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Guide to the

Middleton "Spike" Harris papers

1929-1977

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Summary

Creator: Harris, Middleton A. Spike

Title: Middleton "Spike" Harris papers

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Source: Purchased from Middleton A. Harris in 1976.

Abstract: Middleton Alexander "Spike" Harris (1908-1977) was an author, historian, collector, and dealer of African Americana. In addition, he was the founder of the Negro History Associates (NHA), an organization which collected and disseminated information about African Americans. His papers primarily consist of research files created by Harris and the NHA.

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Related Materials:

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Middleton A. Harris Newspaper collection

Middleton "Spike" Harris Slavery and Abolition collection

Middleton "Spike" Harris Civil War and Reconstruction collection

Middleton "Spike" Harris letters

Lewis H. Latimer collection

Clarence L. Holte papers

Levi C. Hubert papers

Glenn Carrington papers

Morris Levitt research collection

Creator History

Middleton A. "Spike" Harris was born January 22, 1908, in Brooklyn, New York. He attended local schools where he earned the nicknamed "Spike" from participating in track and field events. He graduated from Howard University with a B.A. in Sociology in 1931, and in 1965, he earned a master's degree in social work from Fordham University. From 1931 until July 1935, Harris worked for the Boys Club, YMCA, and the Emergency Welfare Administration of New York City. In 1937, he was employed by the New York State Executive Department, Division of Parole, as a parole officer and supervisor, and retired in 1972. During World War II, Harris served as an American Red Cross Field Director in the Southwest Pacific.

Harris's interest in African American history was stimulated by his family's history, which dated to the colonial period. Propelled by his discoveries, Harris began to research the African presence in North America and began collecting original documents, books, prints, and newspapers. Over the years, Harris put together a substantial collection documenting the contributions of peoples of African descent to American history. Using these original materials and photocopies of original documents gathered from his research at the National Archives, historical societies, and libraries, he created exhibitions, slide shows, manuals, and monographs, primarily under the auspices of the Negro History Associates, an organization that he helped to establish.

Negro History Associates

In 1963, Harris and fellow-collectors of Afro-Americana founded the Negro History Associates (NHA). Among those present at that meeting were Glenn Carrington, Thomas Feagens, Clarence Holte, Levi Hubert, and Marvin Warren. Like Harris, they wanted to include the contributions of African Americans into American history books and hoped that by creating the NHA they would be able to disseminate the information.

Harris was the driving force of the organization, and he persuaded the other associates that the best approach was to use an audiovisual format to teach young people about the history of African Americans. He presented his idea to the Human Relations Bureau of the New York City Department of Education, and encouraged by the Bureau and his fellow collectors, he produced, at his own expense, a

pilot filmstrip entitled *Meet Some Great Americans*. After receiving positive commentary from the Bureau, Harris began work on the *Great American Series*, which would eventually include filmstrips and booklets on scientist Lewis Latimer, inventor Granville Woods, and physician Dorothy L. Brown.

Harris and Levi Hubert incorporated the NHA in 1964, via a partnership agreement, with Harris as the principal stockholder. The NHA Board consisted of the founding members and others, including Jean Blackwell Hutson, chief of the Schomburg Collection of Negro Literature, History and Prints; Martin Jacobwitz, a collector of anti-slavery coins; and author/actress Gertrude McBrown. Each member brought his/her knowledge of Afro-Americana and/or technical skills to the enterprise, which included research; consulting; and artistic, photographic, and printing skills.

From 1964 to 1969, its most active period, the NHA produced filmstrips; erected commemorative plaques on city buildings (most of which are no longer there); produced exhibitions; published books; and sold photographic prints of persons, places, events, documents, and newspapers. Income was generated by the sales of the filmstrips and photographs, which together with Harris's financial contributions (from his savings and salary) kept the NHA afloat.

Scope and Content Note

The Middleton A. "Spike" Harris papers consist of original documents, newspapers, and periodicals; books and pamphlets; programs and broadsides; and research files covering his many years of research in black history, as well as the records of the Negro History Associates. Although a substantial part of the material documents black contributions to the American Revolution, the scope of the collection spans over two centuries of American history. In addition there is genealogical research and some personal papers. The collection is arranged in the following series: Family history, Correspondence, Personal papers, Negro History Associates, and Printed material.

Arrangement: Arranged into five series: (1) Family history; (2) Correspondence; (3) Personal papers; (4) Negro History Associates; and (5) Printed material.

Key Terms

Subjects

African American families
African American historians
African American press
African Americans -- Civil rights
African Americans -- History
Civil rights -- United States
Slaves--Emancipation

Names

Harris, Middleton A. Spike
Negro History Associates

Container List

Family history 1775-1972

The Family history series contains research files, copies of documents (such as manumission documents, property deeds, and records of land sales from 1775 and 1819-1834), and speeches and manuscripts by Harris detailing his family's story from the colonial era through the twentieth century. The series also contains his correspondence with libraries and individuals regarding his research.

