Received M.A, degree from Howard University in African Studies.
1960 Began employment at The Port of New York Authority, holding positions of Administrative Trainee, Management Analyst I, and Administrative Assistant to the Director of the World Trade Center.
1964 Second recipient of the Howard S. Cullman Service Fellowship, (for employees of Port of New York Authority), to study trade relations between newly independent countries in Africa, Europe and the U.S.
Series Description

Series A  Correspondence
Box 66-1  Several letters, personal and business from 1956-1958.

Series B  Congo
Box 66-1  Two photographs: 1) drummer in Conquilhatville, Belgian Congo, 1957 2) Henry Morton Stanley with his exploration party soon after journey down the Congo River 1877.

Series C  Ethiopia
Box 66-1  Newspaper clippings and pamphlets on Haile Selassie.

Series D  Liberia
Box 66-1  Resolution, legal brief, and newspaper articles about political activities in Liberia during the 1950's.

Series E  Scrapbook
Box 66-1  Biographical data about Townsend Lucas and members of his family ca. 1948-1956. Includes photographs, certificate, correspondence, news articles, programs, and pamphlets. (The scrapbook has been disassembled and xeroxed for preservation purposes.)

Container List

A  Correspondence
Box 66-1  Folder  1 Correspondence

B  Congo
2 Photographs

C Ethiopia

3 Newspaper clippings

4 Memorabilia - Haile Selassie

D Liberia

Documents
5 Indictments for treason and sedition against Liberia (1951)
6 A joint resolution declaring irresponsible the editors of the "independent" newspaper of the Independent True Whig Party ...

Manuscript
7 Liberia's Government and Political Cycle
8 Extract from the 55th Annual Report of the American Colonization Society
9 The True Whig Party

10 Tubmanism
11 Liberia: Budget 1958
12 Liberia - Notes

Newspaper Articles
13 Acceptance Speech of D. Twe, at the Party Convention of the Reformation Party - April 12, 1951
14 Four arrested in connection with surreptitious leaflets - April 15, 1955

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D Liberia (cont'd)

Box 66-1 Folder 15 The Independent editor again displays yellow journalism - Dec. 18, 1954
16 Independent editor's investigation records - March 23, 1955
17 Independent's new editor maintains Party's Lying Tactics
18 Liberia & Mr. Twe - June 2, 1958
19 No cause for alarm, ITWP and RP plan riots in Capital - April 15, 1955
20 Opposition lies nailed - Feb. 21, 1955
21 Perfidous Didwo Again - April 26, 1951
22 President Tubman addresses the citizens from Maryland, Grand Bassa, Sinoe ..
23 Record from the Joint Committee Room, Hall of Representatives March 16, 1955
24 S.T.A. Richards expelled from the Party - Jan 12, 1954
25 Several arrests made as investigations open in assassination attempt - June 24, 1955
26 There is rumor of a design to create a "Coup d'etat"...
27 To the Liberian Age the mouth-piece of the Government - April 27, 1954

28 The truth about the attempted registration of the Article of association - April 25, 1951
29 Tubman escapes death - June 24, 1955
30 What National Chairman and Secretary of the T.W.P. have to say about the Reformation Party - April 10, 1951
31 Wreh, S. Tuan - Why I Was Dismissed from telling the truth - January 11, 1955
32 Liberia - newspaper clippings

E Scrapbook

Box 66-1  Scrapbook 1948-1956 (disassembled into folders)

Item 66-2  Scrapbook 1948-1956 (original oversize and fragile items DO NOT CIRCULATE; xerox copy available in Box 66-1)