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Scope Note

The George W. Cook Papers were presented to the Howard University Library in April, 1958 by Mrs. Helen Jackson, a relative.

This one box collection of papers measuring « linear foot and spanning the years 1855-1.931, contains addresses, biographical sketches, clippings correspondence, manuscripts, memorials, poetry, a scrapbook, and a song. The song is the New John Brown Song composed by William Weston Patton, late President of Howard University. The correspondence includes letters from Theodore Roosevelt, Joel E. Spingarn, W.E.B. Dubois and others. Many of the letters are congratulatory, received upon celebration of Cook's 50 years at Howard University. Others are letters of condolence to his wife, Coralie Franklin Cook, from correspondents such as Lulu V. Childers, F.D. Wilkinson, W.V. Tunnell and Walter White.
Biographical Data

1855 January  Born in slavery in Winchester Virginia.
1877                 Graduated from Howard University Preparatory School
1881   Began teaching career at Howard University
1886   Received A.B. degree from Howard University
1886   Appointed Assistant in the typographical division of the Geological survey (summers)
1898   Received LL.B. from Howard University
1903   Dean of School of Commerce and finance at Howard University
1911   Secretary of Howard University
1912-19 Secretary and Business Manager of Howard University
1914   Elected member of the Board of Directors of N.A.A.C.P.

Established Cottage System for dependent colored children at Blue Plains, D.C.
Appointed to Board of Charities of D.C. by three presidents
1924   Honored by President, faculty for 50 years of service at Howard University.
1928   Alumni Secretary
1931   Alumni Trustee
1931  Aug. 20    Died at Mercy Hospital, Philadelphia, PA
Series Description

Series A  
**Addresses**
Box 21-1  
Manuscripts delivered in early 1920's

Series B  
**Biographical Data**
Box 21-1  
Biographical sketches of his life as a young boy and as student and Dean of Howard University. Included is a typewritten letter to W.E.B. Dubois with a biographic sketch attached.

Series C  
**Clippings**
Box 21-1  
Clippings on Howard University activities, (and on the controversy over retirement of George W. Cook.

Series D  
**Correspondence**
Box 21-1  
Congratulatory letters, condolences and general correspondence to Cook and his wife Coralie Franklin Cook. Correspondents include W.E.B. Dubois, Theodore Roosevelt and J.E. Spingarn.

Series E  
**Manuscripts**
Box 21-1  
Includes memorials, resolutions, funeral accounts and other Personal Papers of George W. Cooke. An account of Booker T. Washington's funeral is included and a copy of the Eulogy of Frederick Douglass.

Series F  
**Printed Material**
Box 21-1  
Papers pertaining, to Howard University, including an outline of organizational structure, exam schedules and circulars. Also a Poem and a song are included.
Container List

Series A  Addresses
Box  Folder
21-1  1  Address - The Charter, a Challenge March 2, 1920.
     2  Address - Emancipation Proclamation at Zion Baptist, D.C.  April 16, 1923.
     3  Address - Emancipation Day Address

Series B  Biographical Data
4  Biographical Sketches

Series C  Clippings
5  Clippings
6  Newspaper Clippings - Retirement

Series D  Correspondence
7  Family Correspondence, A-Z
8  General Correspondence, A-D
9  General Correspondence, E-R
10  General Correspondence, S-Z

Series E  Manuscripts
11  Washington, Booker T.
12  Resolutions - Howard Law School upon the death of George William Cook August 22, 1931
13  Invitation to Memorial Service
14  In Memoriam - Cook, George William - by Howard Club of Denver, Delaware.
15  In Memoriam - George William Cook Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel June 9, 1932
16  Funeral Account of George William Cook (incomplete)
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