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Abstract: The Lester A. Walton Papers document his diversified careers as a journalist, diplomat and civic leader and consist of personal papers, material on his entertainment and journalistic careers, his tenure as the American representative to Liberia, his political activities, general correspondence and printed matter.

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Creator History

Lester Aglar Walton, journalist, diplomat and civic leader, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, April 20, 1882 of working class parents and was a graduate of Sumner High School in St. Louis. He held three honorary degrees: Master of Arts from Lincoln University in Chester, Pa., 1927, LL.D. from Wilberforce University, 1945, and the University of Liberia, 1958. In 1912 he married Gladys Moore, daughter of Fred A. Moore, publisher of the *New York Age*. They had two daughters. Walton began his many faceted career as a golf writer on the *St. Louis Star*. From 1902 to 1906 he was general assignment and court reporter, and as such was the first African American to write for a daily paper in St. Louis. In 1906 he left St. Louis and moved to New York City, and by 1908 he was manager and theatrical editor for the *New York Age* (1908-1914 and again from 1917-1919). From 1922 to 1931 Walton was a special writer

for the *New York World*. When the *World* folded he became feature writer for the *New York Herald Tribune* (1931), but resigned when the newspaper refused to give him a by-line. He returned to the *New York Age* in 1932 to serve as the newspaper's associate editor. During his journalistic career Walton became interested in world affairs and several of his special writing assignments were abroad. The most noteworthy of these were as news correspondent at the Versailles Peace Conference in 1919 and at sessions of the International Liberian Committee in 1933. Walton also served as arbitrator in a labor relations dispute between the Newspaper Guild of New York and the *New York Amsterdam News* (1957-1959). He was a member of the Society of the Silurians, an association of journalists. During the late teens and early 1920's, Walton was active in the entertainment field. He worked as the manager of Harlem's Lafayette Theater from 1914 to 1916 and from 1919 to 1921, and was the dramatic lyricist for the theater. During World War I, as a member of the Military Entertainment Service, he supervised theatricals among African American soldiers. Walton later served as Vice President of the Negro Actor's Guild and in the 1950's was chairman of the Coordinating Council for Negro Performers. This group was dedicated to promoting African Americans in every branch of the entertainment field. During his chairmanship Walton strove for greater integration of African Americans in television and radio. Walton wrote a few songs in his career, commencing in 1905 and ending in 1956 when he wrote a song entitled "Welcome to New York," dedicated to Mayor Robert F. Wagner. Also, he wrote the song "Jim Crow Has Got to Go," a rallying song for civil rights workers in the 1950's. Walton's political career began in 1913 when he launched a movement, with the assistance of the Associated Press, for the spelling of the word Negro with a capital "N." An active Democrat, he served as director of publicity of the Colored Division of the Democratic National Campaign Committee in 1924, 1928 and 1932. President Franklin Roosevelt appointed Walton as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Liberia in 1933, a position he held until 1946. Among his accomplishments, he concluded significant treaties between the United States and Liberia, including the terms under which the American government established a United States Army base. Walton also negotiated with the Liberian government for the construction of a port in Monrovia and concluded commerce, navigation and aviation treaties. As a longstanding member of the Harlem community, Walton sought to make local improvements for African Americans. He was one of the original members of the Commission on Intergroup Relations, a New York City agency founded in 1955 which later (1961) became known as the Commission on Human Rights. Under Mayor Wagner, this Commission worked in the fields of civil rights and civil liberties, especially fair housing practices. Walton retired from this volunteer post in 1964. His death occurred on October 19, 1965. His wife, Gladys, died in approximately 1977.

Scope and Content Note

The Lester A. Walton Papers date from 1905 to 1977. The papers provide information on his diversified careers in the entertainment field, journalism, as the American ambassador to Liberia from 1935 to 1946, as a commissioner for the New York City Commission on Human Rights from 1956 to 1964, and on various political activities in which he was engaged. Aspects of his personal and family life are represented in the papers as well. The collection is divided into seven series and seven subseries. The titles and dates are as follows:

Arrangement: Personal Papers Family Papers 1912-1973 Alma Mater 1940-1965 Financial Records 1920-1977 Certificates 1929-1964 Entertainment Career 1905-1963 Coordinating Council for Negro Performers 1951-1955 Journalistic Career 1913-1965 Newspaper Guild of New York 1957-1961 American Representative to Liberia 1930-1965 General Correspondence 1911-1965 Political Activities and City of New York Affairs 1925-1964 New York City Commission on Human Rights 1955-1965 Printed Matter 1926-1953

