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Guide to the

**Benjamin F. Seldon Papers**

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## Summary

**Creator:** Seldon, Benjamin F

**Title:** Benjamin F. Seldon Papers

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**Abstract:** Benjamin F. Seldon was State Supervisor of Negro Adult Education for the New Jersey Works Progress Administration from 1938 to 1941. He served in World War I, then completed his education in Europe where he studied the economic, social and political conditions of several countries. He also taught in France, and in 1928 at the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute. The Benjamin F. Seldon Papers consist of correspondence pertaining to various aspects of his career and personal life, and a scrapbook Seldon maintained containing news clippings relating primarily to African Americans in World War I. Many letters relate to Seldon's experiences as the State Supervisor of Negro Adult Education for the New Jersey Works Progress Administration in which he had 136 teachers under his supervision. Letters also pertain to the Civilian Conservation Corps. Additional correspondence is with religious, political, educational and social organizations, and several prominent people including Adam Clayton Powell, Sr., Bertha B. Randolph (wife of A. Philip Randolph) and L. Hollingsworth Wood. There is also personal correspondence with Seldon's family and friends. A few letters are written in French and Spanish.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Adult education and state -- New Jersey  
Adult education teachers -- Training of -- New Jersey  
African American soldiers  
African Americans -- Education -- New Jersey  
African Americans -- Employment -- New Jersey  
World War, 1914-1918 -- Participation, Afro-American

### **Titles**

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### **Names**

Seldon, Benjamin F  
Powell, A. Clayton (Adam Clayton), 1865-1953  
Randolph, Bertha B  
Wood, L. Hollingsworth (Levi Hollingsworth), 1874-1956  
Civilian Conservation Corps (U.S.)  
United States. Works Progress Administration