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Creator History

Ira De Augustine Reid was a noted sociologist and author. Born in Clifton Forge, Virginia, he spent his boyhood in Pennsylvania, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehouse College in 1922, and was awarded the Master of Arts degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1925. In 1939, Reid received his Ph.D. degree in sociology from Columbia University.

Reid served as industrial secretary for the New York Urban League (1924-1928), and from 1928-1934, he was the editor of *Opportunity* and director of research of the National Urban League. In the latter capacity, he was responsible for a series of studies conducted in African American communities around the country, many of which were published. In addition, Reid directed or worked on many other sociological studies and surveys. Between 1934-1946, Reid was professor of sociology at Atlanta University, where, in 1942, he helped establish and became director of the People's College, an adult

education program. In 1943, he became chairman of the Department of Sociology and editor of *Phylon* (1943-1946). He also served as visiting professor of educational sociology in the School of Education, New York University (1946-1947). From 1947 until his retirement in 1966, Reid was professor and chairman of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Haverford College. He was also served as a consultant and was on the board of a variety of sociological and educational organizations.

Reid was a prolific writer and was particularly known for his work on Black immigrants, the studies produced while he was at the National Urban League, and his work on youth and education.

Scope and Content Note

The Ira De Augustine Reid papers consist primarily of published and unpublished writings. Included are a small amount of professional correspondence; a diary of a West Indian trip which Reid took in 1939; and a few research notebooks. His writings date from his 1925 Master's thesis ("The Negro in the Major Industries and Building Trades of Pittsburgh") through 1966. Manuscripts include "Negro Immigration to the United States" (1940), "Africans, Black: A Study in Negro Immigration", "A Research Memorandum on the Negro in the American Economic System" (1940), and "Survey of Negro Life in New Jersey" (1932), among others. Playscripts include "John Henry: A Comedy in One Act" (1936). Examples of his numerous reports are "The Negro Baptist Ministry" (1951), "State Commission Against Discrimination: An Analysis of its Operations" (1957), "Report of the Commission Appointed by the Governor to Investigate Charges of Excessive Use of Force by Police in Chester, Pennsylvania" (1964), and "Cultural Deprivation and the Schools of Chester, Pennsylvania" (1965). Haverford College material includes course related items. Topics for the several subject files in the collection include Black Muslims, Freedmen's Bureau: children and Reconstruction, and the Jackson Whites. Several manuscripts by other authors complete the collection, notably by Reid's student, Hanna L. Schussheim, "Negroes of Early Philadelphia: Roots of Today's Struggle" (1968).

Arrangement: Arranged into 6 series: I. Personal and professional papers; II. Research notes; III. Writing; IV. Haverford College; V. Subject files; and VI. Writing by other authors.

Key Terms

Subjects

African American children
African American construction workers
African American educators
African American sociologists
African Americans -- Economic conditions
African Americans -- Education
African Americans -- Education (Higher)
African Americans -- Social conditions
Authors, Black
Segregation -- United States

Names

Reid, Ira De Augustine, 1901-1968
Haverford College
National Urban League

Container List

Personal and professional 1931-1967

- b. 1 f. 1 Curriculum vita and bibliography
- b. 1 f. 2 Diary of West Indian trip 1939
- b. 1 f. 3 Correspondence 1939-1967
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- b. 1 f. 5 Proposals and prospectus 1938-1948
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- b. 1 f. 7 Programs
- b. 1 f. 8 Reviews 1931-1940
Includes review of *The Negro Immigrant*, among others.
- b. 1 f. 9 Clippings
- b. 1 f. 10 Reid, Anna Cooke

Research notes

Notebooks

- b. 1 f. 11-12 General
- b. 1 f. 13 "The Community: Leadership II"
- b. 1 f. 14 Philanthropy
- b. 1 f. 15-16 Notes
Includes notes on John Canoe.