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Ambassadors -- United States
Diplomatic and consular service, American -- Liberia
Theatrical managers -- New York (State) -- New York

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Liberia -- Economic conditions
Liberia -- Foreign relations -- United States
United States -- Foreign relations -- Liberia

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New York Amsterdam news (New York, N.Y. : 1919)
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Names

Walton, Lester A., 1882-1965
Barclay, Edwin, 1883-
Firestone, Harvey Samuel, 1898-
Jack, Hulan E
Jones, Thomas Jesse, 1873-1950
Minton, Henry M., d 1946
O'Neal, Frederick, 1905-1992
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945
Swope, Herbert Bayard, 1882-1958
Tubman, William V. S., 1895-1971
Coordinating Council for Negro Performers
Firestone Tire and Rubber Company
Lafayette Theatre (New York, N.Y.)
New York (N.Y.). City Commission on Human Rights
Newspaper Guild of New York

Container List

Personal Papers

Family Papers

Family Papers subseries, 1912-1973 includes biographical material, Walton's marriage certificate and will, and correspondence with family members, including his mother and Walton's sister, Mrs. Lucille Garrett. Gladys Walton's correspondence following the death of her husband is also included.

- b. 1 f. 1 r. Biographical information 1940-1963
- b. 1 f. 2 r. Biographical information 1953-1961
- b. 1 f. 3 r. Personal n.d.
- b. 1 f. 4 r. Marriage certificate 1912
- b. 1 f. 5 r. Biographical articles 1926-1965
- b. 1 f. 6 r. Last will and testament of Lester Walton 1927-1940
- b. 1 f. 7 r. Last will and testament of Olive M. Walton 1936
- b. 1 f. 8 r. Family correspondence 1918-1932
- b. 1 f. 9 r. Family correspondence 1929-1944
- b. 1 f. 10 r. Family correspondence 1950-1962
- b. 1 f. 11 r. Family correspondence -- Estate of Benjamin A. Walton, Jr. 1944
- b. 1 f. 12 r. Family correspondence -- Death of Olive M. Walton 1944-1947
- b. 1 f. 13 r. Personal correspondence -- Marriage of Walton's daughter, Gladys 1937-1938
- b. 1 f. 14 r. Personal correspondence 1947-1948
- b. 1 f. 15 r. Personal correspondence 1950-1959
- b. 1 f. 16 r. Personal correspondence 1952-1959
- b. 1 f. 17 r. Personal correspondence 1955-1964
- b. 2 f. 1 r. Personal correspondence, Garrett family 1944-1947
- b. 2 f. 2 r. Personal correspondence, Garrett family 1950-1951
- b. 2 f. 3 r. Personal correspondence, Garrett family 1952-1962
- b. 2 f. 4 r. Family greeting cards 1946-1950
- b. 2 f. 5 r. Lester and Gladys Walton -- 50th wedding anniversary -- Correspondence and news clipping 1962
- b. 2 f. 6 r. Lester and Gladys Walton -- 50th wedding anniversary -- Letters 1962
- b. 2 f. 7 r. European trips -- Passenger lists and related information 1930's
- b. 2 f. 8 r. Correspondence re Walton's death 1965-1966
- b. 2 f. 9 r. Correspondence -- Disposition of Lester Walton's papers 1965
- b. 2 f. 10 r. Gladys Walton -- Correspondence 1966
- b. 2 f. 11 r. Gladys Walton -- Power of attorney 1972-1973

Personal Papers (cont.)

Alma Mater

Alma Mater subseries, 1940-1965, consists of material from Walton's high school, Sumner High School in St. Louis, and the university which granted him an honorary Master of Arts degree, Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. Walton maintained a warm relationship with his high school and material includes the text of a commencement address he delivered in 1951, correspondence, press releases, programs and news clippings pertaining to the graduation exercise, and a yearbook from 1965. Lincoln University is represented by a history of the school, a newsletter and bulletins.

