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Collection Summary

Title: Ann Tanneyhill Papers

Span Dates: 1879-2012

Bulk Dates: 1920-1985

ID No.: MSS85779

Creator: Tanneyhill, Ann

Extent: 350 items

Extent: 13 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 8.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm2013085779>

Summary: National Urban League official, vocational guidance program director, and civil rights activist. Correspondence, writings, speeches, appointment calendars, personnel records, photographs, notes, tributes and honors, pamphlets, printed ephemera, newspaper clippings, books, and other material documenting Tanneyhill's long career with the National Urban League and work in vocational guidance. Family papers document the lives of members of Tanneyhill and Grandison families in Massachusetts.

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

Cuthbert, Gertrude Tanneyhill, 1918-1999.

Day, F. Holland (Fred Holland), 1864-1933--Family.

Grandison family.

Grandison, William, 1848-

Tanneyhill family.

Tanneyhill, Adelaide G., 1874-1950.

Tanneyhill, Ann.

Young, Whitney M.

Organizations

Golden Rule Club.

Mashpee Historical Commission.

National Urban League.

Subjects

African American women--Massachusetts.

African American women--Societies and clubs

African Americans--Employment.

Civil rights movements--United States.

Civil rights--United States.

Printers--Massachusetts--Cambridge.

Printing plates.

Vocational guidance--United States.

Places

Mashpee (Mass. : Town)--History.

Massachusetts--Social life and customs.

United States--Race relations.

United States--Social conditions--20th century.

Occupations

Civil rights leaders.
Vocational guidance counselors.

Provenance

The papers of Ann Tanneyhill were given by Lucy Tanneyhill Cromwell in 2013 and by Vie Kaufman in 2016.

Processing History

The papers of Ann Tanneyhill were arranged and described in 2019 by Keshad Adeniyi, an intern in the Library's Archives, History, and Heritage Advanced Internship Program. His work was guided by Pang Xiong and Margaret McAleer.

Transfers

The second issue of the National Urban League's *Negro Heroes* comic book series has been transferred to the Serial and Government Publications Division where it is identified as part of the Ann Tanneyhill Papers.

Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the [records of the National Urban League](#).

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Ann Tanneyhill in these papers and in other collections in the custody of the Library of Congress is reserved. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division for further information.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Ann Tanneyhill 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, Ann Tanneyhill Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1906, Jan. 19	Born, Norwood, Mass.
1928	B.S., Simmons College, Boston, Mass.
1928-1930	Secretary and bookkeeper, St. John's Institutional Activities, Springfield, Mass., a National Urban League affiliate
1930-1940	Secretary to the director of industrial relations, National Urban League
1931-1955	Directed the Vocational Opportunity Campaign, National Urban League
1938	M.A., vocational guidance and personnel administration, Columbia University, Teachers College, New York, N.Y.
1941-1944	Secretary, Bureau of Guidance and Placement, National Urban League

1947-1960	Director of vocational guidance, National Urban League
1950-1954	Organized and directed career conferences for historically black colleges and universities
1958-1960	Directed Tomorrow's Scientists and Technicians Project, National Urban League
1961-1968	Associate director of public relations, National Urban League
1963	Received merit award, New York Vocational Guidance Association
1968-1971	Director of conferences, National Urban League
1971	Retired from the National Urban League; continued working as a consultant First recipient, Ann Tanneyhill Award, National Urban League
2001, May 15	Died, Mashpee, Mass.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Ann Tanneyhill (1906-2001) span the years 1879-2012, with the bulk of the material dating from 1920 to 1985. Writings, correspondence, speeches, appointment calendars, personnel records, tributes and honors, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, sheet music, printed ephemera, photographs, books, and other papers pertain to Tanneyhill's work as an official and vocational guidance program director with the National Urban League. Also included are Tanneyhill's family papers documenting the accomplishments and activities of members of her family. The papers are in English and organized into four series: [Family Papers](#), [Personal Papers](#), [Books](#), and [Oversize](#).

The [Family Papers](#) series highlights Tanneyhill's family history in Massachusetts, focusing in particular on her mother, Adelaide G. Tanneyhill, her sister, Gertrude Tanneyhill Cuthbert, and her grandfather, William Grandison, a printer. Of particular note are the records of the Golden Rule Club, a pioneer mutual-aid club for African American women in the Cambridge, Massachusetts, area. Also included are a printer's plate of Tanneyhill's maternal grandfather, William Grandison, and correspondence from Tanneyhill to the Black Press Archive at Howard University in Washington, D.C., concerning his life and accomplishments. Grandison published the *Boston Advocate* and was the first black member of a printers' union in Massachusetts. Correspondence and other papers also provide insight into the close relationship between the Tanneyhills and family of F. Holland Day.

The [Personal Papers](#) series focuses on Tanneyhill's work with the National Urban League and highlights her advocacy of youth employment as the director of vocational guidance. Personnel records chronicle Tanneyhill's career with the National Urban League beginning in 1928 at the Springfield, Massachusetts, affiliate office and in 1930 when she joined the national office in New York. The records trace the many positions she held in the organization, particularly focusing on vocational guidance. Writings by Tanneyhill primarily relate to vocational guidance and comprise articles, speeches, pamphlets, booklets, a prospectus, and critique of a film proposal about employment. Also included in the papers are correspondence between Tanneyhill and National Urban League officials, as well as friends and family; appointment books that reveal details of her work and travel for the National Urban League; and material related to feature articles on Tanneyhill for *Charm* magazine in 1954 and 1957. After retirement in 1971, she continued to work for the National Urban League as a consultant. In 1978, Tanneyhill came up with the idea to honor Whitney M. Young, executive director of the National Urban League from 1961 to 1971, on a commemorative stamp. In 1981, the Postal Service issued a commemorative stamp of Young as part of the Black Heritage series, and copies of this stamp are in the collection. Also included is material relating to her involvement with the Mashpee Historical Commission to archive the community and its history.