- b. 1 f. 1-2 Correspondence 1960-1976
- b. 1 f. 3 Copy of indentures 1975
- b. 1 f. 4 Bill of sale for Milla's children
- b. 1 f. 5-6 Cecil and Harford Counties, Maryland 1819-1830
Includes names, dates, and collated documents.
- b. 1 f. 7 Harris-Haskins
- b. 1 f. 8 "A Family Legend Destroyed" manuscript
- b. 1 f. 9 Family history and genealogy
- b. 1 f. 10 "Murder on My Mind", speech by E. O. Berry 1947
- b. 1 f. 11 Biography
- b. 1 f. 12 Miscellaneous
Paternal genealogy
- b. 1 f. 13 Harris, Hazzard (great-grandfather) 1832-1893
- b. 1 f. 14 Harris, Middleton Allen
- b. 1 f. 15 Research notes
- b. 1 f. 16 Family manumissions 1819-1834
- b. 1 f. 17 Expense receipts 1963-1973
- b. 1 f. 18 "The Case History of an American Child Who Develops into a Negro Radical"
- b. 1 f. 19 "Murder on My Mind" (3 drafts)
Correspondence
Incoming
- b. 1 f. 20 1929-1952
- b. 1 f. 21-25 1957-1967
- b. 1 f. 26 1947-1949
- b. 1 f. 27-29 1951-1960
Includes receipts and a certificate.
- Outgoing
- b. 1 f. 30 1962-1967
- b. 1 f. 31 1947-1949
- b. 1 f. 32 1949-1962
- b. 1 f. 33-34 Financial records 1929-1961
- b. 1 f. 35 Correspondence and documents 1964-1972

Correspondence 1950-1977

The Correspondence series contains correspondence with genealogists, authors, historians, and librarians with whom Harris discussed black history, historical personalities, places, and events. There is also correspondence with publishers, particularly Random House, which published *The Black Book* (1975), a resource book of documents and images edited by Harris, Morris Levitt, and Roger Furman. Among Harris's correspondents are the bibliographer James de T. Abajian; founder of the Amistad Research Center, Clifton Johnson; author and historian Dorothy Sterling; and his editor at Random House, Toni Morrison, who also wrote the foreword to *The Black Book*.

Incoming

- b. 2 1954-1970
- b. 3 1971-1976
- b. 4 f. 1 Johnson, Clifton H 1971-1975
- b. 4 f. 2 Jones, W. Fountaine 1968-1969
- b. 4 f. 3 Lee, Rohama 1968-1969
- b. 4 f. 4 Library of Congress 1964-1976
- McQueen, Douglas
- b. 4 f. 5 1950
- b. 4 f. 6 1951-1954
- b. 4 f. 7 1955-1959
- b. 4 f. 8 1960-1965
- b. 4 f. 9 1967-1972
- b. 4 f. 10 1973-1977
- b. 4 f. 11 Museums 1974
- b. 4 f. 12 Random House 1970-1975
- b. 4 f. 13 Sterling, Dorothy 1969-1975
- b. 4 f. 14 Weeksville 1970-1975
- b. 5 f. 1-16 Outgoing 1960-1977

Personal papers 1932-1977

The Personal papers contain material related to Harris's position with the New York State Division of Parole, certificates, awards, clippings, and resumes. Other personal papers can be found in the Correspondence series (see correspondence with Douglas McQueen, his stepson).

- b. 5 f. 17-22 1937-1977
- b. 5 f. 23 New York State, Executive Department, Division of Parole 1937-1969
- b. 5 f. 24-25 Preliminary reports to the Board of Parole 1966
- b. 6 f. 1 Certificates 1932-1976
- b. 6 f. 2 Awards, reviews, programs, and clippings
- b. 6 f. 3 Resumes and biographical notations

Negro History Associates (NHA) 1959-1975

The Negro History Associates is the largest series and it is organized into three subseries: Correspondence; the Great American Series, and Research files. The Great American Series refers to the umbrella organization under which Harris produced several exhibitions, slide narratives, accompanying guides, and manuals as well as *A Negro History Tour of Manhattan* (1969), *Uncle Spike: The Negro History Detective* (1967), *The Story of Lewis Latimer* (1964), and *The Doctor Is a Lady* (1967).

Arranged into 3 subseries: (1) Correspondence; (2) Great American Series; and (3) Research files.

Correspondence 1946-1976

This subseries documents the history and background of the NHA and includes information regarding the organization's finances.

b. 6 f. 4-12 Incoming 1963-1976

b. 7 Incoming and outgoing 1964-1976

Also includes historical and background information, and financial records.

Great American Series 1959-1975

This subseries contains drafts, galleys, and other information for *Uncle Spike: The Negro History Detective Casebook #1*, the *Negro History Tour of Manhattan*, and other publishing projects. Also of interest is the material regarding the commemorative plaques or "tablets", as Harris called them. These plaques were created for explorer Matthew Henson, the New York African Society for Mutual Relief, an "unknown hero," and the Mother African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

b. 8 f. 1 *Early American Inventors* 1964

Inventors from the 18th and 19th centuries.

b. 8 f. 2 *The Revolutionary Period (1770-1790)* 1964

b. 8 f. 3 *The Story of Lewis Latimer* 1964

b. 8 f. 4 *Anti-Slavery Coins* 1967

b. 8 f. 5 *The Doctor Is a Lady* 1967

b. 8 f. 6 Anti-slavery stamps 1967-1972

Includes correspondence, layout, notes, and clippings.

b. 8 f. 7 The American Evolution (20th Century)

Negro History Tour of Manhattan

b. 8 f. 8 First typed draft

b. 8 f. 9 Galley

b. 8 f. 10 First edition

b. 8 f. 11 Second edition

b. 8 f. 12 Teachers' manual

b. 8 f. 13-16 *Uncle Spike: The Negro History Detective, casebook #1* 1967

Includes two proofs, both incomplete, and notes.

b. 8 f. 17 "Manuals for the History of the American Negro (1619-1865)"

b. 9 f. 1 *Granville T. Woods Memorial* 1974-1975

Includes collectors' edition and W. D. Simmons edition.

b. 9 f. 2 Slavery - Reconstruction

Exhibits

b. 9 f. 3-5 Catalogs 1-3

b. 9 f. 6 Programs 1959-1975

Negro History Associates (NHA) (cont.)

Great American Series (cont.)

Exhibits (cont.)

