Collection Summary
Title: Arthur B. Spingarn Papers
Inclusive Dates: 1850-1970
Bulk Dates: 1920-1955
ID No.: MSS40949
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://lccn.loc.gov/mms79040949
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.
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.
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 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.

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

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

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

- **Family Correspondence, 1912-1964**
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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.

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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.

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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.

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

Newspapers, newspaper clippings, and certificate issued to Spingarn by the Supreme Court.

The certificate has not been filmed.

Organized according to the series, arrangement, and containers from which the items were removed.
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To and from Arthur B. Spingarn, 1912-1938  
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Mostly letters received, with a few carbons of letters sent.  
Arranged alphabetically by name of individual or by name of organization and therein chronologically. Correspondents mentioning civil rights curtailment during the American occupation of Haiti are identified. |
| BOX 2 REEL 1 | "A" miscellaneous, 1915-1964  
American Social Hygiene Association, 1916-1922  
"B" miscellaneous, 1916-1967  
Brooks, Van Wyck and Gladys, 1939-1963, undated  
"C" miscellaneous, 1916-1963  
Circle for Negro Relief, 1917-1921  
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Gruening, Ernest (on Haiti), 1923-1924  
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"K-L" miscellaneous, 1915-1966  
(2 folders)  
Letters From Port Au Prince, Haiti, unsigned, 1923  
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Sylvain, Normil Georges, 1923-1925, undated  
"T-V" miscellaneous, 1920-1966  
Thoby, Perceval (on Haiti), 1923-1927  
Van Vechten, Carl, 1925-1960, undated  
Villard, Oswald Garrison, 1924  
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Letters received and carbons of letters sent.  
Arranged chronologically by date of the incoming letter or by date of response.

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(6 folders) |
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(6 folders) |
(5 folders)  
Fragments, 1915-1935  
Undated |
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Bard and Fleming, 1927  
Before the National Labor Relations Board In re Bethlehem Almeda Shipyard, Inc., and  
Bethlehem Steel Co. and Bay Cities Metal Trades Council, A.F.L., and United Steel  
Workers of America Machinists Local 1304, undated  
Bell v. Hill, 1934  
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Bowman Street School, Mansfield, Ohio, 1931  
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Brown v. Southern Ry., 1947  
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- Multiple cases, 1913-1962
- Unidentified, 1913-1935

#### BOX 36-37 REEL 32-33 **Wills and Estates File, 1916-1961**

Correspondence, copies of wills, legal documents, and financial evaluations relating to estates.
Arranged alphabetically by name of person, estate, or property, and chronologically therein.

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- Adler, Morton L., 1940-1950
- Balis, Lola A., 1938
- Berry, Edward C., 1931
- Brown, Robert S., 1936
- Channing, Eva, 1930
- Davis, W. H., 1932
- Einstein, 1916-1940
- Eubanks, Delphine, 1930
- Green, Ella D., 1945
- Hall, Tirzah H., 1956
- Hamburger, Henry, 1940
- Heinsheimer, Alfred M., 1925-1931
- Hopson, Eva Taylor, 1959
- Jacob, Minnie L., 1950
- Jones, Kathrine, 1953-1954
- Lazarowitz, Bertha, 1946
- Lewis, Sinclair, 1948-1959
- Mather, Samuel, 1931-1932
- McGee, Joseph B., 1956-1957
- McMurtrie, Mary Dorsey
  - Correspondence, 1939-1943
  - Legal papers, 1928-1932
- Meyer, Annie Nathan, 1954-1959
- Miller, Oscar C., 1961
- Mondesire, Jerome, 1931
- Morgan, George T., 1925-1926
- Potter, Mary E., 1948
- Prince, Sidney S., 1929
- Quinn, George W. and Francis, 1931-1940
- Rackham, Horace H., 1933
- Reavis, Marie Simpson, 1925-[1930]
- Roberts, Mattie F., 1936
- Russell, Charles Edward, 1942-1957

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- Sands, Stella, 1944
- Schenck, Louie A., 1958
- Schott, May, 1955
- Sinclair, William A., 1920-1927
- Singleton, H. E. L., 1921
Spingarn, Harry J., 1957
Spingarn, Joel Elias, 1957
Spruce Street property, Philadelphia, Pa., 1933-1956
Stern, Madeleine S., 1933
Terrell, Eleanor K., 1936-1940
Thomas, Mary H., 1940
Walker, Sara
   Correspondence, 1926-1932
   Legal papers, 1931-1932
White, Virginia, 1946-1958
Whitehead, Mamie A., 1950
Williams, Daniel H.
   Correspondence, 1931-1938
   Legal papers, 1928-1934
Wilson, Emily T., 1943
Woodlin, William J., 1932-1933
Young, Clara A., 1929
Unidentified, [1940]

