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Mu-So-Lit Club, Washington, D.C.

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The Mu-So-Lit Club was organized by representatives of the educated class of blacks in Washington, D.C. in 1905. Some of its members were Kelly Miller, George William Cook, F. Morris Murray, G. Smith Wormley, Thomas H. R. Clarke, Robert H. Terrell James A. Cobb and A. Mercer Daniel. The club's first president was Francis F. Cardoza.
The records of the Mu-So-Lit Club span the years 1915 to 1920. There are minutes that document the club's activities from the fourth quarter of 1919 to about the second quarter of 1920. There is no documentation of the founding of the club and the history prior to 1915.

The collection of records is approximately « of a linear foot in size.

Biographical Data

1905    Club was organized.

1911    May 9    Held commemorative celebration of Paul Laurence Dunbar's Birthday.

1915    Held commemorative celebration of Frederick Douglass' Birthday.

Elected W. E. B. DuBois as an honorary member

Series Description

Series A    Printed Brochure

Box 77-1    Portions of address that were printed in celebration of Frederick Douglass' birthday by the Mu-So-Lit Club

Series B    Minutes

Box 77-1    Holograph and typewritten minutes of the Executive Committee Board of Governors; Permanent Quarters Committee (Board of Directors)
Series C   Newspaper Clippings

Box 77-1   Announcement about a meeting to be addressed by W. H. Buckner and Professor Kelly Miller

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Container List

A  Printed Brochure

Box 77-1 Folder 1 Celebration of Frederick Douglass' Birthday. "Gleanings from an address delivered by H.W. Coffin at the unveiling of the painting 'The Underground Railroad' and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address" February 12, 1915

B  Minutes


3 Board of Directors - Permanent Quarters Committee - March 23, 1920, A. Mercer Daniel Secretary

4 Board of Governors. (Notes on meeting and minutes) May 25, 1920

C  Newspaper Clipping

5 Clipping about a meeting at which W. H. Buckner and Prof. Kelly Miller addressed the club., n.d.

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