- b. 9 f. 7 New York Cultural Center 1969 September-October
- b. 9 f. 8 New Rochelle City Hall and Teaneck (New Jersey) Public Library 1969-1972
- b. 9 f. 9 Survey results: Elmont, Long Island 1968 May
- b. 9 f. 10 Survey results: P. S.197, Class 6-223 1969 October
- b. 9 f. 11 News releases and citations

Slide narratives

- b. 9 f. 12 Colonial-Reconstruction period
- b. 9 f. 13 Art, theater, and show business
- b. 9 f. 14 Revolutionary War-Reconstruction
Includes lists, notes, and individuals from the 18th-20th centuries.
- b. 9 f. 15 Individuals, miscellaneous
- b. 9 f. 16 Slide record, #1-466 (logbook)

Tablets

- b. 10 f. 1 "To an Unknown Hero", U.S. Custom House, New York City 1968 December 19
- b. 10 f. 2 The New York African Society for Mutual Relief, Criminal Courts Building, New York City 1969 February 14
- b. 10 f. 3 Mother A.M.E. Zion Church 1969 April 6
- b. 10 f. 4 Matthew Henson, 2588 7th Avenue, New York City 1970 April 6
- b. 10 f. 5 Lists of invitations to unveilings
- b. 10 f. 6 Post-event letters
- b. 10 f. 7 MacMillan, Donald and Miriam – letters from Matthew Henson (copies)
- b. 10 f. 8 Portrait of Matthew Henson (pastel)
- b. 10 f. 9 Costs and notes for plaques

Research files

The Research files are arranged into five subgroups: Soldiers, States, Subject files, Individuals, and the "Black Man and the Sea". The Soldiers subgroup is further divided chronologically by particular wars, beginning with the Revolutionary War and ending with the Vietnam War. The Revolutionary War files, which are the largest grouping, are arranged by state, then by individual, since the focus of Harris's research was the individual soldier. Harris conducted most of his research at the National Archives where he obtained copies of muster rolls, individual enlistment and discharge papers, and military and pension records. The States subgroup consists of material regarding the presence of black people in the states as documented through wars, the colonial period, and slavery. The files contain correspondence, research notes, news articles, and photocopies of documents. The Subject file is an alphabetical file that includes 19th-century and 20th-century topics and contains articles, programs, brochures, letters, photocopies of original documents, and research notes. The Individuals subgroup consists of Harris's notes and research primarily on noteworthy African Americans, such as Thomas Clarkson, William Lloyd Garrison, Ira Aldridge, Richard Allen, Countee Cullen, Benjamin Davis, Richard Greener, Hubert Humphrey, J. A. Rogers, Mary Church Terrell, and Lucy Terry. A few individuals have several files, including Lewis Latimer and Granville Woods, who were included in Harris's in his Great Inventors series. The "Black Man and the Sea" appears to have been an area of great interest to Harris, although there is no evidence that he prepared exhibitions or wrote anything on this topic. There are files on individuals, both historical (Williams T. Shorey) and contemporary (Ferdinand Smith); whaling; bibliographies; places; citizenship; and slavery, to name a few.

Soldiers

- b. 10 f. 10 Colonial Era
- Revolutionary War
- b. 10 f. 11 Notes and clippings

Negro History Associates (NHA) (cont.)

Research files (cont.)

Soldiers (cont.)

Revolutionary War (cont.)

- b. 11 f. 1-3 True stories of the Revolutionary War (22 stories)
Connecticut
- b. 11 f. 4 Augustus, Cesar; Baker, Bristol; Beamont or Beaman, Cesar
 - b. 11 f. 5 Derrick, Cato; Edwards, Cesar; Freedom, Dick
 - b. 11 f. 6 Freedom, Ned; Freeman, Jordan; Hawley, Nero
 - b. 11 f. 7 Hill, Ebenezer; Liberty, Cuff; Liberty, Pomp
 - b. 11 f. 8 Meeds, Cato; Negro, Cato; Violet, Dick
 - b. 11 f. 9 Miscellaneous notes
- Delaware
- b. 11 f. 10 Burton, Jacob; Fagin or Fegin, Cato; Lacy, John
 - b. 11 f. 11 Glover, Ames; Griffith, Isaac; Hall, Casa
 - b. 11 f. 11 Jackson, John; Jackson, Levi; Lingo, Samuel
 - b. 11 f. 12 Lingo, William; Moor, John; Royal, Jesse; Songo, James
 - b. 11 f. 13 Miscellaneous
- Georgia
- b. 11 f. 14 Dabney, Austin
 - b. 11 f. 15 Eanes, Nathaniel; Creswell, Daniel; Hall, Hugh; Kate, Mammy; Moffet, John
 - b. 11 f. 16 Miscellaneous
Includes notes for South Carolina as well.
 - b. 11 f. 17 Maryland
Includes James Harris; John Harris; Nora or James Roberts; John Smith; and miscellaneous.
- Massachusetts
- b. 12 f. 1 Correspondence (includes notes) 1964 May-1966 May
 - b. 12 f. 2 Bowles, Charles; Burr, Seymour; Eads, Charleston
 - b. 12 f. 3-4 Gannet, Deborah (aka Shurtiff, Robert) correspondence and notes
1963 September-1964 May
 - b. 12 f. 5 Hall, Primus (aka Trask), notes and copies
 - b. 12 f. 6 Hall, Prince, correspondence and notes 1963 December-1969 February
 - b. 12 f. 7 Haynes, Lemuel, correspondence and notes 1966 January
 - b. 12 f. 8-9 Hull, Agrippa, correspondence and notes 1963 September-1970 June
 - b. 12 f. 10 Jackson, Pomp
 - b. 12 f. 11-13 Lew, Barzillai, correspondence and notes
 - b. 12 f. 14 Rogers, Perley; Salem, Peter, correspondence and notes 1964 March-
1966 February
 - b. 12 f. 15 Salem, Poor correspondence and notes 1963 October-1976 November
- New Hampshire
- b. 12 f. 16 Blackey, Mark; Bowles, Charles
 - b. 12 f. 17 Freeman, Moody; Freeman, Titus; Fortune, Negro
 - b. 12 f. 18 Hall, Jude; Lovejoy, Asa
 - b. 12 f. 19 Thompson, Prince
 - b. 12 f. 20 Prince, Whipple correspondence and notes 1964 May-1975 September

Negro History Associates (NHA) (cont.)

