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

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MANUSCRIPT DIVISION
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 Slowe and Fannie Potter Slowe.  Mother died and she was taken in by her aunt, Martha Price.

1899

1904   Graduated from Baltimore Colored High School, Baltimore, Maryland.

1904   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.


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  Biographical
Box  90-1  Background notes and sketches on Dean Slowe's life.

Series B  Obituaries
Box  90-1  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  Manuscripts
Box  90-1  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  Personal Papers
Box  90-1  Notes, curriculum materials, class reports and projects of Lucy
Slowe.

Series E  Family Papers
Box  90-1  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  Correspondence
Box  90-2  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  Telegrams
Box 90-4  Messages pertaining to meetings, and other organizational activities.

Series H  Greeting Cards
Box 90-4  Holiday greetings, get well cards and gift cards.

Series I  Post Cards
Box 90-4  Notices of pending meetings, one personal unsigned post card

Series J  Programs
Box 90-5  Invitations and programs of ceremonies and other social functions attended and participated in by Dean Slowe.

Series K  Howard University Administration
Box 90-5  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  Speeches and Articles
Box 90-6  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  Organizations
Box 90-8  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  Clippings
Box 90-11  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  Printed Materials
Box 90-12  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  Photographs
Box 90-13  Individual, group photographs and Dean Slowe's portraits. A large picture of Dean Slowe's house on Kearny Street.

Series Q  Artifacts
Box 90-13  Plates of a picture of Dean Slowe, her house, and for printed calling cards.

Series R  Scrapbook
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