

**Arthur B. Spingarn Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Arthur B. Spingarn Papers

**Inclusive Dates:** 1850-1970

**Bulk Dates:** 1920-1955

**ID No.:** MSS40949

**Creator:** Spingarn, Arthur B. (Arthur Barnett), 1878-1971

**Extent:** 35,000 items

**Extent:** 66 containers plus 2 oversize

**Extent:** 30 linear feet

**Extent:** 58 microfilm reels

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm79040949>

**Summary:** Civil rights leader and lawyer. Correspondence, memoranda, minutes of meetings, wills and estate files, reports, briefs, hearing and trial transcripts, and other papers relating chiefly to Spingarn's service with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as vice president, chairman of the legal committee, and president (1911-1965).

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Brooks, Van Wyck, 1886-1963--Correspondence.

Cobb, James A. (James Adlai), 1876-1958--Correspondence.

Du Bois, W. E. B. (William Edward Burghardt), 1868-1963--Correspondence.

Gruening, Ernest, 1887-1974--Correspondence.

Johnson, James Weldon, 1871-1938--Correspondence.

Lewis, Alfred Baker, 1897--Correspondence.

Martin, Isadore Maximilian, 1909- --Correspondence.

Mumford, Lewis, 1895-1990--Correspondence.

Ovington, Mary White, 1865-1951--Correspondence.

Pickens, William, 1881-1954--Correspondence.

Seligmann, Herbert J. (Herbert Jacob), 1891-1984--Correspondence.

Shillady, John R., 1875-1943--Correspondence.

Spingarn, Arthur B. (Arthur Barnett), 1878-1971.

Studin, Charles H.--Correspondence.

Thomas, Neval--Correspondence.

Van Vechten, Carl, 1880-1964--Correspondence.

White, Walter, 1893-1955--Correspondence.

Wilkins, Roy, 1901-1981--Correspondence.

### Organizations

American Social Hygiene Association.

Circle for Negro Relief.

NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

New York (State). State Commission Against Discrimination.

New York Committee of Vigilance.

New York Tuberculosis and Health Association.

### Subjects

African Americans--Civil rights.

African Americans--Societies, etc.  
African literature.  
Civil rights.  
Riots--Illinois--East Saint Louis.  
World War, 1939-1945--Participation, African American.

#### **Places**

Haiti--History--American occupation, 1915-1934.  
United States--Race relations.

#### **Titles**

*Crisis*.

#### **Occupations**

Civil rights leaders.  
Lawyers.

## **Acquisition Information**

The papers of Arthur B. Spingarn, lawyer and president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), were given to the Library of Congress by Spingarn in 1964. Subsequent additions were made to the collection by gift and purchase from 1968 to 1996.

## **Processing History**

The papers of Arthur B. Spingarn were arranged and described by Joseph Sullivan with the assistance of Brian McGuire in 1994. Additional material received was incorporated into the collection by Joseph Sullivan in 1999. Some reprocessing was done in 2001 by Patrick Kerwin. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

## **Additional Guides**

A description of the earliest acquisition of Spingarn Papers appears in *The Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress*, October 1965, pp. 331-332.

## **Transfers**

Some photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

## **Related Material**

Other collections of papers in the Manuscript Division containing significant correspondence and references to Arthur B. Spingarn include the records of the [National Association for the Advancement of Colored People](#), [NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Records](#), and the papers of [Roy Wilkins](#).

## **Copyright Status**

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Arthur B. Spingarn in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress is dedicated to the public.