- b. 2 f. 12 r. Sumner High School -- Correspondence
- b. 2 f. 13 r. Sumner High School -- Commencement programs and texts of address given by Walton 1947-1951
- b. 2 f. 14 r. Sumner High School -- Printed matter, commencement programs, etc. 1940-1965
- b. 2 f. 15 r. Sumner High School -- News clippings re Walton's commencement address, etc. 1950-1951
- b. 2 f. 16 r. Sumner High School -- Yearbook 1965
- b. 2 f. 17 r. Lincoln University 1927, 1951-1955

Financial Records

Financial Records subseries, 1920-1977, consists of correspondence, bank statements, investment papers and related material.

- b. 3 f. 1 r. Financial records 1920's
- b. 3 f. 2 r. Financial records 1930's-1945
- b. 3 f. 3 r. Taxes -- Property, Shawneetown, Illinois 1950-1957
- Ampere Bank and Trust Company -- Correspondence
- b. 3 f. 4 r. 1944-1945
- b. 3 f. 5 r. 1944-1948
- b. 3 f. 6 r. 1950
- Fidelity Union Trust Company
- Correspondence
- b. 3 f. 7 r. 1950-1955
- b. 3 f. 8 r. 1951-1956
- b. 3 f. 9 r. 1955-1957
- b. 3 f. 10 r. 1956-1963
- Financial Records
- b. 3 f. 11 r. 1957-1958
- b. 3 f. 12 1959-1961
- b. 4 f. 1 r. 1959-1961
- b. 4 f. 2 r. 1962-1963
- b. 4 f. 3 r. 1964
- b. 4 f. 4 r. Financial Records, 1951-1954
- b. 4 f. 5 r. Gladys Walton -- Financial records 1965
- b. 4 f. 6 r. Gladys Walton -- Financial records 1966
- b. 4 f. 7 r. Gladys Walton -- Financial Records 1966-1968
- b. 4 f. 8 r. Gladys Walton -- Financial Records 1965-1977

Personal Papers (cont.)

Certificates

Certificates subseries, 1929-1964, includes a variety of certificates awarded to Walton such as honorary degrees, college diplomas, and other certificates presented by Liberia, the City of New York, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Certificates 1929-1964

Entertainment Career

The *ENTERTAINMENT CAREER* series, 1905-1963, contains music and lyrics for songs written by Walton and a small amount of correspondence pertaining to his years as manager of Harlem's Lafayette Theater. There is also correspondence and printed matter from the Negro Actors Guild of America, in addition to stories, poems and music written by individuals other than Walton, some of whom are not identified. The *Coordinating Council for Negro Performers* subseries, 1951-1955, consists of correspondence Walton wrote as chairman of this organization. The purpose of this Council was to promote African American performers in all aspects of the theatrical profession.

- b. 6 f. 1 r. Music career 1905
- b. 6 f. 2 r. Correspondence and other material re theatrical career 1915-1963
- b. 6 f. 3 r. Original lyrics and music written by Walton "When a Woman Will She Will" "All for One, One for All," 1926
- b. 6 f. 4 r. Correspondence -- Copyright of music 1945-1953
- b. 6 f. 5 r. Original lyrics written by Walton "Sweet Talkin Man," "Are You Sure You're Sure," and "Just What Makes Your Mommy Love You," ca. 1950
- b. 6 f. 6 r. Correspondence -- Copyright of "When a Woman Will She Will," 1954
- b. 6 f. 7 r. "Welcome to New York," 1956
- b. 6 f. 8 r. Negro Actors Guild of America 1946-1961
- b. 6 f. 9 r. Robert E. Kalaidjian (Columbia Broadcasting System) 1951-1958
- b. 6 f. 10 r. Lawrence W. Lowman (Columbia Broadcasting System) 1951-1956
- b. 6 f. 11 r. Frederick O'Neal 1959-1962
- b. 6 f. 12 r. Film script -- "Tenth Citizen U.S.A.," n.d.
- b. 6 f. 13 r. Folk tale n.d.
- b. 6 f. 14 r. "Poems by a Jamaican," "Who's Who? A Comedy Crook Sketch," n.d.
- b. 6 f. 15 r. Music by J. Augustus Smith and Estelle Smith 1953
- b. 6 f. 16 r. Theatrical career -- Printed matter 1926-1963
- Coordinating Council for Negro Performers
- b. 6 f. 17 r. Constitution and by-laws ca. 1953
- b. 6 f. 18 r. Correspondence 1951-1954
- b. 6 f. 19 r. Correspondence, including material re "My Darlin' Aida," 1951-1954
- b. 6 f. 20 r. Correspondence 1953
- b. 6 f. 21 r. Correspondence 1955
- b. 6 f. 22 r. News clippings

