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

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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**

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<td>Secretary and bookkeeper, St. John’s Institutional Activities, Springfield, Mass., a National Urban League affiliate</td>
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<td>1930-1940</td>
<td>Secretary to the director of industrial relations, National Urban League</td>
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<td>1931-1955</td>
<td>Directed the Vocational Opportunity Campaign, National Urban League</td>
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<td>1938</td>
<td>M.A., vocational guidance and personnel administration, Columbia University, Teachers College, New York, N.Y.</td>
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<td>Secretary, Bureau of Guidance and Placement, National Urban League</td>
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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

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

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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.
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BOX 10-13	**Books, 1879-2010**
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Arranged alphabetically by author or title.

BOX OV 1	**Oversize, 1894-1902**
Oversize items separated from other series because of their size and fragility.
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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Personal Papers, 1920-2001

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BOX 6   1965-1970
(3 folders)

BOX 7   1971-1975
(3 folders)

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   Curriculum vitae and résumés, 1933-1978
   Personnel file, National Urban League, 1933-1971
   Correspondence
   General, 1949, 1970-1982
   Education
   Norwood High School, Norwood, Mass., 1923, 1948
   Simmons College, Boston, Mass., 1924, 1978
   Ephemera
   Commemorative stamps, 1980-1981, undated
   Matchbook covers, National Urban League, undated
   Henson, Matthew, 1986-1988
   Mashpee Historical Commission, Mashpee, Mass., 1987, 1993
   Photographs, early 1950s, 1970, undated See also Container 1, same heading
   Printed matter
   National Urban League pamphlets and programs, 1933, 1951, 1961-1990
   Newspaper and magazine clippings
   Charm magazine profiles
   1954, April, issue
   1957, May, issue
   General, 1941-2001
   Recipe book, 1920
   Writings
   Pamphlets and booklet, 1938-1940, 1953, undated
   Prospectus and project assessment, 1947, 1963
   Script and critique of film proposal, 1943, 1966

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BOX 10    365 Days of Black History: Working for Change, engagement calendar, 2010
BOX 10    Arnold, Matthew, The Study of Poetry, reprint, undated
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