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Guide to the

**Universal Negro Improvement Association Philadelphia Division
records**

1919-1920

Sc MG 442

Summary

Creator: Universal Negro Improvement Association

Title: Universal Negro Improvement Association Philadelphia Division records

Date: 1919-1920

Size: 2 folders, 1 ledger

Source: Gift, Amacedo Dumaka, 1991

Abstract: The Universal Negro Improvement Association was an international self-help organization founded in 1914 by Marcus Garvey (1887-1940) in Jamaica. The Universal Negro Improvement Association - Philadelphia Division Records consist of one ledger, only partially filled in, containing membership lists, and a number of entries relating to embezzlement charges leveled against the President of the division, Fred A. Toote. There are two folders of letters, 1919-1920, containing 3 authorgraph letters signed from Hubert H. Harrison to Joseph St. Prix (who appears to have been the owner of this collection), one letter from Henry Dolphin to Anderson Joseph, St. Prix's partner in a shoe repair business, and the rest relate to UNIA business matters. Additionally, there are several flyers for a parade given by the Universal African Legion, 1920 in Camden New Jersey and for a UNIA mass meeting.

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Key Terms

Subjects

African Americans -- Colonization -- Africa
African Americans -- Societies, etc
Associations, institutions, etc -- African American membership
Back to Africa movement
Black militant organizations -- United States
Black nationalism -- United States
Blacks -- Societies, etc
Pan-Africanism

Geographic Names

Philadelphia (Pa.) -- Social conditions
Philadelphia (Pa.) -- Societies, etc
United States -- Politics and government -- 20th century

Names

Garvey, Marcus, 1887-1940
Harrison, Hubert H.
St. Prix, Joseph
Universal African Legion
Universal Negro Improvement Association