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Guide to the

**Joel E. and Amy E. Spingarn papers**

1898-1972

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## Summary

**Creator:** Spingarn, Joel Elias, 1875-1939

**Title:** Joel E. and Amy E. Spingarn papers

**Date:** 1898-1972

**Size:** .4 linear feet

**Source:** Gift, Trantum, Honor, 09/09/1980

**Abstract:** Joel and Amy Spingarn were philanthropists, humanitarians, and patrons of the arts. Letters from Joel E. Spingarn to Amy Spingarn written during the 1914-1915 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) speaking tour, and some letters, 1930s, concerning Joel's NAACP activities; letters to Amy Spingarn regarding researcher access to the Joel E. Spingarn collections at the Moorland Collection at Howard University and the James Weldon Johnson Collection at Yale University; material regarding the opening of Joel E. Spingarn High School in Washington, D.C.; an 1898 speech; NAACP printed material; letters to W.E.B. Du Bois; articles by and about Arthur Spingarn; typescript by Jacques Roumain on Vodun (voodoo); and printed material.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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## Creator History

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

African Americans -- Civil rights  
African Americans -- Societies, etc  
High schools -- Washington (D.C.)  
Philanthropists  
Voodoo -- Haiti

### **Geographic Names**

Haiti -- Religious life and customs

### **Names**

Spingarn, Joel Elias, 1875-1939  
Du Bois, W. E. B. (William Edward Burghardt), 1868-1963  
Roumain, Jacques, 1907-1944  
Spingarn, Amy E., (Amy Einstein), 1883-  
Spingarn, Arthur B. (Arthur Barnett), 1878-1971  
Joel E. Spingarn High School (Washington, D.C.)  
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People