Writing 1925-1966

Manuscripts 1925-1964

Includes "The Negro in the Major Industries and Building Trades of Pittsburgh" (Master's thesis, 1925); "Race Records", 1930 (2 copies); "Black Notes in the Labor Theme", 1933; "Negro Immigration to the United States", 1940; "Human Rights and the Hollow Men", 1950; "Human Fertility in the British West Indies: A Research Report Prepared for the Population Division, United Nations", 1953; "Race and Crime"; "Human Fertility in the British West Indies: A Research Project", 1958; "The American Character in Transition" for Challenge Colloquium, University of Texas, 1964 (2 copies); "Fugitive Thoughts on Quaker Education"; "Harlem"; "Economic Literacy and the Negro"; "Adoption: Its Social Setting and Selected Aspects of Its Processes"; "Major Sociological Forces and Factors Operating in the World Today"; "Africans, Black: A Study in Negro Immigration"; "The Negro Personality: Its Social Background, Vol. I", by Ira De A. Reid and Robert L. Sutherland; and article manuscripts for *Atlanta Daily World* including "Let's Play Politics", "The New Reconstruction", "Afraid to Act Decently", "The Negro Woman's World", "Tobacco Road Politics", "Georgia Politics and the Negro", "My People! My People!", "A Public Defender", "Georgia on My Mind", "Florida Peonage Law is Voided; Supreme Court Rules on \$5.00 Debt", "Colored Gentlemen and Niggers", and "The Southern Cross".

- b. 1 f. 17 1925-1964
- b. 1 f. 18 "The Negro in the Major Industries and Building Trades of Pittsburgh",
Master's thesis 1925
- b. 1 f. 19 "Negro Immigration to the United States"
- b. 1 f. 20 "Africans, Blacks: A Study in Negro Immigration"
- b. 1 f. 21 "The Negro Personality"
- b. 1 f. 22 *Atlanta Daily World* articles

Writing (cont.)

b. 1 f. 23 **Scripts 1936-1944**

Includes "John Henry: A Comedy in One Act", 1936 (2 copies); and "My People! My People! A Documentary Film of Negro Life in the United States from 1870-1939...Based Upon the Times, Life and Writings of James Weldon Johnson" (memorandum for a film scenario, 1944); and fragments.

b. 1 f. 24 **Fragments**

b. 1 f. 25 **Speeches, addresses, and lectures 1943-1963**

Includes "....So Children May Live" (N.A.N.E. Biennial Conference, 1951); "Race Relations and Public Morale" (Annual Conference, National Urban League, 1943); "The Minority Mind and Majority Matters" (The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Schomburg Collection, New York Public Library, 1950); "Mindful of Him: Humanity's Challenge to Religious Man" (National Conference on Churches and Social Welfare, 1955); "Children in Trouble...The Philadelphia Story" (1956); "Living in Changing Times" (National Social Welfare Assembly, 1957); "Major Sociological Forces Operating in the World Today" (Committee on Brotherhood Organizations and Inter-Agency Relationships, Church of the Disciples of Christ, Chicago, 1957); "Patient Needs and Patient Services: Problems in Professional Nursing" (American Nurses' Foundation Conference and Workshop, 1958); "Peace and Tranquility: The Quaker Witness" in *Friends Journal*, April 5, 1958, reprint; "On the Care of Nurses and the Nursing Profession: A Theme for Social Action" (Biennial Convention, American Nurse Association, 1958); "The Sixth Idea" (Guest Lecture, Family Week, Star Island, 1959); "The Urban World Around the Young: Babylon or the New Jerusalem?" (White House Conference on Children and Youth, 1960); "So What? What Really Matters?" (Gettysburg College, 1960); "The Guidance and Counseling of Culturally Deprived Peoples" (Guidance Conference of the State Commission Against Discrimination, 1961); "A New Look at a New Africa" (Convocation Address, International Christian University, 1962); "Consequences of Neglect of the Disadvantaged...." (National Conference of Industrial Leaders, 1963); "The Integration of Knowledge: The Academic Man looks at Japan" (Inter-University Faculty Seminar in the Social Sciences, International Christian University, Tokyo, 1963); and "The American Negro's Centennial of Freedom" (International Christian University, Mitaka, Tokyo).