Research files (cont.)

Soldiers (cont.)

Revolutionary War (cont.)

New Jersey

- b. 12 f. 21 Charlton, Samuel correspondence and notes 1963 October-1976 August
- b. 12 f. 22 Francis, Jacob
- b. 12 f. 23 Sutphen, Samuel

New York

- b. 12 f. 24 Corbin, Margaret; Danford, Prince
- b. 13 f. 1 Fields, Philip; Fashee or Fasher, David
- b. 13 f. 2 Harris, Moses; Jupiter, Silas; Woodmore, Cornelius
- b. 13 f. 3 Miscellaneous

North Carolina

- b. 13 f. 4 Griffin, Edward and Ned, correspondence 1964 April-1966 November
- b. 13 f. 5 Harris, James

- b. 13 f. 6 Pennsylvania 1964

Includes John Francis correspondence; Edward Hector correspondence; and notes.

Rhode Island

- b. 13 f. 7 Babcock, Primus correspondence 1963 December 17
- b. 13 f. 8 Black, Primus and Benajah Davis correspondence 1964 May 22
- b. 13 f. 9 Rhodes, Bristol and Gardner Sharper or Sharpo correspondence and notes 1966 March 10
- b. 13 f. 10 Quash, Gideon correspondence 1970 September-1972 October
- b. 13 f. 11 Sisson, George, John Sisson, and Tack Sisson correspondence and notes 1964-1967
- b. 13 f. 12 Smith, Randall and Fortune Stoddard, correspondence and notes 1964-1968
- b. 13 f. 13 Tanner, William; Thompson, Rueben; Watson, Guy
- b. 13 f. 14 Miscellaneous correspondence and notes 1976 December

- b. 13 f. 15 South Carolina 1965-1972

Includes correspondence and notes on Negro Bob.

- b. 13 f. 16 Vermont

Includes Mingo Black and Ephraim Blackman. Ephraim

Virginia

- b. 13 f. 17 Armistead, James and William Flora correspondence 1970 January 26
- b. 13 f. 18 Freeman, Richard; Jones, William; Matthew, Saul; Nicken(s), Richard notes
- b. 13 f. 19 Ranger, Joseph; Saul; Weaver, Aaron

War of 1812

- b. 13 f. 20 Bolah, Lewis
- b. 13 f. 21 Harris, Andrew and Elijah
- b. 13 f. 22 Research notes

- b. 13 f. 23 Mexican War

Includes George Smith and John Weeks.

- b. 13 f. 24 Indian Wars (clippings)

Civil War

Negro History Associates (NHA) (cont.)

Research files (cont.)

Soldiers (cont.)

Civil War (cont.)

- b. 14 f. 1 Research notes
- b. 14 f. 2 Confederate Impressment, Union Employment correspondence (copies)
- b. 14 f. 3 Official orders
- b. 14 f. 4 Miscellaneous clippings
- b. 14 f. 5 Brown, William; Cailloux, André
- b. 14 f. 6 Biddle, Nicholas; Brown, Joseph; Brown, Solomon
- b. 14 f. 7 Carney, William; Craig, Noah
- b. 14 f. 8 DeGrasse, John; Douglas, Charles
- b. 14 f. 9-11 Delaney, Martin R
- b. 14 f. 12 Delaney, Tousaint L. O
- b. 14 f. 13 Dumas, Ernest Francis
- b. 14 f. 14 Douglas, Lewis; Dunbar, Joshua
- b. 14 f. 15 Forten, Robert B.; Freeman, James L
- b. 14 f. 16 Gooding, James H
- b. 14 f. 17 Hall, Walter; Hamilton, Thomas
- b. 14 f. 18 Harris, Alexander; Harris, George Washington
- b. 14 f. 19 Harris, James H., Harrison, Samuel
- b. 14 f. 20 Hecker, Richard; Hilton, Alfred; Henry, James J
- b. 14 f. 21 Lawson, John; Kirby, Wilson
- b. 14 f. 22 Lew, Zimri; Nash, Charles Edmund
- b. 14 f. 23 Pinchback, Pickney B.S.; Prince, Abel
- b. 14 f. 24 Prince, Charles; Prince, Daniel
- b. 14 f. 25 Prince, Daniel; Prince, Henry
- b. 15 f. 1 Prince, Isaac (company "C"); Prince, Isaac (company "H")
- b. 15 f. 2 Purvis, Charles B.; Reed, William N
- b. 15 f. 3 Ruffin, James D.; Said, Nicholas
- b. 15 f. 4 Simmons, Robert J.; Simmons, William J
- b. 15 f. 5 Smalls, Robert correspondence and notes 1968-1972
- b. 15 f. 6 Smothers, George; Stone, James A
- b. 15 f. 7 Tompkins, John; Trotter, James
- b. 15 f. 8 Tubman, Harriet notes and clippings
- b. 15 f. 9 Turner, Reddon
- b. 15 f. 10 Vogelsang, Peter; Van Buren, Martin
- b. 15 f. 11 Wallace, John; Wheat, Samuel
- b. 15 f. 12 Washington, George; Wilson, Joseph
- Spanish American War
- b. 15 f. 13 Atkins, Daniel; Baker, Edward
- b. 15 f. 14 Bell, Dennis; Bivens, Horace W
- b. 15 f. 15 Crumbly, Floyd; Lee, Fritz
- b. 15 f. 16 Penn, Robert; Thompkins, William H
- b. 15 f. 17 Tunnel, Elijah; Waller, John L

Negro History Associates (NHA) (cont.)

