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ANGELINA WELD GRIMKE COLLECTION

Collection 38-1 to 38-16

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In honor of his aunt, Angelina Emily Grimke Weld (1805-1875), a noted abolitionist and feminist, Archibald Grimke named his daughter, the only child: Angelina Weld Grimke.

Angelina Weld Grimke (1880-1958) was a prolific author of poetry, drama, and short stories. Among her most noted writings are, the plays "Rachel" published in 1921, and the poem "The Black Finger", first published in Opportunity in 1923.

The Angelina Weld Grimke Collection spans her life, dating 1887 to 1958, and totals 8 linear feet. The collection is abundant in writings by Angelina Weld Grimke, many holograph drafts as well as published items. Equally as abundant is the correspondence from family, friends and business associates. Angelina, and her father, Archibald, were very close and the correspondence between them covering a span of 35 years reflects this fondness.

For over 20 years, Angelina Weld Grimke taught English in the public school system of Washington, D.C. The collection contains some items documenting her work, primarily
related to Dunbar High School. There are also a few personal
papers, including her birth certificate, a brief autobiogra-
phical sketch, and a few items of printed materials and
memorabilia.
1880 Feb. 27  Born to Archibald H. and Sarah Stanley Grinke in Boston, Massachusetts.

1887-1894  Attended Fairmont School, Hyde Park, Massachusetts.

1895  Attended Carleton Academy, Northfield, Minnesota.

1902  Graduated from Boston Normal School of Gymnastics (absorbed by Wellesley College in 1909)


1904-1910  Pursued summer courses of instruction at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

1907  Transferred to M Street High School, (later called the Dunbar High School) as teacher of English, Washington, D.C.

1921  Published the three-act play entitled "Rachel".

1926  Retired from teaching.

1958 June 10  Died, New York City.

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