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Guide to the

James Egert Allen collection

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Summary

Creator: Allen, James E. (James Egert), 1896-1980

Title: James Egert Allen collection

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Abstract: An African-American educator and writer, James Egert Allen was the first president of the New York chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and an active member of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, and the Johnson C. Smith Alumni Association. He was the author of *The Negro in New York* (1964), *Black History: Past and Present* (1971) and *The Legend of Arthur A. Schomburg* (1975). Allen died in 1980. This collection consists of correspondence and writings ranging from 1938-1975, documenting James Egert Allen's activities as a columnist, Kappa Alpha Psi member, chairman of the Johnson C. Smith University Centennial Committee, and founder of International Associates of Cultural Affairs, a group travel venture.

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Key Terms

Subjects

African American college teachers
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Names

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Schomburg, Arthur Alfonso, 1874-1938
International Associates of Cultural Affairs (New York, N.Y.)
Johnson C. Smith University
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity

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