Journalistic Career

The *NEWSPAPER CAREER* series, 1913-1965, contains a small amount of correspondence with the *New York Age*, the *New York Amsterdam News*, and staff members representing other newspapers. Contained in this series is correspondence regarding capitalizing "N" in the word "Negro," and a membership roster and printed material from the Society of the Silurians. The *Newspaper Guild of New York* subseries, 1957-1961, regards the grievance between the Newspaper Guild of New York and the *New York Amsterdam News*, for which Walton served as arbitrator. The grievance issue involved the failure of Powell Savory Corporation, publishers of the *New York Amsterdam News*, to pay wages for eight employees as stated in collective bargaining regulations.

b. 7 f. 1 r. Correspondence -- New York Age 1913-1932

b. 7 f. 2 r. Correspondence 1920's

b. 7 f. 3 r. Correspondence 1917-1935

b. 7 f. 4 r. Correspondence 1924-1940

b. 7 f. 5 r. Correspondence 1947-1960

b. 7 f. 6 r. Correspondence 1960-1961

b. 7 f. 7 r. Society of the Silurians 1951-1965

Newspaper Guild of New York

Arbitration -- Newspaper Guild of New York vs New York New York
Amsterdam News

b. 7 f. 8 r. 1952-1953

b. 7 f. 9 r. 1955-1956

b. 7 f. 10 r. 1956

b. 7 f. 11 r. 1957-1959

b. 7 f. 12 r. 1958-1959

b. 7 f. 13 r. 1959-1961

American Representative to Liberia

The *AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE TO LIBERIA* series, 1930-1965, consists principally of material generated during Walton's tenure as ambassador, 1935-1946, particularly correspondence, Walton's personal financial papers, invitations to a variety of official and other events, and official addresses Walton delivered. Correspondents include President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Liberian presidents Edwin Barclay and William V. S. Tubman, Harvey S. Firestone, Jr. of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Thomas Jesse Jones who was Educational Director of the Phelps Stokes Fund, Henry M. Minton, M.D. of Philadelphia, Herbert Bayard Swope who was executive director of *The New York World*, and Liberian Entertainments Company which showed films in Liberia. Official correspondence includes comments on the status of the situation in Liberia, economic activity, foreign and commercial relations with Britain, Italian Invasion of Ethiopia, problems with Legation personnel, role of the United States in Liberia, and corruption and incompetency among Liberian officials. A variety of printed matter also comprises this series, some beyond the 1946 date of Walton's ambassadorship. Included are texts of addresses delivered by presidents of Liberia C. D. B. King and Edwin Barclay, reports, a publicity program and text of Walton's address relating to President Tubman's 1961 visit to the United States, and news clippings pertaining to Liberia published in that country and the United States.

b. 8 f. 1 r. Americo-Liberian Industrial Company ca. 1930

b. 8 f. 2 r. Correspondence -- Political crisis in Liberia and relationship with League of Nations 1932-1935

b. 8 f. 3 r. Correspondence -- Walton's appointment as the American minister to Liberia and other matters 1933-1935

b. 8 f. 4 r. Correspondence 1933-1936

b. 8 f. 5 r. Correspondence 1935

American Representative to Liberia (cont.)

