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DANIEL HALE WILLIAMS COLLECTION

Collection 116-1 to 116-26

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June 1980

Revised by Greta S. Wilson  
February 1981

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Scope Note

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 Publishing Corporation, 1968).

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 testimonies 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

clippings 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

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biography include: Carl Glennis Roberts, Arna Bontemps, John A. Kenney, W. Montague Cobb and W.E.B. DuBois.

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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.
- 1883-1920 General practice, Chicago, 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 Incoming and outgoing correspondence generated by  
to 116-4 Mrs. Buckler and correspondents regarding Daniel Hale Williams, in preparation for her biography of Dr. Williams.

Series C Family Genealogical Research

Box 116-5 Genealogical charts, research notes and inquiries regarding Daniel Hale Williams and his family.

Series D Research Notes on Book - Daniel Hale Williams Negro Surgeon

Box 116-6 Holographic and typewritten notes on the chapters  
to 116-9 of Helen Buckler's biography on Dr. Williams.

Series E Research Notes and Working Papers General

Box 116-10 Research notes pertaining to a miscellany of topics  
to 116- 11 such as art, music, history, surgical procedures, Freedmen's Hospital, etc.

Series F Drafts

Box 116-12 Original drafts of the chapters of Helen Buckler's  
to 116-22 book.

Series Description

Series G Freedmen's Hospital

Box 116-23 Correspondence, appointment notices and statements pertaining to Freedmen's Hospital and Dr. Daniel

Hale Williams, surgeon-in-chief of the Hospital  
in 1893.

Series H      Clippings

Box 116-23      Clippings concerning Daniel Hale Williams and  
others.

Series I      Notebooks and Note Cards

Box 116-24      Original notes and interviews evolving from research  
on Daniel Hale Williams by Helen Buckler.

Series J      Photographs

Box 116-25      Photographs of Daniel Hale Williams, members of  
Item 116-26      his family, friends and co-workers. Also photo-  
graphs of Provident Hospital Chicago, Illinois  
in 1891, 1896, and 1933.

Container List

A    Personal    Papers

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|-----------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Box 116-1 | Folder | 1 Daniel Bale Williams - Personal<br>Papers                       |
|           |        | 2 Daniel Bale Williams - Will                                     |
|           |        | 3 Price Family legal Papers                                       |
|           |        | 4 Daniel Bale Williams -<br>Correspondence - originals            |
|           |        | 5 Daniel Bale Williams -<br>Correspondence - A-S (photostats)     |
|           |        | 6 Daniel Hale Williams -<br>Correspondence - S (photostats)       |
|           |        | 7 Daniel Bale Williams -<br>Correspondence - W (photostats)       |
|           |        | 8 Daniel Hale Williams -<br>Correspondence - W (photostats)       |
|           |        | 9 Alice Darling Johnson Williams -<br>Correspondence (photostats) |

B Correspondence Regarding Daniel Hall Williams

- 10 Correspondence - Re-publication of "Biographer Detective"-1954
- 11 Correspondence - genealogical inquires - 1944
- 12 Correspondence - genealogical inquires - 1945
- 13 Correspondence - genealogical inquires - 1946
- 14 Correspondence - genealogical inquires - 1947
- 15 Correspondence - genealogical inquires - 1948
- 16 Correspondence - genealogical inquires - 1962, 1970, undated

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- 17 Correspondence - A
- 18 Correspondence - B
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B Correspondence Regarding Daniel Bale Williams cont'd

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- 33 Correspondence - R
- 34 Correspondence - S
- 35 Correspondence - 2 CT
- 36 Correspondence - U
- 37 Correspondence - V
- 38 Correspondence - W
- 39 Unsigned - 1946

- 40 Incomplete - 1948
- 41 Correspondent - Unknown 1952
- 42 Greeting Cards
- 43 Correspondence - Undated
- 44 Correspondence - Booker T.  
Washington  
re: Daniel Hale Williams

C Family Genealogical Research

Box 116-5

- 45 Armstrong family genealogy notes
- 46 Armstrong family genealogy charts
- 47 Bishop family genealogy charts
- 48 Price family genealogy charts,  
family grave lots, notes
- 49 Shorter family genealogy charts
- 50 Shorter and Price family genealo-  
gical charts
- 51 Williams family genealogy charts
- 52 Williams family genealogy notes
- 53 Williams and Price families  
genealogical chart
- 54 Notes-genealogical notes, all  
families on cards
- 55 Photostats, The African Repository
- 56 Photostats, Stanton School Report.  
Anne Arundel County, Maryland
- 57 Photostat. The Sun. 'Baltimore,  
Maryland

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C Family Genealogical Research cont'd

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| Box 116-5 | Folder | 58 "Biographer Detective" or<br>"Sleuthing for Doctor Dan |
|-----------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------|

D Research Notes on book -  
Daniel Hale Williams: Negro Surgeon

Box 116-6

- 59 Forward
- 60 Chapter I - Williams and Price,  
Draft VIII, Set II
- 61 Chapter II - Freedmen's Battle
- 62 Chapter II - Rockford,  
Gainesville
- 63 Chapter III - Lad Alone,  
Draft VIII



- 64 Chapter IV - C.M.C.
- 65 Chapter IV - At the Chicago Medical College, 1880-1883, Draft VIII, Set II
- 66 Chapter V - Early Career 1883-1891
- 67 Chapter V - Beginning a Career, Draft VIII, Set II
- 68 Chapter VI - First Inter-racial Hospital, 1891, Draft VIII Set II
- 69 Chapter VI - Founding Provident

