

Roy Wilkins Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Roy Wilkins Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1901-2001

Bulk Dates: 1932-1980

ID No.: MSS75939

Creator: Wilkins, Roy, 1901-1981

Extent: 28,700 items

Extent: 78 containers

Extent: 31.3 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Civil rights leader and journalist. Correspondence, memoranda, diary, manuscripts of speeches, newspaper columns, and articles, subject files, reports, minutes, committee, board, and administrative material, printed material, and other papers relating primarily to Wilkins's career with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in various positions between 1931 and 1977, especially his service as executive director (1965-1977).

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

Carter, Robert L., 1917-2012--Correspondence.

Current, Gloster B. (Gloster Bryant), 1913-1997--Correspondence.

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

Evers, Charles, 1922-2020--Correspondence.

Farmer, James, 1920-1999--Correspondence.

Franklin, Chester Arthur, 1880-1955--Correspondence.

Hastie, William, 1904-1976--Correspondence.

Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973--Correspondence.

Lampkin, Daisy E. (Daisy Elizabeth), 1882-1965--Correspondence.

Marshall, Thurgood, 1908-1993--Correspondence.

Matthews, Charles H. (Charles Hearde), Sr., 1906-1985--Correspondence.

Mitchell, Clarence M. (Clarence Maurice), Jr., 1911-1984--Correspondence.

Moon, Henry Lee, 1901-1985--Correspondence.

Morsell, John A.--Correspondence.

Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994--Correspondence.

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

Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972--Correspondence.

White, Walter, 1893-1955--Correspondence.

Wilkins Roy, 1901-1981. Roy Wilkins column.

Wilkins, Aminda Badeau, 1905-1994--Correspondence.

Wilkins, Roger W., 1932-2017--Correspondence.

Wilkins, Roy, 1901-1981.

Wright, Herbert L. (Herbert Lee), 1927-2020--Correspondence.

Organizations

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Subjects

African American newspapers--Sections, columns, etc.

African Americans--Civil rights.

African Americans--Economic conditions.

African Americans--Education.
African Americans--Segregation.
African Americans--Social conditions.
Civil rights movements--United States.
Civil rights--United States.
Labor--United States.
Newspapers--Sections, columns, etc.
Race discrimination--United States.
Racism--United States.
Segregation in education--United States.
Segregation.
Unemployment--United States.

Places

United States--Economic conditions.
United States--Race relations.
United States--Social conditions.

Titles

New Amsterdam news.

Occupations

Civil rights leaders.
Journalists.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Roy Wilkins, civil rights leader and journalist, were given to the Library of Congress by Wilkins and his wife, Aminda Badeau Wilkins, from 1980 to 1988. Additional items were given by Mildred Bond Roxborough in 1981, James E. Nicholson in 1992, Roger W. Wilkins in 2013, and Patricia King in 2018.

Processing History

The papers of Roy Wilkins were first arranged and described by Allan Teichroew and Paul Ledvina in 1989. Material received in 1992 was incorporated into the collection by Allan Teichroew in 1997. Material received in 2013 and 2018 was processed by Zephaniah Galloway in 2020 and Pang Xiong in 2021.

Additional Description

A description of the Wilkins Papers appears in *Library of Congress Acquisitions: Manuscript Division, 1980*, pp. 14-19.

Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. A sound recording and tape have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division. Photographs and other illustrated items have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the Roy Wilkins Papers.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Roy Wilkins is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Roy Wilkins 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.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Roy Wilkins Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

| Date | Event |
|---------------|---|
| 1901, Aug. 30 | Born, St. Louis, Mo. |
| 1906 | Moved to St. Paul, Minn. |
| 1923 | A.B., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn. |
| 1923-1932 | Journalist and managing editor, <i>Kansas City Call</i> |
| 1929 | Married Aminda Badeau |
| 1931-1949 | Assistant to secretary, NAACP |
| 1934-1949 | Editor, <i>Crisis</i> |
| 1949 | Acting executive secretary, NAACP |
| 1950-1955 | Administrator, NAACP |
| 1955-1965 | Executive secretary, NAACP |
| 1965-1977 | Executive director, NAACP |
| 1969 | Awarded Medal of Freedom |
| 1977 | Retired |
| 1981, Sept. 8 | Died, New York, N.Y. |

