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Fisher family papers

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Summary

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Abstract: The Fisher family papers touch on five members of the Fisher family: the siblings Rudolph (1897-1934), Pearl, and Joseph, and their father, John Wesley, and mother, Glendora Williamson. Rudolph Fisher was a Harlem Renaissance author best known for his novels, *The Walls of Jericho* (1928) and *The Conjure-Man Dies: A Mystery Tale of Dark Harlem* (1932). The bulk of the material relates to his sister, Pearl, a teacher who was educated at the College Preparatory School in Fall River, Mass., and taught at P.S. 23 in Manhattan and the Colored Teachers Training School in Baltimore, MD.

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Scope and Content Note

The Fisher family papers touch on five members of the Fisher family: the siblings Rudolph (1897-1934),

Pearl, and Joseph, and their father, John Wesley, and mother, Glendora Williamson.

Rudolph Fisher's papers consist of his short story "City of Refuge" and a graduation program from his alma mater, Brown University. Among Pearl Fisher's papers are class notes, an essay, test papers, a year book for the Colored Teachers Training School, and a program for the Scribbler, a poets' club, which she belonged to, along with May Miller (poet and playwright), the daughter of Kelly Miller, Professor at Howard University.

There are a number of letters from Joseph to his mother concerning his financial and personal problems. Receipts for the Macedonia Church in Providence, R.I., are the only documentation in the collection related to Rev. John Wesley Fisher.

Key Terms

Subjects

African Americans -- authors
African Americans -- teachers
Harlem (New York, N.Y.)

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence
Essays
Receipts (financial records)
Short stories

Names

Fisher, John Wesley, d 1919
Fisher, Pearl
Fisher, Rudolph, 1897-1934
Fisher, Rudolph, 1897-1934 -- City of refuge

Container List

Rudolph Fisher

- b. 1 f. 1 Play 1925
- b. 1 f. 2 Graduation Program, Brown University 1919

Pearl Fisher

- b. 1 f. 3 Class Writing
- b. 1 f. 4 Colored Teachers Training School -- Year Book 1924
- b. 1 f. 5 State Normal School -- Notes 1924
- b. 1 f. 6 Note Book -- Art 1924
- b. 1 f. 7 Notes on Literature and a class schedule 1924
- b. 1 f. 8 Course Notes
- b. 1 f. 9 Test Papers
- b. 2 f. 1 Printed Material 1901, 1925-1926
- b. 2 f. 2 Program -- The Scribbler 1923-1924

Glendora Fisher

- b. 2 f. 3 Letters from Joe 1921-1924
- b. 2 f. 4 Letters 1919-1923
- b. 2 f. 5 John Wesley Fisher -- Receipts 1873-1874, 1910-1919