Books (published)

b. 1 f. 26 *Negro Membership in American Labor Unions* 1930

b. 1 f. 27 *Adult Education among Negroes* 1936

b. 1 f. 28 *The Urban Negro Worker in the United States, Vol. I & II* 1938-1939

b. 1 f. 29 *Negro Youth* 1939

b. 1 f. 30 *The Negro Baptist Ministry* 1951

b. 2 f. 1 **Chapters (published) 1940-1955**

Includes "Race, Migration and Citizenship: An Essay on the Interrelations of the West Indian Negro and the United States Negro" in *The Negro in the Americans: Public Lectures*, Howard University (1940); "What Segregated Areas Mean" in *Discrimination and National Welfare*, (1949); "White Collar Occupations" in *The Integration of the Negro in American Society* (The Howard University Press, 1951); "The Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth: What Do Children Need?" in *Child Welfare* (July 1951); and "Social Change, Social Relations, and Social Work" (reprinted from *Minority Groups: Segregation or Integration*, 1955).

Articles (published)

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Articles (published) (cont.)

b. 2 f. 2 1926-1945

Includes "Let Us Prey!" in *Opportunity* (September 1926); "Mirrors of Harlem: Investigations and Problems of America's Largest Colored Community" (reprinted from *Social Forces*, June 1927); "Race Records" in *Omega Psi Phi Oracle* (December 1930); "The Negro Woman Worker" in *The Woman's Press* (April 1932); "New Jersey's Twentieth Citizen" in *Bulletin from the New Jersey Conference of Social Work* (January 1933); "Black Notes in the Labor Theme" in *Friends Intelligencer* (February 1933); "Vocational Guidance for Negroes" in *Occupations* (January 1934); "Abram Harris: Economist" in *American Missionary* (1934); "The Negro Riddance Act" in *Social Work Today* (March-April 1934); "Messing Around" in *New York Amsterdam News* (August 3, 1935); "Negro Immigration to the United States" (reprinted from *Social Forces*, March 1938); "Leaves from a Jamaica Diary" in *The Crisis* (October 1939); "Poor Land and Peasantry" with Arthur Raper in *The North Georgia Review* (Winter 1939-1940); "General Characteristics of the Negro Youth Population" (reprinted from the *Journal of Negro Education*, 1940); "Methodological Notes for Studying the Southern City" (reprinted from *Social Forces*, December 1940); "Old Conflicts in the New South" with Arthur Raper in *The Virginia Quarterly* (February 1942); "The Emotion of the Real" in *Christianity and the Crisis* (July 1942); "This War and That Negro" in *Christianity and the Crisis* (July 1942); "The John Canoe Festival: A New World Africanism" reprinted from *Phylon* (Fourth Quarter, 1943); "Freedom in the Modern World: Four Broadcasts by The People's College of Atlanta University" in *Phylon* (Second Quarter, 1943); "D-Day and the Negro Solider" in *The Intercollegian* (April 1944); "Philanthropy and Minorities" (reprinted from *Phylon*, Third Quarter, 1944); "A New Day Is Coming" in *International Journal of Religious Education* (February 1944); "Roundtable: Should Negroes Accept Segregation in the South?" in *Negro Digest* (March 1945); "The Development of Adult Education for Negroes in the United States" (reprinted from the *Journal of Negro Education*, 1945); "Race Relations in the South" in *Opportunity* (Fall, 1945); and "A Critique of Robert I. Kutak's *The Sociological Curriculum in the Southeastern States*" (reprinted from *Social Forces*, October 1945).

