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LUCY D. SLOWE PAPERS
Collection 90-1 to 90-15

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MANUSCRIPT DIVISION

Scope Note

The Lucy Diggs Slowe Papers were donated by the Morgan State College on March 22, 1966. There are approximately items contained in twelve boxes measuring six linear feet, plus one individually wrapped scrapbook and two oversized photographs.

The collection extends from 1919 to 1943, although the bulk of the material covers the years between 1922 and 1937, the period when Ms. Slowe served as Dean of Women at Howard University Washington, D.C. It reflects her various job involvements, as well as her numerous activities in faculty and student affairs.

There are also records of her activities on the national level, such as her term as President of the National Association of College Women. Correspondence includes a large number of letters and telegrams of condolence addressed to Dean Slowe's long time companion and confidant, Mary E. Burrill; personal letters from family members, as well as from university and business associates. Correspondents include Julliett Derricotte, Abraham Flexner, Mordecai Johnson and Mary McLeod Bethune.

Biographical Sketch

- 1883 July 4 Born in Berryville, Virginia, Youngest child of Henry
- 1899 Slowe and Fannie Potter Slowe. Mother died and she was taken in by her aunt, Martha Price.
- 1904 Graduated from Baltimore Colored High School, Baltimore, Maryland.
Entered Howard University, first girl from Baltimore Colored High School to enter and first to receive a scholarship.
- 1908 Received her A B. degree from Howard University, Washington, D.C.
- 1908-15 Taught English in Baltimore Colored High School, Baltimore, Maryland.
- 1915 Received her M.A. degree from Columbia University.
- 1915-19 Appointed teacher of English at Armstrong High School, Washington, D.C.
- 1919-22 Organized and became first principal of Shaw Junior High School, first Junior High School for Negroes in Washington, D.C.
- 1922-37 First Dean of Women, Howard University, Washington, D.C.
- 1937 October 21 Died in Washington, D.C.

Series Description

Series A
Box 90-1

Biographical

Background notes and sketches on Dean Slowe's life.

Series B
Box 90-1

Obituaries

Includes letters of condolence, telegrams and tributes upon the death of Dean Slowe. A large majority of these letters and telegrams are addressed to Dean Slowe's best friend Mary Burrill and some to Mordecai Johnson, Mrs. Nellie Hawkes, Benjamin Mays and others. Also the eulogy of Inez Milholland (women's activist) by Emmett Scott Jr., and a clipping of a poem on the acceptance of death are included.

Series C
Box 90-1

Manuscripts

Original poem by Dean Slowe entitled "A Good Book" and other unidentified manuscripts found in the collection. A poem entitled "The Girl" by Miriam Moore Whitehead is also included.

Series D
Box 90-1

Personal Papers

Notes, curriculum materials, class reports and projects of Lucy Slowe.

Series E
Box 90-1

Family Papers

An obituary of Charlotte E. Slowe, Dean Slowe's sister, and the original (holograph) and typescript of Charlotte Slowe's last will and testament.

Series F
Box 90-2

Correspondence

to Box 90-4

Extensive collection of letters to and from friends, family and business associates of Lucy Slowe; correspondents include Julliett Derricotte, Dean of Fisk University Abraham Flexner, Trustee at Howard University, Mordecai Johnson, President of Howard University, Mary McLeod Bethune, Educator.

Series G
Box 90-4

Telegrams

Messages pertaining to meetings, and other organizational activities.

Series Description continued

Series H

Greeting Cards

Box 90-4 Holiday greetings, get well cards and gift cards.

Series I

Box 90-4

Post Cards

Notices of pending meetings, one personal unsigned post card

Series J

Box 90-5

Programs

Invitations and programs of ceremonies and other social functions attended and participated in by Dean Slowe.

Series K

Box 90-5

Howard University Administration

Annual reports, memoranda and general correspondence covering the years 1922-37 while Dean Slowe was Dean of Women at Howard University. Contains information on the controversy between the Dean and President of Howard University, Mordecai Johnson and Howard University in general. A petition concerning housing is included.

Series L

Box 90-6

Speeches and Articles

Predominately speeches and papers prepared and delivered during her tenure as Dean of Women at Howard University. Also a speech given by the Dean of Women from the University of Pittsburgh.

Series M

Box 90-8

Organizations

Official papers, i.e., minutes, annual reports, agenda, budgeting information, conference materials, announcements, correspondence, speeches, etc. are grouped according to organization. The organizations are: Cause and Cure of War, College Alumnae Club,

Community Chest,

Dean and Advisors of Women in Colored Schools, Family Service Association, National Association of College Women, National Association of Deans of Women, National Student Council - YWCA National Youth Administration, and Northwest Settlement House. Records and reports from Shaw Junior High School are included in this section.

Series Description continued

Series N
Box 90-11

Clippings

Numerous newspaper clippings concerning Howard University activities, Dean Slowe in general, and articles about Dean Slowe's activities, such as the controversy between her and the superintendent of schools over educational policy.

Series O
Box 90-12

Printed Materials

Membership cards, certificate of contribution, notices of membership fees in various organizations, student manual and flyers. A copy of "Ivy Leaf," June 1937.

Series P
Box 90-13

Photographs

Individual, group photographs and Dean Slowe's portraits. A large picture of Dean Slowe's house on Kearny Street.

Series Q
Box 90-13

Artifacts

Plates of a picture of Dean Slowe, her house, and for printed calling cards.

Series R
Box 90-13

Scrapbook

Contains mostly newspaper accounts, photographs and other memorabilia.

to Box 90-15

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Series B **Obituaries**

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- 3 Letters of condolence- F-W
- 4 Telegrams of condolence to Burrill (A-F)
- 5 Telegrams of condolence to Burrill (G-Y)
- 6 Telegrams of condolence to Johnson, Mordecai
- 7 List of persons who sent letters with flowers upon the occasion of Dean Slowe's death
- 8 Friends and flowers register
- 9 Tributes to Dean Slowe, A-F
- 10 Tributes to Dean Slowe, G-N
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- 12 "Because I Have No Sorrow To Die..."
- 13 Scott, Emmett J. Eulogy of Inez Milholland 1924

Series C **Manuscript**

- 14 Manuscripts - no date
- 15 A poem entitled "A Good Book" by Lucy D. Slowe
- 16 Vocational information conference, April 19-23, 1937 - bibliography
- 17 A poem entitled "The Girl" by Miriam Moore Whitehead

Series D **Personal Papers**

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- 19 Curriculum materials
- 20 Notes (holographs)

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