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Guide to the

**Richard Parrish papers (Additions 2)**

1932-1976

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## Summary

**Creator:** Parrish, Richard F. (Richard Franklin), 1914-1983

**Title:** Richard Parrish papers (Additions 2)

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**Size:** 1.42 linear feet (2 boxes)

**Source:** Gift of Beatrice Parrish, ca. 1983.

**Abstract:** Richard F. Parrish papers (Additions 2) include personal materials and subject files for the following organizations: American Federation of Teachers (Executive Council Proceedings, the 1968 New York City teachers' strike and decentralization), the United Federation of Teachers (Black Caucus), the National Afro-American Labor Council, and the Community Teachers Association. There is also printed matter including newspapers, magazine clippings, and material from the American Federation of Teachers and National African-American Labor Council conventions.

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## Creator History

Richard Franklin Parrish was a teacher and a labor leader in New York City. He was born on August 9, 1914, in Wildwood, New Jersey, and moved with his parents, Cora Elizabeth Flowers Parrish and Leslie Franklin Parrish, to New York City the following year. Graduating from high school during the Depression, Parrish worked as a clerk in the Navy Department and became active in labor organizations. Returning to school, he graduated from the City College of New York in 1947 with a degree in economics. Parrish taught in the New York City school system from 1947 until his retirement in 1976. He was a founding member and president of the National Afro-American Labor Council, formerly the Negro American Labor Council, which strove to end discrimination in the labor movement.

Parrish held offices in the United Federation of Teachers and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), the national teachers union affiliated with the AFL-CIO. In 1963, Parrish led a contingent of teachers and students to Prince Edward County, Virginia where the local school board had closed the public schools rather than integrate. In 1964, the AFT expanded this Freedom School concept to include the Deep South. Parrish served as chairman of the union's Civil Rights Committee and acted as liaison between the schools and the national office. At the 1965 AFT convention, Parrish successfully concluded the fight for the ouster of segregated AFT locals. Parrish also chaired the AFT's 1966 conference on "Racism in Education." During the New York City teachers' strike of 1968, Parrish formed the UFT Black Caucus. In 1970, the AFT Black Caucus was established with Parrish serving as its chairman from 1970 to 1973. During the New York City teachers' strike of 1968, Parrish formed the UFT Black Caucus. Parrish was most active with teacher and black labor organizations from the early 1960s until 1974. In addition to his activities in civil rights and labor groups and work as a teacher, Parrish ran unsuccessfully for State Comptroller in 1949 and the New York City Council in 1963 on the Socialist Party ticket. He died in 1983.

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**Arrangement:** Arranged into two series: I. Personal and II. Subject files.

## Key Terms

### Subjects

African American labor union members  
African American teachers  
African Americans -- Civil rights  
Labor unions -- United States  
Teachers' unions -- United States

### Names

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American Federation of Teachers  
National Negro Labor Council (U.S.)  
United Federation of Teachers

## Container List

### Personal

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- b. 1 f. 2 Correspondence
- b. 1 f. 3 Writing
- b. 1 f. 4 Parrish, Richard and Beatrice
- b. 1 f. 5 March on Washington
- b. 1 f. 6 Friends of Richard Parrish Committee
- b. 1 f. 7 Edgar Parrish Estate
- b. 1 f. 8 News clippings

### Subject files 1941-1977

- b. 1 f. 9 Socialist Party Candidate for City Council, New York 1963
- b. 1 f. 10 HARYOU-Act after school program
- American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
- b. 1 f. 11 United Black Caucus of Teachers
- b. 1 f. 12 Correspondence
- b. 1 f. 13 United Federation of Teachers, American History Committee 1967
- b. 1 f. 14 Black Caucus
- b. 1 f. 15 Prince Edward County Project 1963
- b. 1 f. 16 Subject file
- b. 1 f. 17 Convention 1970
- b. 1 f. 18-20 Decentralization and teachers' strike 1967-1974
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- b. 2 f. 9 Community Teachers Association
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### Publications

Includes newsletters, reports, journals, and newspapers.