Research files (cont.)

Soldiers (cont.)

Spanish American War (cont.)

- b. 15 f. 18 Wanton, William H.; Young, James
- b. 15 f. 19 Research notes
- b. 15 f. 19 World War I
Includes research notes and Leo Pickney.
- b. 15 f. 20 World War II research notes
- b. 15 f. 21 Korean War and Vietnam War
Includes clippings and notes.
- b. 15 f. 22 No service or pension records located

States

- b. 16 f. 1 Alaska 1972-1976
- b. 16 f. 2 California 1849-1976
- b. 16 f. 3 Connecticut 1788-1976
- b. 16 f. 4 Delaware 1964-1975
- b. 16 f. 5 Florida 1961-1976
- b. 16 f. 6 Georgia 1965-1976
Georgia and South Carolina
- b. 16 f. 7 Early history and slavery period 1896
- b. 16 f. 8 Civil War and Reconstruction 1868-1882
- b. 16 f. 9 Seminole Wars 1836-1976
- b. 16 f. 10 Illinois 1965-1976
- b. 16 f. 11 Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky 1856-1975
- b. 16 f. 12 Louisiana 1819-1973
- b. 16 f. 13 Alabama, Colorado, Maine 1968-1976
Maryland
- b. 16 f. 14 1948-1976
- b. 16 f. 15 Civil War 1863
- b. 16 f. 16-17 Colonization 1788-1976
- b. 16 f. 18-19 Miscellaneous 1854-1965

Massachusetts

- b. 17 f. 1 Correspondence 1964 November-1976 August
- b. 17 f. 2-5 Research notes 1692-1975
Includes notes for the Colonial era, Revolutionary era, slavery era, and the Civil War.
- b. 17 f. 6 Clippings
- b. 17 f. 7 Michigan correspondence 1967-1976
- b. 17 f. 8 Minnesota 1867-1970
- b. 17 f. 9 Mississippi 1838-1975
- b. 17 f. 10 Missouri 1967-1972
- b. 17 f. 11 New Hampshire 1971-1975
New Jersey
- b. 17 f. 12 Correspondence 1967-1976
- b. 17 f. 13 Research notes 1890-1971
- b. 17 f. 14 New Mexico 1860

Negro History Associates (NHA) (cont.)
Research files (cont.)
States (cont.)

New York

- b. 17 f. 15 Colonial era 1774
- b. 17 f. 16 Correspondence 1966-1976
- b. 17 f. 17 Slavery and Civil War 1790-1900
- b. 17 f. 18 Miscellaneous research notes
- b. 18 f. 1-2
- b. 18 f. 3 Personal reflections
- b. 18 f. 4 Copies
- b. 18 f. 5 Clippings 1976-1992
- b. 18 f. 6 Manhattan
- b. 18 f. 7 Brooklyn
- b. 18 f. 8 Staten Island

- b. 18 f. 9 North Carolina ca. 1964-1976
- b. 18 f. 10 Ohio ca. 1968-1975
- b. 18 f. 11 Oregon ca. 1971-1975

Pennsylvania

- b. 18 f. 12 1964-1975
- b. 18 f. 13 Revolutionary Era
- b. 18 f. 14 Persons
- b. 18 f. 15 Church and slavery
- b. 18 f. 16 Miscellaneous
- b. 18 f. 17 Clippings and copies

Rhode Island

- b. 18 f. 18 Revolutionary and Slavery eras 1966-1972
- b. 18 f. 19 Miscellaneous
- b. 19 f. 1-2 South Carolina 1861-1975
- b. 19 f. 3 Tennessee and Texas 1968-1974
- b. 19 f. 4 Vermont

Virginia

- b. 19 f. 5 1964-1976
- b. 19 f. 6 Revolutionary War
- b. 19 f. 7 Civil War and slavery
- b. 19 f. 8 Copies and clippings 1624-1976
- b. 19 f. 9 Miscellaneous
- b. 19 f. 10 Persons
- Washington, D. C
- b. 19 f. 11 Correspondence 1966-1976
- b. 19 f. 12 Revolutionary War, Civil War, slavery, and colonization research 1833-1862
- b. 19 f. 13 Persons 1862-1975
- b. 19 f. 14-15 Miscellaneous 1792-1976
- b. 19 f. 16 West Virginia and Wisconsin, correspondence 1969-1975

Negro History Associates (NHA) (cont.)
Research files (cont.)

Subject files

- b. 20 f. 1 Africa 1958-1978
- b. 20 f. 2 African Free School 1945 February
- b. 20 f. 3 Amistad 1839-1976
- b. 20 f. 4 Art and artifacts 1956-1973
- b. 20 f. 5 Art exhibits 1930-1976
- b. 20 f. 6 Afro-American artists ca. 1570-1972
- b. 20 f. 7 Benevolent societies 1839-1972
- b. 20 f. 8 The Black Book 1973-1975
- b. 20 f. 9 Black Power movements
- b. 20 f. 10 Black Student groups
- b. 20 f. 11 Black Studies, history
- b. 20 f. 12 Business 1966-1971
- b. 20 f. 13 Canadian newspapers 1932-1976
- b. 20 f. 14 Civil Rights (historical perspective) 1961-1974
- b. 20 f. 15 Civil Rights action 1963-1966
- b. 20 f. 16-17 Civil War
 - b. 21 f. 1 Coins, stamps, and buttons
 - b. 21 f. 2 Collections
 - b. 21 f. 3 Collectors - Blockson, Charles L 1971-1975
 - b. 21 f. 4 Colonial period
 - b. 21 f. 5 Colonization
 - b. 21 f. 6 Constitution - U.S
 - b. 21 f. 7 Collectors and historians 1967-1976
 - b. 21 f. 8 Crime
 - b. 21 f. 9 Cuba
- Education
 - b. 21 f. 10 General
 - b. 21 f. 11 Colleges and universities
 - b. 21 f. 12 Civil Rights
 - b. 21 f. 13 New York
 - b. 21 f. 14 Ethiopia 1792-1976
 - b. 21 f. 15 Explorations
 - b. 21 f. 16 Government
 - b. 21 f. 17 "Harlem on My Mind" 1969
 - b. 21 f. 18 History of the Negro
 - b. 21 f. 19 Housing
 - b. 21 f. 20 Howard University 1968-1975
 - b. 21 f. 21 Humor - limericks
 - b. 21 f. 22 Immigration, migration, and emigration
 - b. 21 f. 23 Indians

Negro History Associates (NHA) (cont.)

