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The Daniel Hale Williams Collection was presented to the Howard University Library in 1954-55 by Helen Buckler, journalist, publicist and author of the biography of Daniel Hale Williams, a Black physician who performed the first successful open heart surgery in 1893. Mrs. Buckler,
who has done extensive public relations and historical research, received
the Honor Award for the first edition of her book, Doctor Dan: Pioneer
in American Surgery (Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1954) which was
later revised as Daniel Hale Williams: Negro Surgeon (New York: Pitman

This collection consists largely of working papers, research notes
and drafts of the manuscript of Mrs. Buckler's book, Among these papers
are correspondence to and from persons who were contacted for information
as early as 1944 and as late as 1970 regarding Daniel Hale Williams.
There are copies of testimonials of individuals involved in the early
administration of Freedmen's Hospital, original and photostat copies of
correspondence of Dr. Williams, his wife Alice Darling Johnson Williams,
Booker T. Washington, Emmett J. Scott and others. Also included are

cippings and articles by and about Dr. Williams, and numerous genealogical
research material regarding Daniel Hale Williams' family.

Correspondents, who assisted Mrs. Buckler in the preparation of her

biography include: Carl Glennis Roberts, Arna Bontemps, John A. Kenney,

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Biographical Sketch

1856 Jan. 18    Born in Hollidaysburg, Pa., son of Daniel and Sarah (Price) Williams.

1873            Attended Janesville High School, Wis.

1877            Attended Hare's Academy, Janesville, Wis.

1883            Received M.D., Northwestern Medical School, Chicago, Illinois, licensed in Illinois.


1885-88         Demonstrator in anatomy, Northwestern Medical School, Chicago, Illinois.

1892            Founded Provident Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

1893 July 9     Performed first successful open heart surgery, Provident Hospital, Chicago, Illinois

1893-98         Appointed Surgeon-in-Chief, Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D.C.

1900            Held first surgical clinic of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.

1903-09         Attending physician, Cook County Hospital; on Associate staff, St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

1909            Received LL.D., Wilberforce University, Ohio.

1910            Received A.B., Wilberforce University, Ohio.

1913            Elected Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

1925            Received M.S., Howard University, Washington, D.C.

1931 Aug. 4     Died, at Idlewild, Michigan.

Series Description

Series A    Personal Papers
Box 116-1  Photostat copies and original correspondence of Daniel Hale Williams, his wife, Alice Darling Johnson Williams, photostat copy of his will, marriage and baptismal certificates, receipts for medical education expenses and legal papers of the Price Family.

Series B  Correspondence Regarding Daniel Hale Williams

Box 116-1 to 116-4  Incoming and outgoing correspondence generated by Mrs. Buckler and correspondents regarding Daniel Hale Williams, in preparation for her biography of Dr. Williams.

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