b. 2 f. 3 1946-1950

Includes "Georgia's Negro Vote" in *The Nation* (July 1946); "Southern Ways" in *Survey Graphic's* special issue on segregation (January 1947); "Special Problems of Negro Migration during the War" (reprinted from *The Millbank Memorial Fund Quarterly*, July 1947); "Walden the Democrat" in "The Negro in Politics" series, *New Republic* (October 1948); "Educational Discrimination" in *The Churchman* (May 1949); "Negro Movements and Messiahs, 1900-1949" (reprinted from *Phylon*); "Leadership Selection in Urban Locality Areas" in *The Public Opinion Quarterly* (Summer 1950); "The Literature of the Negro: A Social Scientist's Appraisal" (reprinted in *Phylon*); "The Negro Private College" in *The Crisis* (August-September 1950); "The Sociological Aspects of Prejudice" in *Prejudice: Proceedings of the 1950 Institute of the Mental Hygiene Society of Monroe County* (Mental Health Committee of the Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County, 1950); and "On the Education of Parents" (Alumni Day address reprinted in *The Westonian*, Westtown Alumni Association).

b. 2 f. 4 1954-1966

Includes "Integration: Ideal, Process and Situation" (reprinted from *The Journal of Negro Education*, Summer 1954); "...to promote the general welfare" (The Alumni Association of the New York School of Social Work, 1954); "The Social Protest: Cue and Catharsis" (reprinted from *Phylon*, Second Quarter, 1955); "Desegregation and Social Change" in *Social Problems* (April 1955); "Immigration and Assimilation" in *Current History* (November 1955); "Social Change, Social Relations, and Social Work" (reprinted from *Minority Groups: Segregation and Integration*, 1955); "Challenges for Orthopsychiatry: Scientific and Moral Perspectives" (reprinted from *The American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, October 1956); "Integration Reconsidered" in *Harvard Educational Review* (Spring 1957); "Race and Crime" in *Friends Journal* (November 30, 1957); "Peace and Tranquility: The Quaker Witness" in *Friends Journal* (April 5, 1958); "On the Care of Nurses and the Nursing Profession: A Theme for Social Action" (Biennial Convention, American Nurses Association, 1958); "Culture and the American Family", remarks in *The Report of the Fifth Annual Williamsburg International Assembly* (1961); "Fugitive Thoughts on Quaker Education" in *Friends Journal* (February 1, 1961); "ICU ... Harbinger of a New Japan" in *Keep Posted* (April 1963); and "The Dimensions of the Problem" in *Library Service for the Undereducated* (Drexel Institute of Technology, 1966).