Research files (cont.)

Subject files (cont.)

Inventors

- b. 22 f. 1 General
- b. 22 f. 2 Allen, Robert - Hearn, Robert
- b. 22 f. 3 Johnson, Willis - Phelps, W. H
- b. 22 f. 4 Pickering, John - Woods, Granville T
- b. 22 f. 5 KKK (origins, growth, and disbandment)
- b. 22 f. 6 Labor unions
- b. 22 f. 7 Legal cases 1944-1971
- b. 22 f. 9-10 Medicine and early physicians 1721-1972
- b. 22 f. 11 Mexican War
- b. 22 f. 12 Military
- b. 22 f. 13 Ministers
- b. 22 f. 14 Movies and theater 1970-1972
- b. 22 f. 15 Music 1931-1972
- b. 22 f. 16 Music personalities 1942-1962
- b. 22 f. 17 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 1966-1976
- b. 22 f. 18 Negro consumer market and employment
- b. 22 f. 19 Negro history - course bibliography
- b. 23 f. 1 Negro history - dates
- b. 23 f. 2 Newspapers and publications
- b. 23 f. 3 New York African Society for Mutual Relief 1929-1969
- b. 23 f. 4 Other groups
- b. 23 f. 5 Politics
- b. 23 f. 6 Puerto Rico
- b. 23 f. 7 Programs and playbills 1940-1970
- b. 23 f. 8 Race relations (surveys, miscegenation)
- b. 23 f. 9 Reconstruction
- b. 23 f. 10-13 Religion
- b. 23 f. 14-15 Revolutionary War 1775-1975
- b. 23 f. 16 Riots
- b. 23 f. 17 St. Augustine's Church
- b. 23 f. 18 Schomburg Center 1974-1976
- b. 23 f. 19 Science and scientists
- Slavery
 - b. 24 f. 1 Abolitionists
 - b. 24 f. 2 Economics
 - b. 24 f. 3 Colonization 1845
 - b. 24 f. 4 Notes and clippings
 - b. 24 f. 5 Laws and manumissions 1783-1839
 - b. 24 f. 6 Political power, protests, and revolts
 - b. 24 f. 7 Narratives, literature, and poetry

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- b. 24 f. 8 White convicts and indentured servants
- b. 24 f. 9 Sales, maps, trade, and traffic 1823-1858
- b. 24 f. 10 Church
- b. 24 f. 11 Spanish American War
- b. 24 f. 12-13 Sports 1968-1976
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- b. 24 f. 14 Symbionese Liberation Army
- b. 24 f. 15 Voting
- b. 24 f. 16 War of 1812
- b. 24 f. 17 World War I and World War II
- Who's Who
- b. 24 f. 18 Women after 1900
- b. 24 f. 19 Women before 1900
- b. 24 f. 20 Men before 1900
- b. 24 f. 21 Men after 1900
- b. 24 f. 22 Youth
- Individuals
- b. 25 f. 1 Aldridge, Ira; Alexander, John; Allen, Richard; Anderson, Marian 1865-1970
- b. 25 f. 2 Asbury, Howard 1965-1977
- b. 25 f. 3 Attucks, Crispus; Audubon, John James 1861-1966
- b. 25 f. 4 Banneker, Benjamin 1790-1970
- b. 25 f. 5 Bannister, Edward; Barthé, Richmond; Ebenezer; Battle, Samuel;
Beckworth, James; Bell, Philip A.; Benezet, Anthony; Benson, Stephen
A.; Bestes, Peter 1773-1943
- b. 25 f. 6 Bethune, Thomas (Blind Tom) 1860-1970
- b. 25 Bethune, Mary McLeod; Birney, John; Blake, Eubie; Bland, James 1952-
1973
- b. 25 f. 8 Blyden Edward; Bowser, Aubrey; Braithwaite, William Stanley; Brawley,
Benjamin 1929
- b. 25 f. 9 Brooke, Edward W 1967-1976
- b. 25 f. 10 Brown, Dr. Dorothy L 1965-1975
- b. 25 f. 11 Brown, Grafton T; Brown, John 1849-1976
- b. 25 f. 12 Brown, William W.; Bruce, Blanche K.; Bruce, John Edward 1849-1974
- b. 25 f. 13 Bulkley, William Lewis; Bunche, Ralph; Burroughs, Margaret; Burroughs,
Nannie; Bush, Anita
- b. 25 f. 14 Cable, George; Cardoza, Francis; Carey, Lott; Carver, George
Washington; Cato, Alexander 1837-1965
- b. 25 f. 15 Chase, Salmon P.; Chavis, John 1825-1976
- b. 25 f. 16 Cheatham, Henry P.; Chestnutt, Charles Waddell; Christophe, Henri;
Cinque, Josephe; Clarkson, Thomas 1801-1976
- b. 25 f. 17 Clarkson, Thomas; Coppin, Fannie Jackson; Cornish, Samuel; Craft,
Ellen; Craft, William 1845-1976
- b. 26 f. 1 Crandall, Prudence; Crosby, Mattie; Crum, James; Crummell, Alexander;
Cuffe, Paul; Cullen, Countee 1812-1975