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Arthur B. Spingarn are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on fifty-eight reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Arthur B. Spingarn Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1878, Mar. 28	Born, New York, N.Y.
1897	A.B., Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1899	M.A., Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1900	LL.B., Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1900-1960s	Practiced law, New York, N.Y.
1911-1915	Associated with the New York Vigilance Committee and the New York City Branch, NAACP
1911-1940	Vice president and chairman, Legal Committee, NAACP
1915	Member, board of directors, NAACP Published <i>Laws Relating to Sex Morality in New York City</i> (New York: Century Co. 139 pp.)
1917-1919	Captain, Sanitation Corps, American Expeditionary Force, United States Army
1919	Married Marion Meyer
1936	Initiated annual review of books by African American authors in the <i>Crisis</i> magazine
1940-1957	President, NAACP National Legal Committee
1940-1965	President, NAACP
1971, Dec. 2	Died, New York, N.Y.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Arthur Barnett Spingarn (1878-1971), a lawyer and civil rights leader, span the years 1850-1970, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1920-1955. Only a limited amount of correspondence and other material relates to Spingarn's personal or family life, and only glimpses of his law practice appear in the personal correspondence and various legal files. The documentation relates principally to his service with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as vice president, chairman of the National Legal Committee, and president.

From the beginning of his law career at the turn of the century, Spingarn was interested in advancing the cause of civil rights and improving the condition of Black people, and he joined or advised a number of relevant organizations. The [Personal Correspondence](#) file contains material for such groups as the Circle for Negro Relief, the New York State Commission Against Discrimination, the American Social Hygiene Association, and the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association. The documentation relating to these and other groups and to individuals sharing his interests, however, lacks the range and depth of the material about the NAACP. Widely scattered throughout the papers are references to

Spingarn's activities as a bibliophile interested in works by native Africans. These references are contained in the [Personal Correspondence](#) series (see Normil Georges Sylvain) and in an occasional letter in the [General Correspondence](#).

Material regarding aspects of the American occupation of Haiti during the 1920s also appears in the [Personal Correspondence](#). Spingarn's disillusionment with American foreign policy during this period, particularly in conjunction with Haiti, takes shape in files related to J. Jolibois, Georges Sylvain, and Perceval Thoby and in a file marked "letters to the editor" protesting the violation of the civil rights of newspaper editor Louis E. Pouget.

The [General Correspondence](#) constitutes more than forty percent of the papers and represents the bulk of the series of NAACP files. Many subjects germane to the nature and interests of the association, principally legal in nature, are documented from the 1920s to the 1950s. Material addressing the relationship of officers of the association to each other reflects Spingarn's dominant presence. There are also references that reveal his relationship with the directors of the organization, including James Weldon Johnson, Walter Francis White, and Roy Wilkins. Information about other officers appears in both letters and memoranda addressed to Spingarn or sent to him as enclosures. These officers include W. E. B. Du Bois, Mary White Ovington, and William Pickens.

Included in the [NAACP series](#) are [general correspondence](#), [subject](#), [legal](#), and [estate files](#) related to various aspects of the growth of the association, such as its difficult financial beginnings, rapid increases in membership during times of crisis, and program and administrative problems. These files reflect the East Saint Louis Riot of 1917; the New York Vigilance Committee for the years 1912-1913, which became the New York City (Manhattan) branch of the NAACP; the Shillady beating incident of 1919; the Internal Revenue Service's decision to disallow tax deductions for donors in 1925 and then to reinstate the deductions in the late 1930s (which includes references to these decisions as the origin of the Legal Defense and Educational Fund). Letters dated 1931, 1934, 1940, and 1942 relate, in part, to Mary White Ovington.

The many controversies surrounding W. E. B. Du Bois, especially his 1933 plan for reorganization to keep the *Crisis* magazine under his control, the segregation issue which led to his 1934 departure, his rehiring by the association in 1944, and his final dismissal in 1948, are noted in correspondence and memoranda in the [NAACP series](#) and reveal the antagonism between him and Walter White. Selected cases from the 1920s to the 1940s regarding discrimination in education, voting and civil rights, including both Nixon cases, *Nixon v. Condon* and *Nixon v. Herndon*, the Scottsboro case, and *Smith v. Allwright* appear in the subject file. The correspondence and memoranda in the [subject file](#) were sent as enclosures but lack the covering letters to Spingarn.

Areas of interest in the papers after 1940 include World War II, racial discrimination, and related topics. The NAACP's position on the issue of segregated training camps for black officers was clear, but remarks and articles giving a positive impression of segregated training facilities by William Pickens, the association's field secretary on leave for service with the United States government, forced this controversial issue to resurface. As outlined in a [subject file](#) labeled "William Pickens" and in the [General Correspondence](#), the board of directors severed ties with Pickens over his statements.