- b. 2 f. 12 *The New York Times, section 6* 1969 February 2  
*AFT, Officers' Reports to American Federation of Teachers Convention*
- b. 2 f. 13 1967
- b. 2 f. 14 1969
- b. 2 f. 15 1970
- b. 2 f. 16 *Souvenir Journal, The Federation of Negro Civil Service Organization, Inc*  
1977 March 25  
*Executive Council Proceedings, AFT*
- b. 2 f. 17 1964 August-September
- b. 2 f. 18 1966-1967 February
- b. 2 f. 19 1967 March-May
- b. 2 f. 20 1969

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Executive Council Proceedings, AFT (cont.)

- b. 2 f. 21 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Title III, letter of intent 1971-1972
- b. 2 f. 22-23 *AFT Roll Call of Delegates* 1969-1970
- b. 2 f. 24 *Toward Equal Opportunity, New Directions for AFT Civil Rights Committees* undated
- b. 2 f. 25 "Report of Joint Planning Committee for More Effective Schools to the Superintendent of Schools" 1964 May 15
- b. 2 f. 26 "Proceedings of the Sixth Constitutional Convention" 1965 December 9
- b. 2 f. 27-28 Senate Assembly 1969 April 30-May 1
- b. 2 f. 29 *In the Supreme Court of the United States, no. 1* 1953 October
- b. 2 f. 31-32 *Labor Today, vol. 8-9* 1969-1970
- b. 2 f. 33-34 *The American Teacher* 1952-1953
- b. 2 f. 35 *To Build a Democratic Left, Socialist Party platform* 1968  
*AFT Quest Paper* 1970 August
- b. 2 f. 36 "On New Currents in Education"
- b. 2 f. 37 "On Collective Bargaining and the Teaching-Learning Process"
- b. 2 f. 38 "On a Paradigm for Accountability"
- b. 2 f. 39 "Arts and Craft for the Trainable Retarded Child", term project 1965 April
- b. 2 f. 40 *Harrington, Michael. Capitalism, Socialism and Energy* undated
- b. 2 f. 41 *University of Colorado Law Review, vol. 43, no. 3* 1972 March
- b. 2 f. 42 *Board of Education of the School District of the City of New York* 1970-1971
- b. 2 f. 43 *Negro History Bulletin, vol. 34, no. 6* 1971 October
- b. 2 f. 44 *Youth in the Ghetto: A Study of Consequences of Powerlessness and a Blueprint for Change* 1964
- b. 2 f. 45-46 Resolutions from the 53rd and 54th Annual Conventions 1969-1970
- b. 2 f. 47 "A Suggested Music Curriculum for TMR Classes"
- b. 2 f. 48 "Family Fare, Food Management and Recipes" Bulletin no. 1
- b. 2 f. 49 *The "TMR" Class in the Mainstream of General Education* 1967 February
- b. 2 f. 50 "Suggested List of Books, Workbooks, and Charts for Bureau CRMD Classes", all levels 1967 January
- b. 2 f. 51 *Society and Juvenile Delinquency*
- b. 2 f. 52 *Inequality in Education, no. 12* 1972 July
- b. 2 f. 53 "Guide for Planning Educational Facilities" 1969 September
- b. 2 f. 54 *The Pullman Company* 1953 January
- b. 2 f. 55 *City School District of New York* 1973 March
- b. 2 f. 56 "FEPC: How It Operates" 1941 June
- b. 2 f. 57 *Dissent* 1969 January-February
- b. 2 f. 58 *I.L.A.* 1957 April
- b. 2 f. 59 "A Guide for Beginning Teachers of Reading", Grades 5-8
- b. 2 f. 60 *New School Bulletin, vol. 28, no. 6* 1971 February 8
- b. 2 f. 61 "The Calendar (Teacher-Prepared Materials)" 1964 September
- b. 2 f. 62 "Bulletin from New York"

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Publications (cont.)

- b. 2 f. 63      Program from the 54th Annual AFT Convention 1970 August 17
- b. 2 f. 64      Constitution of the AFT 1969 October
- b. 2 f. 65      Opportunities Industrialization Center of New York, Inc. program
- b. 2 f. 66      Conference of Federal Aid to Education, Washington, D.C., program 1951  
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