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Scope Note

Mrs. Regia Bronson donated the Anna J. Cooper Papers to Howard University in 1971. The papers total five linear feet spanning the period 1881 to 1958. They are comprised primarily of writing by Anna J. Cooper, including news articles, speeches, poems, pamphlets and books.

There are also galley proofs, drafts, and some research materials of her book, The Life and Writings of the Grimke Family included in this collection.

Mrs. Cooper served as President of Frelinghuysen University, Washington, D.C. from 1930 to 1941. Among her papers are some materials relating to Frelinghuysen University including programs, legal documents, correspondence, and an account book from the School of Law, 1921-1929.

Other items of note are three scrapbooks of letters, stamps, manuscripts, news articles, memorabilia dating 1881-1940, and an autograph album dating 1883-1889. There are several books and periodicals that have been autographed and inscribed. Among these books is an autographed copy of Au Pays de "la Vie Intense by Felix Klein. The papers include several letters and cards from Felix Klein to Anna J. Cooper, as well as a poem by Mrs. Cooper dedicated to him.
Biographical Sketch

1858 August 10  Born in Raleigh, North Carolina, the daughter of George Washington Haywood and Hannah Stanley.

1877 June 21  Married George Christopher Cooper.

1879 September 27  George Cooper died.

1884-1885  Professor of Modern Language and Literature, Wilberforce University, Ohio.

1885-1887  Instructor of Math, Latin and Greek, St. Augustine's Normal and Collegiate Institute, Raleigh, North Carolina.

1887  Received M.A. degree in Math from Oberlin College, Ohio.

1887  Began teaching at Washington High School, Washington, D.C.

1892  Published *A Voice from the South by a Black Woman of the South*.


1901-1906  Principal of M. Street High School, Washington, D.C.

1906  Appointed supervisor of the Colored Social Settlement.

1906-1910  Professor of Foreign language, Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Missouri

1910-1930  Teacher of Latin, Dunbar High School Washington, D.C.

1911-1913  Attended summer sessions at 'la Guilde' in Paris.

1915-1917  Attended Columbia University summer sessions, preparing for her doctorate.

1920-1921  Attended extension courses at Columbia University, New York.

1925  Received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Paris.

1930-41  President and teacher at Frelinghuysen University, Washington, D.C.
Biographical Sketch continued

1941-64 President Emeritus and Acting Registrar, Frelinghuysen University.
1964 Died.

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C  Manuscript by Anna J. Cooper

Manuscript and Addresses

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28  Manuscripts
29  Address, accepting her diploma from the Sorbonne, Univ. of Paris
12/29/25
30  Bible Quotation
31  Christ's Church, A 20th Century Parable
32  The Ethics of the Negro Question
33  Foreword On Education
34  Modern Education
35  The Negro's Dialect
36  A Problem in American Education; Loss of Speech through Isolation
37  The Third Step (autobiographical)
38  The Tie What Used to Bind; a Mid-Victorian Negro Marriage

Plays and Programs
39  Christmas Bells; a one act play for children
40  The Cock That Makes The Sun Rise. Synopsis of a play
41  Dunbar Day Junior Rhetorical Program - drafts
42  An Evening with Vergie; a playlet in two acts from scenes in the
    Aeneid
43  From Servitude to Service contributions from the Negro Peoples in American
    History: a pageant 1940

Poems
44  The Answer
45  Aunt Charlotte
46  A Bench Beside the Road
47  The Black Madonna of Chartres,

France
48  Dunbar H.S. Alma Mater
49  Grapes from Thorns; the First Step (3 poems)
50  A Message
51  Resurrexit, Resurgam
52  Sandy Klaws
53  Simon of Cyrene
Container List

C  Manuscript by Anna J. Cooper continued

France

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54  Sterling Calhoun
55  They Also
56  To: M.L. Abbe Felix Klein

D  Published Materials by Anna J. Cooper

Box 23-5  Folder
57  Clippings of articles by Anna J. Cooper (xerox materials)
58  Clippings of articles by Anna J. Cooper (originals)
59  Angry Saxons and Negro Education
60  L'attitude de la France a l’égard de l’escalauage pendant la revolution
61  College extension for working people
62  Equality of Races and the Democratic Movement
63  The Higher Education of Woman
64  Hitler and the Negro
65  The Humor of Teaching
66  Legislative Measures Concerning Slavery in the U.S.
67  Oberlin College, Class Letters
68  Le Peterinage de Charlemagne
69  Le Peterinage de Charlemagne - Advertisements
70  A Voice from the South

E  The Life and Writings of the Grimke Family by Anna J. Cooper

Box 23-6  71  Original letters for Grimke books
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Box 23-7  87  Autograph album 1883-1889
88  Scrapbook no.1 1881-1926
89  Scrapbook no.2 1931-1940
90  Scrapbook no.3 undated
91  Law School Account Book 1921-1929 Frelinghuysen University

G  Printed Materials

Books

94  Child, Lydia Maria. The Freedman's Book, Boston 1865. (inscribed
96  Frost, William Goodell. Far the Mountains; An Autobiography. New York, E117. (autographed)
97  Klein, Felex. Au Pays de "La Vie Intense." Paris, 1911, (autographed)

Periodicals

Box 23-9  98  Invitation to Learning; Discussions of Great Books and Significant Ideas. Fall 1951, v. I no. 3. (inscribed)
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G  Printed  Materials continued

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    The Oberlin Alumni Magazine
  100  June, October,  1913
  101  January, October,  November, 1914
  102  February, March, April, May, November, 1915
  103  La Revue du Monde Noir, n.d.
  104  Clippings - miscellaneous

H  Duplicates

Box 23-10        La Pelerinage de Charlemagne 1925, by A. J. Cooper (10)

    The Third Step n.d. by A. J. Cooper (2)

    From Servitude to Service n.d. by A. J. Cooper (9)

    Aunt Charlotte by A. J. Cooper (17)

    AKA Souvenir Programs Dec. 29, 1925 (6)

    (news article) "D.C. Scholar Looks at 100 Years of Living"

    (news article) "Negro Educator Sees Life's Meaning at 100"

    Frelinghuysen University Decennial Catalogue (2)

    Frelinghuysen University second Decennial Catalogue (2)