Also documented are the many controversies surrounding Walter White, the secretary of the association. Issues related to White include salary disputes, staff criticism, private behavior, and his relationship with his eventual successor, Roy Wilkins. Other subseries describe the [Crisis magazine](#), [board minutes and reports](#), and [financial material](#). The board reports contain secretary's reports not available in the NAACP records.

Correspondents in the [family](#) and [personal correspondence](#) include Van Wyck Brooks, Ernest Gruening, Lewis Mumford, Georges Sylvain, Perceval Thoby, and Carl Van Vechten. The [general correspondence](#), which is chronologically arranged, includes James A. Cobb, W. E. B. Du Bois, Isadore Martin, Walter White, and Roy Wilkins almost every year. Correspondence of others active in the civil rights movement, such as Alfred Baker Lewis, Herbert Seligman, Charles Studin, and Neval Thomas, appear throughout the collection.

An [addition to the Spingarn Papers](#), processed in 1996, includes two annotated editions of Spingarn's book, *Laws Relating to Sex Morality in New York City*, dated 1915 and 1926, and a certificate issued by the Supreme Court in 1926. The addition has not been microfilmed.

## Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in seven series:

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**BOX 56-60 REEL 51-53 Miscellany, 1850-1970**

Personal and NAACP material including correspondence to and from individuals other than Spingarn, speeches and writings, income tax material, lists, legal documents, depositions, proceedings, reports, statements, complaints, affidavits, notes, and photographs.  
Arranged by type of material.

**BOX 61-66 REEL 53-58 Printed Matter, 1911-1967**

Press releases, legislative bills, pamphlets, programs, announcements, magazine and journal articles, and newspapers and newspaper clippings.  
Organized into three groupings; NAACP, non-NAACP, and newspaper and newspaper clipping files, and therein by subject or type of material.

**BOX 66 Not filmed Addition, 1915-1968**

A certificate, a legal document, printed matter, and annotated books by Spingarn.  
Organized alphabetically by title of publication or type of material.

**BOX OV 1-OV 2 REEL 58 Oversize, 1915-1964**

Newspapers, newspaper clippings, and certificate issued to Spingarn by the Supreme Court.  
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Unidentified, [1940]

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#### **Crisis File, 1921-1967**

Typed drafts of editorials and financial reports of the Crisis magazine, the official organ of the NAACP.  
Arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically therein.

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**BOX 40-51 REEL 36-47**

#### **Minutes of Meetings and Reports, 1915-1967**

Minutes of meetings of the board of directors and committees of the NAACP and reports by officers and departments of the organization.  
Arranged alphabetically by type of material, then according to the reporting body or office, and chronologically therein.

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        - Common Sense, 1 Nov. 1954; 15 Sept. 1962
        - Daily Bulletin, 16 Jan. 1943
        - Mobile Labor Journal, 20 Dec. 1946; 27 Dec. 1946
        - Washington Daily American, 17 Nov. 1924
        - Washington Daily News, 13 Feb. 1943
      - Select pages
        - Black Dispatch, Oklahoma City, Okla., 3 and 24 Sept. 1949; 2 Mar. 1955
        - Chicago Defender, 17 Dec. 1949
        - Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Va., 4 Dec. 1937; 18 Mar. 1950
        - Memphis World, Memphis, Tenn., 19 Nov. 1935
        - St. Louis Argus, St. Louis, Mo., 7 Sept. 1923
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A certificate, a legal document, printed matter, and annotated books by Spingarn.  
Organized alphabetically by title of publication or type of material.

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Certificate issued to Spingarn, Supreme Court, 1926 *See Oversize*  
Laws Relating To Sex Morality In New York City, by Arthur Spingarn, 1915  
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Newspapers, newspaper clippings, and certificate issued to Spingarn by the Supreme Court.  
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Organized according to the series, arrangement, and containers from which the items were  
removed.

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Newspapers and newspaper clippings, 1915-1964 (Container 66)

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Certificate issued to Spingarn, Supreme Court, 1926 (Container 67)