- b. 8 f. 6 r. Correspondence 1936
- b. 8 f. 7 r. Biographical information of Malvina Barclay 1936
- b. 8 f. 8 r. President Franklin D. Roosevelt 1936-1943
- b. 8 f. 9 r. Correspondence 1936-1943
- b. 8 f. 10 r. Correspondence 1937
- b. 8 f. 11 r. Correspondence 1937-1942
- b. 8 f. 12 r. Commencement program for Liberia College 1938
- b. 8 f. 13 r. Correspondence 1938
- b. 8 f. 14 r. Development of sports in Liberia 1938
- b. 8 f. 15 r. Correspondence 1939
- b. 8 f. 16 r. Correspondence 1939-1943
- b. 8 f. 17 r. Correspondence 1940-1944
- b. 8 f. 18 r. Correspondence 1940-1944
- b. 8 f. 19 r. Correspondence 1940-1944
- b. 8 f. 20 r. Letters to Walton from President Harry Truman, James F. Byrnes, etc. 1940-1946
- b. 9 f. 1 r. Correspondence Jan. -Feb.
- b. 9 f. 2 r. Correspondence March-April
- b. 9 f. 3 r. Correspondence May 1938
- b. 9 f. 4 r. Correspondence June 1938
- b. 9 f. 5 r. Correspondence July 1938
- b. 9 f. 6 r. Correspondence Aug. 1938
- b. 9 f. 7 r. Correspondence Sept. 1938
- b. 9 f. 8 r. Correspondence Oct. 1938
- b. 9 f. 9 r. Correspondence Nov. 1938
- b. 9 f. 10 r. Correspondence Dec. 1938
- b. 9 f. 11 r. Correspondence Jan. 1939
- b. 9 f. 12 r. Correspondence Feb. 1939
- b. 9 f. 13 r. Correspondence March 1939
- b. 9 f. 14 r. Correspondence April 1939
- b. 9 f. 15 r. Correspondence May 1939
- b. 10 f. 1 r. Correspondence June 1-15, 1939
- b. 10 f. 2 r. Correspondence June 17-30, 1939
- b. 10 f. 3 r. Correspondence July 1-14, 1939
- b. 10 f. 4 r. Correspondence July 18-31, 1939
- b. 10 f. 5 r. Correspondence July 1-15, 1939
- b. 10 f. 6 r. Correspondence Aug. 16-31, 1939
- b. 10 f. 7 r. Correspondence Sept. 1939
- b. 10 f. 8 r. Correspondence Oct. 1-14, 1939
- b. 10 f. 9 r. Correspondence Oct. 16-31, 1939
- b. 10 f. 10 r. Correspondence Nov. 1939
- b. 10 f. 11 r. Correspondence Dec. 1-15, 1939

American Representative to Liberia (cont.)

- b. 10 f. 12 r. Correspondence Dec. 16-28, 1939
- b. 11 f. 1 r. Correspondence 1940
- b. 11 f. 2 r. Correspondence with President Barclay and other officials in Liberia 1940-1945
- b. 11 f. 3 r. Economic development of Liberia and financial reports 1943
- b. 11 f. 4 r. Address delivered by Walton at American Independence Day luncheon 1944
- b. 11 f. 5 r. Annual report -- Financial advisor of Liberia, John A. Dunaway 1944
- b. 11 f. 6 r. Invitations for events in Liberia 1944
- b. 11 f. 7 r. Correspondence 1944-1945
- b. 11 f. 8 r. Correspondence 1944-1946
- b. 11 f. 9 r. Correspondence 1944-1946
- b. 11 f. 10 r. Correspondence 1944-1946
- b. 11 f. 11 r. Memorial service and eulogies for Franklin Roosevelt 1945
- b. 11 f. 12 r. Correspondence 1945-1946
- b. 11 f. 13 r. Invitations and menu -- Ball in honor of Walton 1946
- b. 11 f. 14 r. Liberian Entertainments Company 1945-1946
- b. 11 f. 15 r. Foreign Service -- Department of State 1942-1945
- b. 11 f. 16 r. Foreign Service -- Department of State 1944-1945
- b. 11 f. 17 r. Foreign Service -- Department of State 1946
- b. 11 f. 18 r. Appointment of African Americans as ambassadors n.d.
- b. 11 f. 19 r. Addresses re Liberia Inauguration ceremony for Tubman 1939-1952
- b. 11 f. 20 r. Address re A.M.E. Church in Liberia 1945
- b. 11 f. 21 r. Commencement Address -- Liberia College 1945
- b. 12 f. 1 r. Address -- American Independence Day celebration 1945
- b. 12 f. 2 r. Address -- "Liberia, British West Africa, French West Africa," 1952
- b. 12 f. 3 r. Correspondence, financial records 1945
- b. 12 f. 2 r. Correspondence, financial records 1945
- b. 12 f. 3 r. Correspondence, financial records 1945
- b. 12 f. 4 r. Correspondence, financial records 1945
- b. 12 f. 5 r. Correspondence, financial records 1945
- b. 12 f. 6 r. Correspondence 1945
- b. 12 f. 7 r. Correspondence 1945
- b. 12 f. 8 r. Correspondence 1945
- b. 12 f. 9 r. Correspondence 1945
- b. 12 f. 10 r. Correspondence 1945
- b. 12 f. 11 r. Correspondence 1945
- b. 12 f. 12 r. Correspondence 1945
- b. 12 f. 13 r. Correspondence 1945
- b. 12 f. 14 r. Correspondence 1945
- b. 13 f. 1 r. Correspondence 1945-1946
- b. 13 f. 2 r. Correspondence 1945-1946
- b. 13 f. 3 r. Correspondence 1945-1946

American Representative to Liberia (cont.)