**BOX 36-37 REEL 34-35 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.

**BOX 38 REEL 34**
Editorials, 1921-1953
(16 folders)

**BOX 39 REEL 35**
Financial papers, 1922-1967
(8 folders)

**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.

**BOX 40 REEL 36**
Minutes
   Board of Directors
      1915-1939
         (6 folders)
   BOX 41 REEL 37
      1940-1947
         (6 folders)
   BOX 42 REEL 38
      1948-1955
         (5 folders)
   BOX 43 REEL 39
      1956-1967, undated
         (6 folders)
   BOX 44 REEL 40
Branch Committee, 1949-1959
   Committee on Administration, 1927-1963
   Committee on Branches and Youth Work, 1956-1957
Legal Defense and Educational Fund, 1945-1957, undated
Miscellaneous meetings, 1920-1963

Reports
Acting Secretary to the Committee on Administration, 1929-1947
Department of Branches
1924-1939
1940-1945

Department of Special Research, 1945-1947
Field work, 1919-1936
General Counsel, 1958-1967
(2 folders)
Legal Defense and Educational Fund
(2 folders)

Docket
Sept. 1960-Apr. 1967
(5 folders)

Legal Department, 1935-1952
(3 folders)

Secretary to the Board of Directors
1919-1929
1930-1944
(5 folders)
1945-1954
(5 folders)
1955-1962
(5 folders)
1963-1967
(2 folders)

Veterans' Affairs Office, 1945
Washington Bureau, 1943-1967
(4 folders)
Youth secretary, 1941-1945
Miscellaneous
Special or ad hoc, 1914-1964
Staff, 1920-1963

Financial Papers, 1915-1967
Income statements, expense statements, budget statements, treasurers' reports, general financial statements, budget sheets, and miscellaneous financial reports.
Chronologically arranged.

1915-1940
(12 folders)
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| BOX 56-60 REEL 51-53 | Miscellany, 1850-1970
Personnel 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 56 REEL 51 | Correspondents other than Spingarn
Studin, Charles H., 1915-1922
Studin, Charles H., and Leon Mintz, letters relating to the Circle for Negro Relief, 1918-1920
Various, 1915-1966
Letter fragments, 1930-1960
Speeches
Spingarn, Arthur, 1918-1962
Harriman, W. Averell, 1953
White, Walter Francis, 1930-1954
Wilkins, Roy, 1949-1956
NAACP staff, 1940-1962
Unknown, 1940
Wills, Brooks, Van Wyck, 1952, 1957
Writings
Nash, Roy, 1916
Ovington, Mary White, 1934
Pickens, William, 1925-1942
White, Walter Francis, 1943-1954 |
| BOX 57 REEL 51 | Book review drafts for the Crisis, 1955-1963
Collaboration contract, Langston Hughes, 1931
Income tax
Brooks, Van Wyck, 1941-1945
Du Bois, W. E. B., 1943
White, Walter Francis, 1926
List of commissioners in other states authorized by the New York state legislature to transact legal business pertaining to the State of New York in other states, 1850
Publication contract, Van Wyck Brooks (The Flowering of New England, 1865-1915), 1936
Circle for Negro Relief
Constitution and certificate of incorporation, 1917-1919
Legal papers, 1918
Minutes of meetings, 1918-1920
Miscellaneous material, [1918-1920]
Printed matter, [1918]
New York State Commission Against Discrimination, 1950-1953, undated
New York Tuberculosis and Health Association, 1950-1952 |
### Haiti, civil rights, 1923-1932

**BOX 58 REEL 52**

- Personal material
  - Canceled checks, credit balances, receipts, notes, contract, agreement, material relating to James Weldon Johnson, etc., 1883-1966, undated
  - Invitations and related material, NAACP functions, 1917-1967, undated
    - (2 folders)
  - Invitations, thank-you notes, etc., 1934-1964, undated

**NAACP**

- Contracts, statements, lists, citations, daily mail sheets, notes, reports, mimeographed material, legal documents, resolutions, etc.
  - 1916-1959
    - (2 folders)

**BOX 59 REEL 52-53**

- 1960-1967
  - (2 folders)

- Partial draft of Study of Negro Troops in World War II, by Jean Byers, 1945-1946

**Non-NAACP**

- Resolutions, bills, ordinances, articles, statements, lists, legal documents, songs, press releases, reports, mimeographed material, etc.
  - 1913-1942

**BOX 60 REEL 53**

- 1943-1966, undated
  - (3 folders)

**Photographs**

- Spingarn, Arthur B., 1970
- Young, Art (cartoonist), undated

### Printed Matter, 1911-1967

**BOX 61-66 REEL 53-58**

- 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 61 REEL 53-54**

- **NAACP**
  - Press releases, 1920-1967
    - (6 folders)