Box 116-7

- 70 Chapter VII - Heart Operation
- 71 Chapter VII - Pioneer Heart Operation, 1893, Draft VIII Set III
- 72 Chapter VIII - Asylum into Hospital, Draft, Set II
- 73 Chapter VIII, IX, & X - Freedmen's
- 74 Chapter IX - Snatched from the Womb
- 75 Chapter X - Entanglements, Political and Otherwise
- 76 Chapter XI - Alice Darling Johnson
- 77 Chapter XI - Alice Darling Johnson
- Chapter XII - Aftermath at Freedmen's
- 79 Chapter XII - Surgeon at Zenith
- 80 Chapter XII - Aftermath in Washington

Box 116-8

- 81 Chapter XIII - Meharry
- 82 Chapter XIII - Chicago Again
- 83 Chapter XIV Moses to Negro Medicine
- 84 Chapter XIV G.C. Hall
- 85 Chapter XV Booker T. Washington
- 86 Chapter XV Destroying Myths
- 87 Chapter XVI Doctor's

D Research Notes on book  
Daniel Hale Williams: Negro Surgeon cont'd

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|           |        | 92 Chapter XIX - Break with Booker T. Washington |
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- 94 Chapter XXI - Worse than God  
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- 96 Appendix B - Publications of  
D.H. Williams (bibliography)
- 97 Appendix C - Persons who supplied  
dates
- 98 Appendix F - Sources

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- 100 Notes - General (B)
- 101 Notes - History
- 102 Notes an dance, costume and  
speech
- 103 Notes an tintypes, photographs, etc.
- 104 Notes - To do a library
- 105 Notes - Wolfson, Rose

Box 116-10

- 106 Booklovers Magazine, Vol. II,  
No.1, July, 1903
- 107 Catholicism
- 108 Clippings
- 109 Lillian Evanti - Publicity
- 110 Freedmen's Hospital - William  
Resignation
- 111 Freedmen's Hospital after Williams
- 112 Heart Operation - Notes
- 113 Hollidaysburg, Pa. - Notes
- 114 Honors, degrees, etc.
- 115 Illinois State Board - Notes
- 116 John A. Kenney - Reprints
- 117 H.H. Kohlsaatt

E Research Notes and Working Papers - General cont'd

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- 118 Letters - Photostats, from  
Record from the Office of the  
Secretary of Interior National  
Archives, Washington, D.C.
- 119 Pearl B. Marchant - Notes
- 120 9th International Medical Congress Notes
- 121 Negro Newspapers - Notes
- 122 Negro Surgeons - Notes

- 123 Nursing - Notes
- 124 Carl Glennis Roberts - Articles  
and Speeches
- 125 Rosenwald Fund
- 126 Ernest J. Scott - Reprints
- 127 Alice Johnson Williams - Notes
- 128 Daniel H. Williams - Articles  
About
- 129 Daniel H. Williams - Articles by

F Drafts

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  - 130 Original Draft I Part I
  - 131 Original Draft II Part II
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- Box 116-13
  - 134 Draft II, Set I
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  - 136 Draft II, Part II
  - 137 Draft II, Part II (cont'd)
  - 138 Draft III, Part I
  - 139 Draft III, Part I (cont'd)
- Box 116-15
  - 140 Draft IV - Set I, Chapters 1,2,3
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  - 143 Draft IV - Set I Chapters 9,10,11
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  - 145 Draft IV - Parts of I set
  - 146 Draft IV - Set I Chapters 15,16,17
  - 147 Draft IV - Duplicate - Contains  
Suggestions by Dr. Carl Roberts \
- Box 116-16
  - 148 Draft V Set I
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F Drafts cont'd

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  - 150 Sheets taken out of Draft VI  
Set III, the Set read by  
Mr. James. These contain his  
notes.
  - 151 Notes made after seeing Doubleday  
and before Mark James read it
  - 152 Sheets taken from Draft VI,  
Set I, when it was revised into  
Draft VII, Set II
  - 153 Sheets removed from Draft VI  
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- Box 116-17
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|            |        | 178 Chapter XXI: Worse than God Punishes                  |
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- 181 Appendix B: Publications of Daniel Hale Williams
- 182 Appendix C: Persons who supplied data for this bibliography
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  - 206 Galley proofs #2
  - 207 Galley proofs #3
  - 208 Galley proofs #4

G Freedmen's Hospital

- Box 116-23
  - 209 Freedmen's Hospital -Appointment September, 1893 - February, 1894
  - 210 Freedmen's Hospital - Appointment and illness of Williams - 1894

- 211 Freedmen's Hospital - Illness of Williams - October, 1894 (Missing)
- 212 Freedmen's Hospital - History and incumbency of Williams, 1894-1897
- 213 Freedmen's Hospital - Charles T. West
- 214 George W. Johnson vs. Daniel H. Williams, August 14, 1897- April 16, 1901
- 215 Statement of Dr. Daniel Hale Williams re: Purchases for Freedmen's Hospital

H Clippings

- 216 Clippings re: Daniel Hale Williams
- 217 Clippings - general

I Note Books and Note Cards

- Box 116-24            218 Original Notes and Interviews, Box 1
- 219 Original Notes and Interviews, Box 2

J Photographs

- Box 116-25            220 Daniel Hale Williams (as a child)
- 221 Daniel Hale Williams (as an adult)
- 222 Daniel Hale Williams (with others)
- 223 Ada Blanche Williams
- 224 Alice D. Williams
- 225 Alice D. Williams ?

J Photographs

- Box 116-25            226 Daniel Williams, Jr.
- 227 Henry Price Williams
- 228 Ida Williams
- 229 Marie Estel Williams
- 230 Sarah Price Williams
- 231 Daniel Hale Williams' home,  
                              Hollidayburg, Pa.
- 232 Others
- 233 Unidentified
  
- Item 116-26            Provident Hospital, Chicago, IL.  
                              1891, 1896, 1933

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