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Roy Wilkins (1901-1981) span the years 1901-2001, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period 1932-1980. Included are a diary, correspondence, memoranda, appointment books, minutes, reports and other administrative records, speeches and writings, printed matter, and miscellaneous material. Although the papers reflect several aspects of Wilkins's career as a journalist and civil rights leader, their focus is largely on his role as an administrator in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), where he began as assistant to the secretary in 1931 and served as acting secretary, administrator, executive secretary, and executive director between 1949 and 1977.

Family letters in the [Correspondence](#) series in the collection consist largely of letters between Roy Wilkins and his wife, Aminda Badeau Wilkins, and with their nephew, Roger W. Wilkins. General correspondence spans the years 1939-1979 and covers many of the principal activities and issues in which Wilkins was engaged from the onset of World War II to the presidency of Jimmy Carter. Featured are the inner workings and operations of the NAACP, Wilkins's relationship to other leaders in the organization, particularly Walter White, and the broadening movement among African Americans after 1945 for equal rights in every sphere of American life. In addition to White, prominent or frequent correspondents include Robert L. Carter, Gloster B. Current, Charles Evers, James Farmer, Chester Arthur Franklin, William Hastie, Lyndon B. Johnson, Daisy E. Lampkin, Thurgood Marshall, Charles H. Matthews Sr., Clarence M. Mitchell Jr., Henry Lee Moon, John A. Morsell, Richard M. Nixon, Arthur B. Spingarn, Harry S. Truman, and Herbert L. Wright.

The [NAACP File](#) contains topical and administrative files as well as personal material relating to Wilkins's association with the organization. Among the subjects documented are the civil rights mobilization drive of 1950, an interview Wilkins conducted with Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1952, copies of Wilkins's Federal Bureau of Investigation file obtained by him through a freedom of information request, and controversy surrounding an unflattering portrayal of Wilkins and the

NAACP by Lewis Steel in a *New York Times Magazine* of 1968. Significant also are items pertaining to the relationship of W. E. B. DuBois to the organization, as reflected in Wilkins's response to an article by DuBois in 1948, and numerous files pertaining to the NAACP's role in the desegregation and civil rights efforts of the 1950s and 1960s. In addition to state and local matters within the organization, the NAACP's involvement in improving education for African Americans nationwide is recorded in various files relating to schools in Arkansas, California, New York, and other jurisdictions.

The [Speeches and Writings](#) series includes drafts and published copies of articles and newspaper columns by Wilkins, especially "The Roy Wilkins Column" released nationally by the Register and Tribune Syndicate and columns he wrote for the *New Amsterdam News*. Also in the series is an extensive file of speeches Wilkins delivered around the country in the cause of equal rights between 1946 and 1978.

Contained in the [1997 Addition](#) to the collection are a few items of correspondence, a diary Wilkins kept in January and February 1935, the handwritten text of a speech he delivered to the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights in Washington, D.C., on 28 January 1969, and additional writings.

The [2020 Addition](#) includes correspondence, speeches, writings, biographical material, and printed matter. Speeches contain Wilkins's testimony, as executive secretary of NAACP, before the Committee on Commerce of the United States Senate on the hearing of S. 1732, the "Public Accommodations" feature of the civil rights proposal of 1963. Other speech topics cover the Civil Rights Act of 1964, discrimination, racial tensions in America, school segregation, and unemployment. Copies of articles and reprints of writings by Wilkins pertain to topics such as the civil rights movement, segregation, and race relations. Also included in this addition are drafts from various authors, including Wilkins's nephew Roger W. Wilkins, for the November 1981 issue of the magazine *Crisis*. This particular issue was dedicated to Wilkins and highlighted his life and achievements.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in five series:

