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KELLY MILLER PAPERS  
Collection 71-1 to 71-8

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## Scope Note

The papers of Kelly Miller (1863-1939), renowned scholar, educator and author, cover the time span 1900-1940, and total 4 « linear feet. There are hundreds of newspaper clippings, loose, mounted, and those in the scrap-book. Many of these newsclippings are articles written by Kelly Miller in his "letters to the editor", and his feature columns including, "Lest We Forget", "Kelly Miller Writes About", and "Kelly Miller Says",

The papers also contain some of the letters Kelly Miller received in response to his idea of the establishment of Negro Museum at University, Washington, D.C. Accompanying this correspondence is a statement by Dean Miller concerning this idea, as well as a list of persons who approved of the idea. Some of the newspaper clippings reflect the events occurring towards implementation of this idea.

There are numerous published articles written by Kelly Miller. Most of these articles, along with other writings, can be found in the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center's Library Division. Highlighting these articles reflecting the thoughts of Kelly Miller is his unpublished autobiography, which was received from his daughter, May Miller Sullivan, in 1975. The use of the autobiography is restricted.

## Biographical Sketch

- 1863 July 18 Born in Winnsboro, South Carolina, the son of Kelly and Elizabeth Miller.
- 1886 Received a B.A. degree from Howard University.
- 1887-1889 Post-graduate work in Mathematics and Physics at Johns Hopkins University.
- 1889-90 Taught Mathematics in Washington public school system.
- 1890 Appointed professor of Mathematics at Howard University,
- 1894 July 17 Married Annie Mae Butler (Children: Kelly Jr., Isaac Newton, May, Irene, Paul).
- 1895-1934 Professor of Sociology at Howard University,
- 1907-1919 Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Howard University.
- 1915-1925 Head of the Department of Sociology at Howard University.
- 1934 Retired from Howard University.
- 1939 December 29 Died in Washington, D.C.

Series Description

- Series A**  
Box 71-1  
**Kelly Miller - In Memoriam**  
Funeral arrangements, letters of sympathy, eulogies, obituaries, and programs related to the death of Kelly Miller
- Series B**  
Box 71-1  
**Writings about Kelly Miller**  
Biographical sketches of Kelly Miller written by others
- Series C**  
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**National Negro Museum**  
Primarily correspondence between Kelly Miller and others regarding the idea of establishing a National Negro Museum at Howard University
- Series D**  
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**Autobiography of Kelly Miller RESTRICTED**  
Typescript of an unpublished autobiography by Kelly Miller
- Series E**  
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to Box 71-5  
**News Articles**  
Newspaper clippings by and about Kelly Miller, consisting primarily of "letters to the editor," and many of the columns by Kelly Miller including "Kelly Miller Says", "Lest We Forget", and "Kelly Miller Writes About". The clippings are arranged chronologically, Many of the original clippings are mounted with various dated articles on the same page. In such a case, the page is filed chronologically by the earliest date on the page. The original clippings are fragile and have been copied to preserve the information. The copies represents the best copy possible, Many times the copies represents the most complete version because of the deterioration of the original clipping. Please Use the copies.
- Series F**  
Box 71-6  
**Writings by Kelly Miller**  
Primarily published articles written by Kelly Miller arranged alphabetically by title, Also included are the first four issues of Kelly Miller's Monographic Magazine.
- Series G**  
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**Memorabilia**  
Programs in which Kelly Miller was participant: notes; greeting card with his signature on it; his stationary while at Howard University: and a poem. Heirarchy by May Miller
- Series H**  
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**Photographs**  
One individual photograph of Kelly Miller; and one group photograph of Kelly Miller as a member of the Howard College Graduating Class of 1886 with Josephine Turpin and William Palmer.
- Series I**  
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**Scrapbooks**  
Primarily newspaper clippings by and about Kelly Miller before and after his death. Use Microfilm Copy Only.

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**Kelly Miller - In Memoriam**

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- 1 Letters of sympathy
- 2 Funeral arrangements
- 3 Programs
- 4 Eulogy by D.O.W. Holmes
- 5 Eulogy by W.A.C. Hughes
- 6 Obituary, 1939
- 7 Obituary (page 1 missing)
- 8 Obituary by C.G. Woodson
- 9 Poem by Hallie E, Queen

**Series B**

**Writings about Kelly Miller**

- 10 Biographical Sketch of Professor Kelly Miller, by George M. Lightfoot (typescript)
- 11 "'The Late Dean - Kelly", by Billy Smith (*Silhouette Pictorial*, March 1940)
- 12 "Phylon Profile IV: Kelly Miller", by D.O.W. Holmes (reprint, *Phylon* 2nd. Qtr. 1945)

**Series C**

**National Negro Museum**

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- 14 Comment on the proposed museum at Howard University
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**Writings by Kelly Miller**

Kelly Millers' Monographic Magazine

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  - 130 (v.1, no.4) "Social and Industrial Capacities of Negroes", Part II, by Thomas Babington MacCaulay
  - 131 After Marcus Garvey What?
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  - 139 The Farm - The Negro's Best Hope
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  - 152 Negro Higher Education (book review)
  - 153 The Negro in Chicago (book review)
  - 154 The Negro in the New Reconstruction
  - 155 The Negro Sanhedrin
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