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JOSIAH THOMAS SETTLE COLLECTION

Collection 88-1

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SCOPE NOTE

Josiah Thomas Settle was one of Howard University's first alumni in the College Department. This collection, which spans 1/2 linear foot and covers the years, 1879 to 1915, is significant for the study of the University's history.

The collection contains letters from Frederick Douglass and Oliver Otis Howard; a diploma, an autograph album from the members of the Mississippi legislature, a newspaper clipping and a memorial

program regarding the first commencement exercise at Howard University in 1872.

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Biographical Sketch

1850 Sept. 30 Born in Tennessee to Josiah and Nancy Settle.

1865 Entered Oberlin College.

1869-1872 Attended Howard University. Received A.B. Degree.

1873 Appointed clerk at the Board of Public Works,
Washington, D.C.

1874 Appointed clerk, Board of Audit, Washington, D.C.

1875 Received LL.B., Howard University.

 Moved to Mississippi.

 Married Theresa Vogelsang in Washington, D.C.

1883-1884 Served as member of State Legislature, Mississippi.

1885 Moved to Memphis, Tenn.

1886-1887 Served as Assistant Attorney General of Criminal
Court, Shelby County, Tenn.

1888 Death of Mrs. Settle.

1890 Married Fannie McCullough.

1892 Elected delegate to Republican National Convention.

1903 Admitted to practice in the Supreme Court.

1911-1912 Served as President of the National Negro Bar
Association.

1915 Aug, 16 Died.

Series Description

- Series A Correspondence
- Box 88-1 Letters of encouragement and praise from Frederick Douglass and General Oliver Otis Howard.
- Series B Programs
- Box 88-1 Memorial Services held for Josiah T. Settle, November 7, 1915
- Series C Album
- Autograph album compiled on the occasion of his retirement from the Mississippi Legislature.
- Series D Newspaper Clipping
- Box 88-1 Letter to the Editor of the New National Era, Washington, D.C., June 15, 1872.
- Series E Diplomas
- Item 88-2 to 88-3 Diplomas awarded to settle by Howard University College & Law Department, 1872 and 1875 respectively.

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Container List

- Box 88-1 A Correspondence
- Folder
- 1 Douglass, Frederick to Josiah Settle, 1889 May 18.
 - 2 Howard, Oliver Otis to Josiah Settle, Esq., 1898 October 18.
- B Program
- 3 Memorial Services for Josiah T. Settle 1915 November 7.
- C Album
- 4 Autograph album - March 3, 1884-May 5, 1885.

D Newspaper Clipping

5 Letter to the Editor of the New
National Era- 1872 June 15.

E Diplomas

Item 88-2 College Department Howard
 University, 1872 (fragile)

Item 88-3 Law Department,
 Howard University, 1875
 (framed)

