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Guide to the

T. Thomas Fortune scrapbook

1889-1904 [bulk 1890-1899]

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Summary

Creator: Fortune, Timothy Thomas, 1856-1928

Title: T. Thomas Fortune scrapbook

Date: 1889-1904 [bulk 1890-1899]

Size: 1 vol

Source: Gift, Elizabeth Bowser, March 1990

Abstract: The T. Thomas Fortune Scrapbook consists primarily of clippings of Fortune's articles from the "New York Age," 1890-1898, in which he discussed events and issues affecting African Americans nationwide as well as overseas. There are also articles from other newspapers such as the "Evening Telegram, the "New York Sun," the "Texas Morning News, the "Galveston Daily" and the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle," some of which he authored, and articles written about him by fellow journalists, 1889-1904.

Conditions Governing Access:

Researchers must use preservation copy.

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Creator History

T. Thomas Fortune was the foremost African-American journalist of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. He served as an editor, publisher, writer, orator and civil rights leader, using his position at a series of black newspapers in New York City as the leading spokesman and defender of the rights of African Americans in both the South and the North.

Fortune's journalism career began in Florida, he moved to New York in 1881, and founded the "New York Freeman" in 1884 (renamed the "New York Age" in 1887). His book, "Black and White: Land, Labor and Politics in the South" was published in 1884. Fortune was known for his editorials that

condemned discrimination, lynching, mob violence, and disenfranchisement, and for his uncompromising demand for full equality for all African Americans. He was also one of the few African Americans to be a frequent contributor to major white newspapers, writing for the "New York Sun and the "Boston Transcript."

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Key Terms

Subjects

African American authors
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African Americans -- Social conditions
African Americans -- Social life and customs
Black author
Newspaper editors -- United States

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Journalists
Scrapbooks

Titles

New York age (New York, N.Y. : 1887)

Names

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