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- b. 26 f. 3 Douglass, Frederick 1862-1964
- b. 26 f. 4 Downing family 1835-1975
- b. 26 f. 5 Drayton, Daniel; Drew, Charles; DuBois, W.E.B 1901-1976
- b. 26 f. 6 Dumas, Alexander; Dunbar, Paul Lawrence; DuSable, Jean Baptiste Pointe; Duvalier, Francois 1901-1975
- b. 26 f. 7 East, P. D.; Eboué, Felix; Edwards, Henry, V. F.; Elliot, Robert Brown; Europe, James Reese; Evers, Medgar 1965-1976
- b. 26 f. 8 Farmer, James 1968-1970
- b. 26 f. 9 Ferguson, Katie; Ferniss, Henry W.; Ferris, William H.; Flipper, Henry O.; Ford, William; Forten, James 1831-1976
- b. 26 f. 10 Fortes, Joe; Fortune, Amos; Fortune, T. Thomas; Franklin, Benjamin; Francisco, de Neger 1964-1972
- b. 26 f. 11 Fraunces, Samuel 1789-1968
- b. 26 f. 12 Frazier, Susan; Freeman, Harry Lawrence; Freeman, Martin H.; Freeman, Robert; Freneau, Philip 1849-1973
- b. 26 f. 13 Garnet, Henry Highland; Garrison, William Lloyd; Garvey, Marcus 1861-1970
- b. 26 f. 14 Gibbs, Jonathan C 1857-1976
- b. 27 f. 1 Grant, George; Gray, Isaac; Gray, Robert; Greener, Richard; Greenfield, Elizabeth T.; Griffin, Roger; Grimké, Archibald; Grose, William; Guignon, Pierre (Peter) 1962-1973
- b. 27 f. 2 Garvey, Samuel F.; (Thomas Brown, Wesley A. Brown) 1949-1976
- b. 27 f. 3 Hall, Prince; Hamer, Fannie Lou; Hamilton family; Hamlet, James 1834-1976
- b. 27 f. 4 Handy, W.C.; Harding, Warren G; Harlan, John Marshall; Harper, Frances E.W 1920-1975
- b. 27 f. 5 Harrison, Richard B.; Hastie, William H.; Haviland, Laura; Hayes, Roland; Haynes, George Edmund; Helper, Hinton Rowan 1870-1976
- b. 27 f. 6 Healy, Michael A.; Hensen, Josiah 1877-1977
- Henson, Matthew
- b. 27 f. 7 Correspondence and notes 1908-1976
- b. 27 f. 8 Programs 1953-1970
- b. 27 f. 9 Articles and clippings 1912-1975
- b. 27 f. 10 Hickman, Robert T.; Higgins, Anthony; Holland, Jerome; Holt, Clarence; Hooks, Benjamin; Hopper, Isaac; Hughes, Langston; Hull, Agrippa; Humphrey, Hubert; Hurston, Zora Neale 1935-1975
- b. 27 f. 11 Jackson, Rev. A.; Jackson, Rev. Jesse; Jefferson, Thomas; Jennings, Johnson Andrew; Johnson, Charles; Johnson, James W.; Johnson, Lyndon; Jones, Rev. A 1814-1974
- b. 27 f. 12 Jones, Edward 1861-1973
- b. 27 f. 13 Jones, Leroi (Imamu Amiri Baraka); Joplin, Scott; Julian, Percy; Just, Ernest; Kennedy family; Kings 1963-1976
- b. 27 f. 14 King, Martin Luther, Jr 1962-1974

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- b. 27 f. 16 Incoming correspondence 1963-1976
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- b. 28 f. 1 Miscellaneous 1887-1923
- b. 28 f. 2 Autobiography and diary 1882
- b. 28 f. 3 Research notes
- b. 28 f. 4 Programs 1968-1974
- b. 28 f. 5 Inventions and patents 1874-1905
- b. 28 f. 6 Memorabilia 1902-1967
- b. 28 f. 7 Clippings on George Latimer
- b. 28 f. 8 Family photographs
- b. 28 f. 9 Clippings
- b. 28 f. 10 Civil War Service and Pension Record
- b. 28 f. 11 Lee, Henry; Lee, General R. E.; Leidesdorf, William 1856-1978
- b. 28 f. 12 Lewis, Edmonia - Lincoln, Abraham 1860-1976
- b. 28 f. 13 Loguen, Jermain; L'Ouverture, Toussaint; Lovejoy, Elijah; Lowery, Robert O 1796-1972
- b. 28 f. 14 Loudin, Frederick 1965-1975
- b. 28 f. 15 Lowery; Lynch; McClennon; McDonald; McKay; McKee; McKinney 1875-1974
- b. 28 f. 16 Mashow, John; Mason, Bidy 1891-1977
- b. 28 f. 17 Matthews; Menard; Mencken; Miller; Mirabeau; Mitchell; Morgan 1887-1976
- b. 28 f. 18 Morris; Morton; Motley; Mulzac; Myers; Nell; Peters; Peterson-Mundy 1854-1976
- b. 28 f. 19 Oberlin Women; O'Neal, Frederick; O'Reily, Boyle; Parks, Rosa; Parson, J.A.; passport; Paul, Thomas; Pennington, J.W.C; Peters, Cortez; Peters, Solomon; Peterson, Jerome; Rainey, Jos Hayne; Randolph, A. Philip; Rapier, James T.; Ray, Charles B.; Reason, Charles L.; Reconstruction period
- b. 29 f. 1 Pickett; Poindexter; Powell; Price; Purvis ca. 1930s-1976
- b. 29 f. 2 Purvis, William B. - U.S. Patent
- b. 29 f. 5 Remond, Sarah P.; researchers of black history; Revels, Hiram; Richardson, E.O.; Robeson, Paul 1974-1976
- b. 29 f. 4 Robison, Rock
- b. 29 f. 5 Rogers, J.A.; Roosevelt, Eleanor Mrs.; Ruffin, Josephine; Ruggles, David; Russell, Harvey C.; Russwurm, John B.; Rustin; Prince Saunders; Scarborough, William S.; Schomburg, Arthur A.; Scott, Dred; Scott, McKinley 1968
- b. 29 f. 6 Sea; Selika, Marie; Seminole Wars 1968-1972
- b. 29 f. 7 *Shipp, Jesse; Singleton, "Pap"; Smith, C.F.; Spaulding, C.C.; Spurgeon; Star Spangled Banner; Stephen, Alex; Stewart, John; Stewart, T. McCants; Still, William; Stowe, Harriet B.; Sumner, Charles; Sutton, Percy*
- b. 29 f. 8 Taney, Roger; Tanner, Henry; Tappan; Taylor, Hobart; Taylor, Sammuel; Terrell, Mary Church; Terry, Lucy; Thomson, Charles

