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Guide to the

Mordecai P. Montgomery collection

1957--[ca. 1988]

Sc MG 513

Summary

Creator: Montgomery, Mordecai Philip, 1880-1956

Title: Mordecai P. Montgomery collection

Date: 1957--[ca. 1988]

Size: 0.21 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Gift of Edward P. Gottlieb, November 1993.

Revision History: Finding aid updated by Lauren Stark.

Abstract: Mordecai Philip Montgomery was a long-time member of the Socialist Party of New York. Montgomery, born in 1880 in Fayette, Alabama, worked as a Pullman porter, then for the Works Progress Administration, and in his later years, as a messenger in the Wall Street area of Manhattan. He died in 1956 in New York City. The Mordecai P. Montgomery Collection consists principally of an unpublished manuscript, "Shining in Death", authored by Montgomery, about a Canadian Black man and his struggle to become an actor in New York; the time period is from the second half of the nineteenth century until the Depression. The collection also includes a folder of letters and a reminiscence by Edward P. Gottlieb, the donor, regarding Montgomery. The letters are from Gottlieb to a publisher/editor and to author Toni Morrison, seeking to get the manuscript read and published following Montgomery's death.

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Key Terms

Subjects

African American authors
African American political activists
Authors, Black
Pullman porters

Names

Montgomery, Mordecai Philip, 1880-1956

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 Correspondence and reminiscence 1957-1988
- b. 1 f. 2-6 "Shining in Death" manuscript undated