- b. 13 f. 4 r. Correspondence 1946
- b. 13 f. 5 r. Resolution of appreciation for Walton 1946
- b. 13 f. 6 r. Report -- Liberian bush schools n.d.
- Printed Matter
- b. 13 f. 7 r. Addresses delivered by C.D.B. King, president of Liberia 1928-1930
- b. 13 f. 8 r. Addresses delivered by Edwin Barclay, president of Liberia 1931-1933
- b. 13 f. 9 r. Addresses delivered by Edwin Barclay, president of Liberia 1933
- b. 13 f. 10 r. Remarks on the opening of the American Legation Building 1941
- b. 13 f. 11 r. Report, "Liberian Borders: Background and Present Status," ca. 1942
- b. 13 f. 12 r. Publicity and address -- President Tubman's visit to the United States 1961
- b. 13 f. 13 r. General information re Liberia n.d.
- b. 14 f. 1 r. Publications re Liberia published in Liberia 1930-1956
- b. 14 f. 2 r. U.S. Government Publications -- Liberia 1931-1933
- b. 14 f. 3 r. Report -- "Liberia: Documents Relating to the Plan of Assistance Proposed by the League of Nations," 1933
- b. 14 f. 4 r. Report -- "Liberia: Documents Relating to the Plan of Assistance Proposed by the League of Nations," 1933
- b. 14 f. 5 r. Printed opinions -- Liberian Supreme Court 1934-1935
- b. 14 f. 6 r. Treaties signed by the United States and Liberia 1940-1941
- b. 14 f. 7 r. Chief Justices of the Supreme Court of Liberia 1944-1945
- b. 14 f. 8 r. Religious missions in Liberia 1946
- b. 14 f. 9 r. Booklets re President Tubman n.d.
- b. 15 f. 1 r. News clippings from Liberian newspapers 1938-1958
- b. 15 f. 2 r. News clippings -- Liberia 1930's
- b. 15 f. 2 r. News clippings -- Liberia 1938-1945
- b. 15 f. 3 r. News clippings -- Liberia 1940's
- b. 15 f. 4 r. News clippings -- Liberia 1940's
- b. 15 f. 5 r. News clippings -- Liberia 1953-1956
- b. 15 f. 6 r. News clippings -- Liberia 1965
- b. 15 f. 7 r. Scrapbook -- Liberia 1935-1938
- b. 15 f. 8 r. Scrapbook -- Liberia 1939-1942

General Correspondence

The *GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE* series, 1911-1965, for the most part was maintained separately by Walton, hence this order has been kept. There is substantial correspondence pertaining to Liberia following Walton's 1946 resignation, including correspondence with George Padmore, American ambassador to Liberia in the 1950's and Clarence L. Simpson, Vice President of Liberia, 1944-1952, who became Ambassador to the United States in 1952. There is also correspondence relating to newspapers and organizations such as Tuskegee Institute, Universal Negro Improvement Association, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, African Methodist Episcopal Church and other religious and community groups. A few of Walton's numerous correspondents in this series are Charles C. Huit, Hulan E. Jack, Henry M. Minton, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., Herbert Bayard Swope and William V. S. Tubman. Correspondence with friends and colleagues and invitations are included in this series. There are also numerous Christmas cards from friends, colleagues and professional associates.

- b. 16 f. 1 r. 1915-1919

General Correspondence (cont.)