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- b. 29 f. 9 Taylor, Mayor
Toussaint, Pierre
- b. 29 f. 10-12 Correspondence 1809-1975
- b. 29 f. 13 Clippings 1967-1969
- b. 29 f. 14 Trotter, Monroe; True Reformers; Truth, Sojourner; Tubman, Harriet;
Turner, Charles; Turner, Nat
- b. 29 f. 15 Vandervall, James; Vashon, George B.; Vesey (Veazie); Walker, David
Walker, Moses Fleetwood
- b. 29 f. 16 Correspondence 1969-1971
- b. 29 f. 17 Drafts of article by Harris and Morris Levitt
- b. 29 f. 18 Copies of clippings
- b. 29 f. 19 Waring, Waties (Judge) (correspondence); Washington, Booker T. (notes
and clippings) 1889-1972
- b. 30 f. 1-2 Washington, George
- b. 30 f. 3 Washington, Mary; Weaver, Robert; Wedgwood
- b. 30 f. 4 West Pioneers
- b. 30 f. 5 Wheatley, Phillis; Whipper, Leigh; White, George H.; White, Philip
- b. 30 f. 6 White, Walter; Whitman, W.; Whittaker, Johnson; Wilberforce; Williams,
Bert and Walker, George
- b. 30 f. 7 Wilkins, Roy 1968-1976
- b. 30 f. 8 Williams, Daniel Haile
Woods, Granville T
- b. 30 f. 9 Correspondence 1966-1976
- b. 30 f. 10 Biography
- b. 30 f. 11 Patents 1884-1905
- b. 30 f. 12-15 Memorial 1892-1976
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- b. 30 f. 16 Woodson, Carter G.; Woolman, John; Work; Wormley, James; Wright,
Theodore; Yarboro, Caterina; Colonel York; Young, Charles; Young,
Whitney; U.S., 1790 Census
- b. 31 Miscellaneous
- b. 32
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- b. 33 f. 1 Shorey, Captain William T
- b. 33 f. 2 Black sea hunters
- b. 33 f. 3 Surplus
- b. 33 f. 4 Letters to
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- b. 33 f. 6 Bibliography
- b. 33 f. 7 Colonization
- b. 33 f. 8 Chesapeake and Leopard
- b. 33 f. 9 Permits granted
- b. 33 f. 10 Letters from

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- b. 33 f. 11 Fleet Walker
- b. 33 f. 12 Introduction
- b. 33 f. 13 Ancient
 - b. 34 f. 1 Whalers and sealers
 - b. 34 f. 2 "White, Colored Men and The Sea"
 - b. 34 f. 3 Pina, Joaquin
 - b. 34 f. 4 Exploration
 - b. 34 f. 5 Chesapeake - Leopard - Shannon
 - b. 34 f. 6 Smith, Ferdinand - labor union
 - b. 34 f. 7 Temple, Lewis
 - b. 34 f. 8 Hell ships and long black coffins
 - b. 34 f. 9 Australia and Pacific Islands
- b. 34 f. 10 Roza, Captain Valentine - The Canton
- b. 34 f. 11 Pictures - slavery
- b. 34 f. 12 Citizenship of blacks and passports
- b. 34 f. 13 Mashow, John (whaling)
- b. 34 f. 14 Conclusion
- b. 34 f. 15 U.S. citizenship and blacks at sea
- b. 34 f. 16 Hunter College and Youth Board
 - b. 35 f. 1 Academics - Merchant Marine and Coast Guard
 - b. 35 f. 2 "Skin Colored Man and the Sea"
 - b. 35 f. 3 Lyons, Albro and sea supplements, food, etc
 - b. 35 f. 4 Back to Africa and elsewhere
 - b. 35 f. 5 Henson, Matthew
 - b. 35 f. 6 Unions and labor
 - b. 35 f. 7 Harry Williams, Langston Hughes, Jonathan Paynter
 - b. 35 f. 8 Naval Academy
 - b. 35 f. 9 Navy ad for colored seamen
- b. 36 f. 1 Marines
 - b. 36 f. 2 Revenue Service - Mike Healy
 - b. 36 f. 3 Correspondence
- b. 36 f. 4-5 Navy
 - b. 36 f. 6 Slavery at sea
 - b. 36 f. 7 Anti-slavery coins
 - b. 36 f. 8 Martin Jacobowitz - correspondence 1964-1970
 - b. 36 f. 9 Artifacts - Jacobowitz Collection
- b. 36 f. 10 "Black Man and the Sea"

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- b. 42 f. 3 Newspaper citations 1802-1883
- b. 42 f. 4 Newspaper clippings 1861-1880
- b. 42 f. 5 Future programs
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- b. 42 f. 8 News photo references