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JAMES C. WRIGHT PAPERS

Collection 120-1 to 120-5

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Scope Note

The James C. Wright Papers were presented to the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center in 1963 by Mary G. Hundley. Mary Gibson Hundley was a teacher at Dunbar High School and is the author of *The Dunbar Story, 1870-1955*. (New York, 1965). The collection, spans 2 « linear feet and is related to Wright's educational and civic projects during the 37 years

he was a teacher in Washington, D.C. Assigned as a typing instructor, Wright's tenure developed at the following schools: M Street High School (later Dunbar High School), Armstrong Manual Training School, and Cardozo High School.

Papers include a fairly complete collection of commencement programs from the above schools. Also included are drafts, manuscripts and articles on the history of Dunbar High School written by Wright, including a 134 page typescript of information on Dunbar graduates, 1918 to 1927. Other statistical lists gathered by Wright for the 50th Reunion Anniversary of Dunbar, the Dunbar Yearbook or for historical articles on Dunbar are also included.

The reprint articles on Wright reveal his dedication to civil interests. For example, Wright was instrumental in having the public transportation fare reduced to three cents in the District for school children, a battle which took him 10 years to win.

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Two pamphlets on the history of D.C. schools series give an excellent history of the origin and development of the colored schools in the District of Columbia. One is entitled "Brief Review of the Origin and Development of the Colored Schools, District of Columbia," by Am. A. Joiner dated 1901 and "History of the High Schools for Negroes in Washington," Mary Church Terrell dated 1917.

Included in the collection are yearbooks for Armstrong Memorial Training School, from 1902 to 1904 and from Dunbar H.S. for 1922.

Biographical Sketch

Biographical information on James C. Wright could not be located, however, the article "Carving the Rocks of History," by George D. Riley gives an excellent insight to the career of J.C. Wright, (Series M, Folder 175).

Series Description

- Series A Personal
- Box 120-1 Materials belonging to J.C. White include financial papers, class schedules, his personal teacher's rating sheets and personal holographic notes.
- Series B Correspondence
- Box 120-1 General - includes correspondence dealing with educational activities, administrative queries and problems. Some of the correspondence deals with collecting information for statistics on Dunbar graduates. Business-includes correspondence between Wright and typewriting companies and or other job related activities. Other correspondence deals with specific events and was left intact for continuity: "Carving the Rocks of History"- correspondence; Dunbar High Reunion correspondence; Lost River and School of Life correspondence.
- Series C Memorandums
- Box 120-2 Include memorandums from different administrative offices of the D.C. public school system plus some from school offices as well as to/from J.C. Wright.
- Series D Clippings
- Box 120-2 Dating from 1893 to 1936, clippings cover a variety of topics, some on the D.C. Educational System and some on specific departments of D.C. schools, some written by J.C. Wright.

Series E Documents

Box 120-2

Include U.S. Congressional bills, acts, resolutions
and memorandums plus petitions from 1899 to Mid 1900's.

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Series F History of D.C. School

Box 120-2 Two pamphlets one by William A. Joiner and Mary Church Terrell on the origin and development of the public school system in D.C.

Series G Manuscripts by J.C. Wright

Box 120-2 Articles written by J.C. Wright mostly deal with the history of Dunbar High School.

Writing by Others

Articles about educational development in the D.C. public school system plus articles on specific activities in Dunbar High School.

Series H Organizations

Box 120-3 Minutes, notes, printed material, memorandums, programs, financial papers from various educational organizations. Most of the material are from Dunbar High School.

Series I Press Releases

Box 120-3 Press releases about different school activities, i.e. plays etc.

Series J Printed Material

Box 120-3 A large series of various forms of printed material, broadsides, directories, lists from several educational offices. Include printed "Courses of Study, Lists" for different level of schools and courses. Rules covering specific areas are also included.

Series K Programs

Box 120-4 Armstrong, Cardozo, Dunbar High Schools and Miner Teachers College are represented in the extensive commencement program series of this collection, General programs include programs from different schools and their activities,

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Series L Reports

Box 120-4 Reports written & submitted by J.C. Wright covering different teaching responsibilities.

Series M Article

Box 120-4 Reprint articles on J.C. Wright and his contributions to the D.C. public school system.

Series N Statistics

Box 120-4 to 120-5 Statistics gathered by J.C. Wright to either write historical articles on Dunbar or its graduates, information is also collected on the Business School graduates.

Series O Typewriter Inventories

Box 120-5 Reports submitted by J.C. Wright on the condition of and inventories of material under his responsibility.

Series P Yearbooks

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