- b. 16 f. 2 r. 1926
- b. 16 f. 3 r. 1927-1929
- b. 16 f. 4 r. National Urban League 1925-1926
- b. 16 f. 5 r. Tuskegee Institute 1911-1960
- b. 16 f. 6 r. Universal Negro Improvement Association 1926
- b. 16 f. 7 r. 1930-1938
- b. 16 f. 8 r. 1931-1934
- b. 16 f. 9 r. A 1944-1947
- b. 16 f. 10 r. B 1937-1947
- b. 16 f. 11 r. C 1944-1948
- b. 16 f. 12 r. D 1944-1947
- b. 16 f. 13 r. W.E.B. DuBois 1944-1946
- b. 16 f. 14 r. E - F 1946-1947
- b. 16 f. 15 r. G 1944-1947
- b. 16 f. 16 r. H - J 1932-1947
- b. 16 f. 17 r. K - L 1944-1947
- b. 16 f. 18 r. M 1944-1947
- b. 16 f. 19 r. N 1940-1947
- b. 16 f. 20 r. P 1944-1949
- b. 16 f. 21 r. Q - R 1940-1947
- b. 16 f. 22 r. A. Philip Randolph -- Testimonial dinner 1947
- b. 16 f. 23 r. S 1938-1947
- b. 16 f. 24 r. S 1946-1949
- b. 16 f. 25 r. T - V 1943-1948
- b. 16 f. 26 r. W 1943-1947
- b. 16 f. 27 r. Y - Z 1944-1947
- b. 16 f. 28 r. Young Women's Christian Association -- Walton as guest speaker 1948-1949
- b. 16 f. 29 r. 1945
- b. 16 f. 30 r. 1947
- b. 16 f. 31 r. 1948
- b. 16 f. 32 r. 1949
- b. 16 f. 33 r. 1949
- b. 17 f. 1 r. A 1951-1963
- b. 17 f. 2 r. B 1950-1952
- b. 17 f. 3 r. B 1950-1952
- b. 17 f. 4 r. B 1950-1953
- b. 17 f. 5 r. B 1950-1957
- b. 17 f. 6 r. B 1951-1952
- b. 17 f. 7 r. B 1951-1954
- b. 17 f. 8 r. B 1955-1959
- b. 17 f. 9 r. Rev. Shelton Hale Bishop -- Testimonial luncheon 1957

General Correspondence (cont.)

- b. 17 f. 10 r. C 1953-1959
- b. 17 f. 11 r. C 1954-1964
- b. 17 f. 12 r. D 1951-1952
- b. 17 f. 13 r. D 1951-1959
- b. 17 f. 14 r. D 1952-1957
- b. 17 f. 15 r. Irving Dillard 1952-1955
- b. 17 f. 16 r. E 1952-1959
- b. 17 f. 17 r. F 1951-1959
- b. 17 f. 18 r. G 1951-1953
- b. 17 f. 19 r. G 1951-1959
- b. 17 f. 20 r. H 1950-1954
- b. 17 f. 21 r. H 1953-1957
- b. 17 f. 22 r. H 1955-1960
- b. 17 f. 23 r. Charles C. Huitt 1951-1962
- b. 17 f. 24 r. I 1950-1959
- b. 18 f. 1 r. J 1951-1958
- b. 18 f. 2 r. K 1951-1957
- b. 18 f. 3 r. K 1951-1959
- b. 18 f. 4 r. L 1950-1952
- b. 18 f. 5 r. L 1951-1959
- b. 18 f. 6 r. L 1953-1958
- b. 18 f. 7 r. Lincoln High School, St. Louis, Mo. 1947-1951
- b. 18 f. 8 r. M 1951-1958
- b. 18 f. 9 r. M 1951-1958
- b. 18 f. 10 r. N - P 1952-1959
- b. 18 f. 11 r. P 1950-1958
- b. 18 f. 12 r. P 1952-1958
- b. 18 f. 13 r. R 1950-1956
- b. 18 f. 14 r. R 1951-1956
- b. 18 f. 15 r. R 1951-1960
- b. 18 f. 16 r. S 1950-1951
- b. 18 f. 17 r. S 1952-1953
- b. 19 f. 1 r. S 1953-1954
- b. 19 f. 2 r. S 1955
- b. 19 f. 3 r. S 1956
- b. 19 f. 4 r. S 1957-1959
- b. 19 f. 5 r. T, William Tubman, etc. 1950-1953
- b. 19 f. 6 r. T, William Tubman, etc. 1952-1953
- b. 19 f. 7 r. T, William Tubman, etc. 1953-1964
- b. 19 f. 8 r. Tuskegee Institute -- Address of Dr. Francis G. Peabody n.d.
- b. 19 f. 9 r. U 1951-1961

General Correspondence (cont.)