**BOX 62 REEL 54-55**

- **Annual**
  - Fellowship Dinner, 1967
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**BOX 63 REEL 55-56**

- Christmas Seal campaign, 1951-1962
- Committee of 100, 1944-[1949]
- Conferences, 1943-1944
- Education, 1920-1946
- Federal discrimination, 1913
- Funds, 1958-1967
- History, 1929
- Johnson, Lyndon B., civil rights message, 1967

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**Arthur B. Spingarn Papers** 19
Ku Klux Klan, 1921
Life memberships, 1927-1960, undated
Lincoln, Abraham, importance to African Americans, 1929
Lynching, 1912-1940
Miscellaneous, 1916-1957, undated
Mississippi River slavery, 1932
NAACP staff, 1915-1964
National Health Program of the NAACP, 1953
Organization objectives, 1920s
Pamphlets, 1939
Programs, 1922-1954
Recruitment, membership, and fund-raising, 1914-1966
S incentives Medal recipients, 1924-1931
Summer projects, 1966-1967
Youth, 1936-1947, undated

Non-NAACP
American hate groups, 1946-[1950s]
Antilynching
  Bills and reports, 1918-1947
  (2 folders)
  General, 1916-1937
Birth of a Nation, 1915
Carver, George Washington, 1938
Columbia, Tenn., riot, 1946
Columbia University, New York, N.Y., fiftieth reunion, class of 1897, 1947
Commission on Interracial Cooperation, 1926
Congress of Racial Equality, 1951, undated
Du Bois, W. E. B., 1957
Education, 1925-1960
Fair Employment Practices Committee rally, 1946
Grandfather clause on campus, 1929
Hackley, E. Azalia, 1916-1917
Harmon Foundation, 1926-1929
Howard University, Washington, D.C., 1922-1925
Imhotep National Conferences on Hospital Integration, 1957-1960
Intermarriage, Washington, D.C., 1914
Institute of Race Relations, 1934
Labor and related issues, 1934
Legal issues, 1932-1935
Miscellaneous, 1926-1964, undated

NAACP, history of, 1967 (Boston Globe articles)
National Information Bureau, 1917-1921
National Urban League, annual reports, 1930-1931
African American
  Books, 1946
  Soldiers, 1917-1925
**New York, laws, 1914-1951, undated**

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- Agenda and reports, 1950-1953 (2 folders)
- Newsletter and reports, 1952-1953 (3 folders)
- Press releases, 1950-1952

**Pan-African congresses, 1921-1927**

**Programs, 1916-1964**

**Public health and prisons, 1920-1945**

**Tobias, David E., 1911-1920**

**Wilkins, Roy, 1949-1958**

**BOX 66 REEL 58**

**Newspapers and newspaper clippings, 1915-1964** See Oversize for original material

**Newspapers**
- Complete issues
  - St. Louis NAACP Citizen, June-Aug. 1959 (3 issues)
  - Common Sense, 1 Nov. 1954; 15 Sept. 1962
  - Washington Daily American, 17 Nov. 1924
- Select pages
  - Black Dispatch, Oklahoma City, Okla., 3 and 24 Sept. 1949; 2 Mar. 1955
  - Chicago Defender, 17 Dec. 1949
  - Memphis World, Memphis, Tenn., 19 Nov. 1935
  - St. Louis Argus, St. Louis, Mo., 7 Sept. 1923
  - Union, Cincinnati, Ohio, 3 Mar. 1933; 19 Mar. 1942

**Clippings**
- Antilynching, 1916-1940, undated
- "Behind the Iron Curtain--USA," articles by Constance Webb, 1959
- Birth of a Nation, 1915-1916, undated
- Crime, 1917-1931, undated
- East Saint Louis, Ill., riot, 1917
- Education, 1943
- Haiti, 1923-1925, undated
- Harlem Hospital, New York, N.Y., 1933
- Labor, 1935-1962
- Legal cases, 1916-1952
- Miscellaneous, [1920s-1950s]

**NAACP**
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- Staff, 1917-1964 (2 folders)

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**African Americans in Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration, 1941-1943**
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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. |
| BOX 66 Not filmed | A Catalog of First Editions and Rare Books, James F. Drake, Inc., 1926  
Certificate issued to Spingarn, Supreme Court, 1926 [See Oversize]  
Laws Relating To Sex Morality In New York City, by Arthur Spingarn, 1915  
Laws Relating To Sex Morality In New York City, by Arthur Spingarn, revised edition, by Bruce Cobb, 1926  
Newspaper clipping, New York Age, 1954  
Power of attorney, H. Herman Zand, 1968 |
| BOX OV 1-OV 2 REEL 58 | **Oversize, 1915-1964**  
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