- [Correspondence, 1939-1979](#)
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- [Speeches and Writings, 1943-1978](#)
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Description of Series

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| BOX 1-11 | <p><u>Correspondence, 1939-1979</u></p> <p>Letters sent and received by Wilkins with enclosures. Divided between family and general correspondence. Family letters are arranged alphabetically by person and chronologically therein. General correspondence includes letters of both a personal and official nature and is organized chronologically by year and alphabetically therein. Daily mail sheets which register the writer and purpose of incoming letters are included for some years of the general correspondence.</p> |
| BOX 12-35 | <p><u>NAACP Files, 1921-1979</u></p> <p>Correspondence, minutes, and reports; committee, board, and administrative material; financial records, itineraries, and travel expense sheets; office notes and messages; procedural memoranda, statistical data, subject files, and other material pertaining to the NAACP and related organizations.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.</p> |
| BOX 35-63 | <p><u>Speeches and Writings, 1943-1978</u></p> <p>Notes, outlines, drafts, and near-print and printed copies of Wilkins's speeches, talks, statements, newspaper columns, and articles with related matter such as correspondence and background data. Also includes an incomplete bibliography, a speech and engagement calendar, and a television script by Wilkins.</p> <p>Organized alphabetically by type of presentation and therein chronologically.</p> |
| BOX 63-71 | <p><u>Miscellany, 1915-1977</u></p> <p>Personal subject files, financial records, certificates and citations, and printed and near-print matter pertaining to Wilkins and his association with the NAACP, and related organizations.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by type or subject of material.</p> |
| BOX 72-78 | <p><u>Additions, 1901-2001</u></p> |
| BOX 72-76 | <p><u>1997 Addition, 1901-1980</u></p> <p>Appointment books, a diary, correspondence interviews, research notes, writings, and printed matter.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by type of material.</p> |
| BOX 77-78 | <p><u>2020 Addition, 1932-2001</u></p> <p>Correspondence, speeches, writings, biographical material, tributes, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material.</p> |

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| BOX 1 | Family Wilkins, Aminda Badeau (wife), 1943-1973 Wilkins, Nellie G. (stepmother), 1952-1963 Wilkins, Roger (nephew), 1947-1976, undated Wilkins, William D. and Mayfield (parents), 1944-1955 General Daily mail sheets 1957 1974-1978 (4 folders) |
| BOX 2 | 1939, 1943-1949 (8 folders) |
| BOX 3 | 1950-1952 (5 folders) |
| BOX 4 | 1953-1956 (5 folders) 1957 A-L (2 folders) |
| BOX 5 | M-Z 1958-1959 (2 folders) 1960 A-G (2 folders) |
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Correspondence, 1939-1979

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| | 1975 A-L M-Z |
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| | 1977 A-G H-Z |
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| BOX 12-35 | NAACP Files, 1921-1979 Correspondence, minutes, and reports; committee, board, and administrative material; financial records, itineraries, and travel expense sheets; office notes and messages; procedural memoranda, statistical data, subject files, and other material pertaining to the NAACP and related organizations. Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material. |
| BOX 12 | Affiliations and honorary membership lists, undated Alabama, 1957-1965 American Council on African Education, 1949-1960 American Negro Leadership Conference on Africa, 1968-1971 Annual conventions, 1967-1977 Annual reports 1974 (2 folders) |
| | 1976 (1 folder) |
| BOX 13 | (1 folder) 1978 Arkansas Clippings re Little Rock, 1957 Faubus, Orval, 1958 General, 1957 Sharecroppers, 1921 Atlanta Compromise School Plan, Atlanta, Ga. (3 folders) |
| BOX 14 | Baxter, Julia, report on black history, 1963 Biographical data on Wilkins, 1928-1970, undated Black Expo '71, 1971 Bluefield, W. Va., 1960 Board of Directors Attendance reports, 1953-1971 Elections 1965-1969 (6 folders) |