- b. 19 f. 10 r. V 1951-1955
- b. 19 f. 11 r. W - Z 1951-1961
- b. 19 f. 12 r. W - Z 1951-1961
- b. 19 f. 13 r. Correspondence -- Liberia 1951-1954
- b. 19 f. 14 r. Correspondence -- Liberia 1960's
- b. 19 f. 15 r. 1950
- b. 19 f. 16 r. 1950
- b. 19 f. 17 r. 1950
- b. 19 f. 18 r. 1950
- b. 19 f. 19 r. 1960's
- b. 19 f. 20 r. Invitations 1958
- b. 20 f. Christmas greeting cards 1926-1961

Political Activities and City of New York Affairs

The *Political Activities and City of New York Affairs* series 1925-1964, includes an article Walton wrote on capitalizing "N" in the word Negro, press releases and correspondence pertaining to the Atlanta based Commission on Interracial Cooperation, the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice and material regarding African Americans during World War II, correspondence with New York City's Mayor Robert F. Wagner and Walton's activities in Democratic Party campaigns, which includes substantial correspondence with James A. Farley. The subseries *New York City Commission on Human Rights*, 1955-1965, includes records pertaining to the establishment of the Commission, reports, minutes of meetings, press releases, newsletters, and material regarding discrimination in housing, including reports and transcripts of hearings. News clippings deal with Walton's 1965 retirement from the Commission.

- b. 21 f. 1 r. Commission on Interracial Cooperation 1925
- b. 21 f. 2 r. Minutes of meeting re housing issues in New York City 1927
- b. 21 f. 3 r. Walton's article re capitalizing "N" in Negro ca. 1920's-1947
- b. 21 f. 4 r. Democratic Party 1932-1945
- b. 21 f. 5 r. Democratic Party 1934-1951
- b. 21 f. 6 r. Democratic Party 1949-1950
- b. 21 f. 7 r. Democratic Party 1952-1964
- b. 21 f. 8 r. Democratic Party -- Mayor Vincent R. Impelliteri 1950-1951
- b. 21 f. 9 r. Democratic Party -- James A. Farley 1951-1959
- b. 21 f. 10 r. Democratic Party -- Robert F. Wagner 1944-1955
- b. 21 f. 11 r. Dinner in honor of Mayor Robert F. Wagner 1957
- b. 21 f. 13 r. President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice -- Blacks during World War II 1941-1942
- b. 21 f. 14 r. City of New York affairs 1961-1964
- b. 21 f. 15 r. Address delivered by Walton, "Our Role in World Affairs," 1949
- New York City Commission on Human Rights
- b. 21 f. 16 r. 1955-1957
- b. 21 f. 17 r. 1956
- b. 21 f. 18 r. 1956
- b. 21 f. 19 r. 1956
- b. 21 f. 20 r. 1956

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New York City Commission on Human Rights (cont.)

- b. 22 f. 1 r. New York City Commission on Human Rights 1956-1959
- b. 22 f. 2 r. Report, "Intergroup Relations Training and Discrimination in Official Agencies of the City of New York," 1958
- b. 22 f. 3 r. Fair housing practices 1959
- b. 22 f. 4 r. 1960-1961
- b. 22 f. 5 r. By-laws 1961
- b. 22 f. 6-8 r. Hearings -- Discrimination in Housing 1961
- b. 22 f. 9 r. Reports -- Education 1961
- b. 22 f. 10 r. 1961-1964
- b. 22 f. 11 r. 1962-1964
- b. 22 f. 12 r. Report, "Inquiry into Charges of Racial Bias in the City's Building and Construction Industry," 1963
- b. 22 f. 13 r. Newsletters 1962-1965
- b. 22 f. 14 r. Walton's retirement -- Letter 1964
- b. 22 f. 15 r. Walton's retirement -- News clippings 1964-1965
- b. 22 f. 16 r.

Printed Matter

PRINTED MATTER, 1926-1953 consists of numerous news clippings including articles written by and about Walton, published material regarding World War II, Haile Selassie's visit to New York in 1954, newsletters of civil rights and religious groups, printed matter re race relations, schools, Walton's home town of St. Louis, Missouri, United Nations reports and fraternal organizations. There is also material regarding African countries other than Liberia. Note that printed matter concerned with Liberia has been placed in the series "American Representative to Liberia."

- b. 23 f. 1 r. News clippings including articles written by Walton 1920's
- b. 23 f. 2 r. News clippings re Walton 1940's
- b. 23 f. 3 r. Articles written by Walton ca. 1952
- b. 23 f. 4 r. News clippings re Walton 1953
- b. 23 f. 5 r. News clippings re Walton 1953
- b. 23 f. 6 r. Publications, "Your St. Louis and Mine," n.d.