Reports and surveys

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- b. 2 f. 5 **1927-1934**
Includes *Twenty-Four Hundred Negro Families in Harlem: An Interpretation of the Living Conditions of Small Wage Earners* (New York Urban League, 1927); *The Negro Population of Denver, Colorado* (Denver Interracial Committee, 1929); *Social Conditions of the Negro in the Hill District of Pittsburgh* (General Committee on the Hill Survey, 1930); *The Problem of Child Dependency Among Negroes: A Report to the Committee on Child Dependency as Affected by Racial Factors, Negro Group of Section IV C1, Socially Handicapped-Dependency and Neglect of the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection*, (1930); *Trojans of Color*, "A Social Survey of the Negro Population of Troy, New York" (Department of Research, National Urban League, 1931); *Survey of Negro Life in New Jersey: Community Reports*, Vol. II, Central Jersey (Interracial Committee, New Jersey Department of Institutions and Agencies, New Jersey Conference of Social Work, 1932); *The Negro in New Jersey: Report of a Survey by The Interracial Committee of the New Jersey Conference of Social Work in Cooperation with the State Department of Institutions and Agencies* (1932); *The Negro: New Jersey's Twentieth Citizen* (Interracial Committee of the New Jersey Conference of Social Work, 1932); and *Incomes and Expenditures of 751 Negro Families in Atlanta, Georgia*, October 1934 (Atlanta University).
- b. 2 f. 6 **1934-1953**
Includes *The Negro Community of Baltimore* (National Urban League, 1935); "The Negro in the American Economic System", research memorandum prepared for Gunnar Myrdal's *An American Dilemma* (1940); "The Negro in Business and the Professions" (list) and excerpts from "The Negro in the American Economic System"; *An Evaluation of the Facilities, Program, and Objectives of the Penn Normal, Industrial and Agricultural School* (1948); *The Negro Baptist Ministry*, report of a survey conducted under the auspices of the Inter-Convention Committee of the American, National and Southern Baptist Conventions (1951); *Program Recommendations for the Commission on Human Relations*, City of Philadelphia (1952); *Human Fertility in the British West Indies: A Research Report prepared for The Population Division, United Nations* (1953) (2 copies); *A Program Evaluation of the Connecticut Commission on Civil Rights* (1954); *Review of Haverford Community Center: A Report of the Consultation Group* (Education-Recreation Division, Health and Welfare Council, Inc., 1954); *The State Commission Against Discrimination: An Analysis of Its Operations*, prepared for the Senate Committee on Finance of the New York State Legislature (1957), Vols. I and II; *Residents Block Organization in the Leadership Areas of Philadelphia's Urban Redevelopment and Renewal Projects* (1959); *Report of the Commission Appointed by the Governor to Investigate Charges of Excessive Use of Force by Police in Chester, Pennsylvania* (1964); *Cultural Deprivation and the Schools of Chester, Pennsylvania* working papers (1965); and "Problem Areas for Analysis by the Southern Regional Council".
- b. 2 f. 7 *The Negro Population of Denver, Colorado* 1929
- b. 2 f. 8 *Social Conditions of the Negro in the Hill District of Pittsburgh* 1930
- b. 2 f. 9 *Child Dependence among Negroes* 1930
- b. 2 f. 10-11 *The Negro in New Jersey* 1932
- b. 2 f. 12 *"The Negro in the American Economic System", research memorandum for An American Dilemma* 1940
- b. 2 f. 13 Carnegie-Myrdal study 1940
- b. 3 f. 1 1954
- b. 3 f. 2 *Racial Desegregation and Integration* 1956
State Commission against Discrimination: An Analysis of Its Operations 1957
- b. 3 f. 3 Vol. I
- b. 3 f. 4 Vol. 2
- b. 3 f. 5 *Report of the Commission Appointed by the Governor to Investigate Charges of Excessive Use of Force by Police in Chester, Pennsylvania* 1964
- b. 3 f. 6 *Cultural Deprivation and the Schools of Chester, PA* 1965

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b. 3 f. 7 **Reviews 1937-1958**

Includes reviews of *Our Debt to Other Civilizations* by Ralph Linton, 1937; *The Caribbean: Laboratory of World Cooperation* by Devere Allen, 1943; *Prejudice and Property: An Historic Brief against Racial Covenants* by Tom C. Clark, 1948 *Lost Boundaries* by W. L. White, 1948; *Black Boy* by Richard Wright, 1945; "The Road to Wholeness", review of *The Journey* by Lillian Smith in *Phylon*, 1954; *Separate and Unequal* by Louis Harlan, 1958; *Witness for Freedom* by Rebecca Barton, reprinted from *Phylon*, 1948; and *The Negro Freedman* by Henderson H. Donald.

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Subject files

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b. 3 f. 12 **Freedman's Bureau: children and the Reconstruction**

b. 3 f. 13 **Georgia**

The Jackson-Whites

b. 3 f. 14 **"The Jackson-Whites: A Study of Racial Degeneracy", Vineland Training School, New Jersey 1911**

b. 3 f. 15 **Printed matter**

b. 3 f. 16 **Race relations**

b. 3 f. 17 **Miscellaneous**

Writing by other authors

b. 3 f. 18 **Schussheim, Hanna L. "Negroes of Early Philadelphia" 1968**

b. 3 f. 19 **Writing on Latinx in New York**

b. 3 f. 20 **Various other authors**

b. 3 f. 21 **Unknown/anonymous authors**