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.


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, same 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.

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
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.

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.

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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.

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