The [Books](#) series contains books owned by Tanneyhill and members of her family. Of significance is the *Longfellow Birthday-Book* with names and noteworthy dates of family and friends. Also included is a bible given as a wedding gift to Tanneyhill's parents in 1903.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [Family Papers, 1895-2012](#)
- [Personal Papers, 1920-2001](#)
- [Books, 1879-2010](#)
- [Oversize, 1894-1902](#)

Description of Series

Container

Series

BOX 1

Family Papers, 1895-2012

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Material types include correspondence, financial and legal records, newspaper clippings, a printing plate, photographs, programs, membership cards, notebooks, reports, writings, sheet music, and a bound list of books.

Arranged alphabetically by name of family member or type of material.

BOX 2-10

Personal Papers, 1920-2001

The Personal Papers series focuses on Tanneyhill's work with the National Urban League and highlights her advocacy of youth employment as the director of vocational guidance.

Material types include correspondence, appointment calendars, speeches and writings, resumes and personnel records, photographs, pamphlets, a recipe book, tributes and honors, newsletters, printed ephemera including commemorative stamps and matchbook covers, and newspaper clippings.

Arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material.

BOX 10-13

Books, 1879-2010

The Books series contains books owned by Tanneyhill and members of her family. Of significance is the *Longfellow Birthday-Book* with names and noteworthy dates of family and friends.

Material types include published volumes, often containing names and inscriptions.

Arranged alphabetically by author or title.

BOX OV 1

Oversize, 1894-1902

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Material types include sheet music and Bibles.

Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were separated.

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BOX 1	By family member
BOX 1	Cuthbert, Gertrude Tanneyhill (sister), 1956-1981, 1999
BOX 1	Grandison, William (grandfather)
BOX 1	Black Press Archives, Mooreland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University, Washington, D.C., 1977
BOX 1	Printing plate, undated
BOX 1	Other family members, 2002, 2012
BOX 1	Tanneyhill, Adelaide G. (mother), 1921, 1942, undated
BOX 1	F. Holland Day House, Norwood Historical Society, Norwood, Mass., 1970, 1981, 1995-1996
BOX 1	Financial and legal records, 1910, 1920, 1928, 1941-1946
BOX 1	Golden Rule Club, 1928-1949, 1968, 1989 (3 folders)
BOX 1	Photographs, 1907, undated <i>See also Container 9, same heading</i>
BOX 1	Printed ephemera
BOX 1	General, 1895-1918
BOX OV 1	Sheet music, "Believe," words by Frank Tannehill, Jr., 1899
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BOX 2	Appointment books
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BOX 3	1947-1952 (3 folders)
BOX 4	1953-1958 (3 folders)
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Personal Papers, 1920-2001

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BOX 9	Curriculum vitae and résumés, 1933-1978
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BOX 10	General, 1941-2001
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BOX 10	Tributes and honors, 1950-1958, 1971-1977, 2000, undated
BOX 10	Writings
BOX 10	Articles and speeches, 1949, 1971-1977, 1986
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BOX 10	<i>365 Days of Black History: Working for Change</i> , engagement calendar, 2010
BOX 10	Arnold, Matthew, <i>The Study of Poetry</i> , reprint, undated
BOX 11	Bates, Charlotte Fiske, <i>Longfellow Birthday-Book</i> , with names and dates of family and friends, 1881-1968
BOX 11	Daudet, Alphonse, <i>Lettres de Mon Moulin</i> , 1922

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BOX 11	Du Bois, W. E. B., <i>Dusk of Dawn</i> , 1971
BOX 11	Dundar, Paul Laurence, <i>Candle-Lightin' Time</i> , 1902
BOX 11	Griffini, Graziamaria, " <i>Going from de Cotton Fields</i> ": <i>Proverbi dei Negri d'America</i> , 1879
BOX 12	Hale, Edward Everett, <i>The Only True Mother Goose Melodies</i> , inscribed, 1905
BOX OV 1	Holy Bibles
BOX OV 1	A. J. Holman & Co., <i>The Holman New Self-Pronouncing Sunday-School Teacher's Bible</i> , wedding gift (1903) to Adelaide Grandison and Alfred Tanneyhill, 1894 See Container OV 1, same heading
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BOX OV 1	Thomas Nelson & Sons, <i>Holy Bible</i> , inscribed, 1901 See Container OV 1, same heading
BOX 12	Johnson, Edward A., <i>History of the Negro Soldiers in the Spanish American War</i> , inscribed, 1899
BOX 12	Labiche, Eugène, and Henri Martin, <i>La Poudre aux Yeux</i> , 1897
BOX 12	Lamb, Charles and Mary, <i>Tales from Shakespeare</i> , inscribed, 1879
BOX 12	Malot, Hector, <i>Episode from Sans Famille</i> , 1899
BOX 12	Marcus Ward and Co., <i>Golden Grain</i> , undated
BOX 13	Milton, John, <i>L'Allegro and Il Penseroso</i> , inscribed, undated
BOX 13	Rich, G. Ellingwood, <i>When Mother Lets Us Make Paper Box Furniture</i> , inscribed, 1914
BOX 13	Tileston, Mary W., <i>Daily Strength for Daily Needs</i> , inscribed, 1897
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