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| BOX 19 | Membership list, 1966 Boston, Mass., branch, 1960 Budget Committee 1950-1962 (10 folders) |
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| BOX 21 | (1 folder) Christmas seals, 1960 Civil rights bills, 1957-1959, 1964 (3 folders) Civil rights mobilization, 1950 Council of Federated Organizations, 1964 Committee on Branches and Youth Work, 1972 Committee on Campus Unrest, 1971 Committee on Pension Survey, 1973 Committee on Tenure 1970-1971 (2 folders) |
| BOX 22 | 1972 Commonwealth Club of California, San Francisco, Calif., 1957 Communism, 1950 Constitution of the NAACP, proposed, 1945 Council for United Civil Rights Leadership, 1963-1964 <i>Crisis</i> magazine and NAACP finances, 1932 Desegregation Armed forces, 1948 Education, 1964-1966 DuBois, W. E. B., "My Relations with the NAACP," response to, 1948 Edwards, Isadore, resignation from board, 1973 |
| BOX 23 | Eisenhower, Dwight D., interview, 1952 |

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| | Employment applications, 1974-1975 Employment statistics European tour, 1965 Federal Bureau of Investigation file, freedom of information data on Wilkins File A, 1945-1957 (2 folders) |
| BOX 24 | File B, 1958-1974 (2 folders) File C, 1963-1969 Fair Employment Practice Committee, 1946-1950 (2 folders) Financial statements 1957-1958 |
| BOX 25 | 1959-1972 (6 folders) Ford Foundation, 1972 Freedom Candy Project, 1959-1960 Freedom House Award, 1967 Friends of the LBJ Library, 1971-1976 (2 folders) Housing discrimination, 1968-1971 Itineraries, Wilkins 1964-1970 |
| BOX 26 | 1971-1977 Kellar, Doris, dismissal case, 1938 Kilpatrick, James J., 1962-1969 Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, 1952, 1975 (2 folders) Legal Committee, 1963 "The Legal Strategy of the NAACP in the Area of Education," by Gertrude Schwartz Ress, 1957 Lewis, Cyrus, Jr., 1959-1960 Magnolia, Miss., rape case, 1957 Membership fee change, ballots, 1970 Memoranda, reports, and miscellaneous organizational records 1955-1962 (4 folders) |
| BOX 27 | 1963-1978, undated (4 folders) Minority businesses, 1975 Minority hiring plans, 1969-1972 Mississippi, 1957 Moore, Henry T., 1952 Movies and television, 1942-1958 National Black Political Convention, 1972 |
| BOX 28 | National Urban Coalition, 1970-1974 Negro newspapers, lists, 1957 |

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| | Negro troops, World War II, 1948, undated |
| | New England Mutual Life Insurance Co., 1958 |
| | New York |
| | Governor's Judicial Nominating Committee, 1975 |
| | State Commission on Education, 1962 |
| | State Committee on Judicial Conduct, 1974 |
| | (3 folders) |
| | Nonprofit housing program, 1968-1969 |
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| | Organizational and Procedural Survey, Lennon/Rose Co., 1963-1965 |
| | (2 folders) |
| | Publicity, 1959-1976 |
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| | Reparations to black Americans, 1969-1970 |
| | Republican convention and Richard M. Nixon, 1960 |
| | Retirement |
| | Official correspondence, 1976-1977 |
| | Public response |
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| | Riverdale Children's Association, New York, N.Y., 1948-1953 |
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| | Senate filibuster rule, circa 1956-1960 |
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| | Special Contribution Fund, 1964, 1975-1978 |
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| | Special greetings |
| | Illness, 1976 |
| | Seventieth birthday, 1971 |
| | Seventy-fifth birthday, 1976 |
| | Steel, Lewis, dismissal, 1968 |
| | (3 folders) |
| BOX 32 | Stevenson, Adlai E. (1900-1965), 1952 |
| | Taconic Foundation, Assessment Project, 1963 |
| | (2 folders) |
| | Task Force Committee on Economic Advancement and Civil Rights, 1964 |
| | Testimony re nomination of labor secretary Peter Brennan, 1976 |
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| BOX 35 | Bibliography (incomplete), 1956-1969 Articles and essays <i>America</i> , 1951 <i>American Magazine</i> , 1951-1952 Association Press, 1943 <i>Atlantic Monthly</i> , 1958 <i>Bankers Magazine</i> , 1969 <i>Cardinal</i> , 1964 <i>Catholic Inter-Racial Review</i> , undated <i>Congress Bi-Weekly</i> , undated <i>Controversy Magazine</i> , 1969 <i>Crisis</i> , undated <i>Debate and Understanding</i> , 1975 |
| BOX 36 | Democratic National Committee handbook (Rex Stout), 1944 <i>Ebony</i> , 1970 <i>Freedomways</i> , 1964-1965 <i>Harvard Law Review</i> , 1974 <i>Instructor</i> , 1952 <i>Interracial Review</i> , 1947 <i>Journal of Negro Education</i> , 1945 <i>Kansas City Star</i> , 1948 <i>Look</i> , 1969 <i>McCall's</i> , 1964 NAACP, 1945, 1972, undated <i>Negro Digest</i> , 1946, 1964 <i>New Amsterdam News</i> , 1950 <i>New York Herald Tribune</i> , 1945-1954 <i>New York Times</i> , 1943-1972 |

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| | <i>100 Years of Emancipation</i> , by Robert A. Goldstein, 1963 |
| | <i>Picture Magazine</i> , 1944 |
| | <i>Saturday Review</i> , 1964 |
| | <i>Scholastic Magazine</i> , 1965 |
| | <i>Seventeen</i> , 1965-1969 |
| | Articles and essays |
| | United States Information Service, 1969 |
| | <i>What the Negro Wants</i> , by Rayford Logan, 1944 |
| | <i>Womans Press</i> , 1946 |
| | <i>Yale Political Review</i> , 1963 |
| | Unidentified, 1943-1971, undated |
| BOX 37 | Miscellaneous printed copies, 1943-1974, undated |
| | Book file |
| | "Search and Destroy," 1971-1972 (2 folders) |
| | Newspaper columns |
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| | Clippings, 1962-1969 |
| | Column re Adam Clayton Powell (1908-1972), 1966-1970 |
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| | 1962-1963 (2 folders) |
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| BOX 50 | July 1976-Dec. 1978 |
| | (5 folders) |
| | Reprinted selections |
| | "The Watchtower" |
| | Clippings, 1947-1949 |
| | Correspondence, 1943-1948 |
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| | (2 folders) |
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| BOX 63 | 409 Edgemont Avenue group, New York, N.Y., 1948-1951 Awards and citations, circa 1950-1977, undated |
| BOX 64 | Bank statements, 1957-1964 (2 folders) Calendar, reunion program of class of 1915, and draft cards, 1915, 1942-1943, 1949 Half Moon Hotel and Cottage Colony, Jamaica, 1970-1971 Insurance and other financial papers, 1946-1977 Near-print reports, 1947-1969 Printed matter, circa 1940-1975 (2 folders) |
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| BOX 75 | 1974-1976 (3 folders) Awards, certificates, citations, and tributes, 1901-1978, undated |
| BOX 76 | Correspondence, 1946-1980, undated (2 folders) Diary, 1 Jan.-5 Feb. 1935 Interviews, writings, research notes, 1918-1969, undated Printed matter Clippings and press releases, 1960-1978 Conference and speech programs, 1952-1978 Speech, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Washington, D.C., 1969 |
| BOX 77-78 | 2020 Addition, 1932-2001 Correspondence, speeches, writings, biographical material, tributes, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material. |
| BOX 77 | Biographical information, 1955, 1970-1971 Correspondence, 1965-1967, 1976-1981 Death, tributes and honors, 1981, 1995 (2 folders) NAACP, 1961, 1969-1970, 1986, 2001 Speech and engagement file, 1961-1969 (2 folders) Writings About Wilkins, 1955-1980 (1 folder) |
| BOX 78 | (2 folders) By Wilkins, 1932, 1963-1973 |