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PAPERS**

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Preface

This inventory is one of several prepared as a part of the archival preservation program at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, a research division of The New York Public Library.

The Schomburg archival preservation program involves the organization and preservation of primary source material held by the Center and of significance to the study of the black experience. It furthermore includes the preparation of detailed inventories of these records, making the information contained therein accessible as well as available to scholars.

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**WILLIAMSON, HARRY ALBRO (1875-1965). COLLECTION, 1831-1965.
26 boxes and 14 volumes. Also available on 18 reels microfilm.**

Biography

Henry Albro Williamson, known as Harry, was born on October 25, 1875 in Plainfield, New Jersey to William Edward and Mary Elizabeth Pauline Williamson. His father was a carpenter by trade; his mother did needlework and later entered the field of nursing. After his father's untimely death in 1880, his mother moved to Oakland, California with Harry to start life anew. There Mrs. Williamson became a practical nurse, a unique occupation at that time in California for a black woman.

Upon reaching adulthood, Williamson went into the paper manufacturing business for a number of years. He also tried his hand at other occupations, and eventually studied and passed the examinations for both the New York Board of Chiropody and the United States Postal Service. He worked at both occupations, finally giving up chiropody. He remained with the Postal Service until his retirement in 1940.

Williamson married his first wife, Laura Julia Moulton, in 1901. They were divorced several years later. His second marriage to Blanche C. Atkins in 1920 lasted for forty years until her death in 1960. Williamson credited Blanche for much of the research, compilation and maintenance of his Masonic records.

In 1904 Williamson joined the brotherhood of Freemasonry, and was initiated, passed and raised in Mount Olive Lodge in Manhattan. It was also at time that he became a diligent student of Masonry and its literature, and embarked on an intensive search for information which would document the "legitimacy" and "subsequent progress" of the American Negro in Freemasonry.

A member in later years of the Grand Lodge of New York (Prince Hall), Williamson held more elected and appointed positions in the Grand Lodge than any other member in its history. Additionally, he served as deputy Grandmaster of Prince Hall Grand Lodge (New York), as well as Grand Lecturer and Grand Historian. He was also Grand Secretary for over thirty years.

Williamson was a prolific writer on the subject of Freemasonry. He published several articles and monographs, among them, *Negroes and Freemasonry* (1920), *The Negro in Masonic Literature* (1922), and *The Prince Hall Primer* (1925). He was editor of the *Freemasonry* of Brooklyn, New York and an associate editor of the *Masonic Quarterly Review* which was the official publication of the Grand Lodge. He was also contributing editor of *The National Fraternal Review*. During his Masonic career, Williamson was an honorary member of numerous lodges; a member of six American and foreign societies and a frequent contributor to black

and Caucasian periodicals. Williamson died on January 3, 1965, having been an invalid for several years.

Scope and Content

The bulk of the Henry Albro Williamson Collection consists of the extensive research materials and published materials documenting Williamson's efforts to legitimize the position of the American Negro in Freemasonry. The collection has been divided into two series: FAMILY AND PERSONAL PAPERS and MASONIC PAPERS. The MASONIC PAPERS are further subdivided into the following subseries: Correspondence; Legal Papers; Supply Companies; Writings; Records; Printed Materials; Prince Hall Masonry--History; Order of the Eastern Star; Certificates; and Scrapbooks.

FAMILY AND PERSONAL PAPERS, 1836-1962

The Lyons-Williamson **Family Papers**, 1836-1896, serve to document the genealogical line of George Lyons, Sr., a freeman born in the mid-1700's and the great, great grandfather of Harry A. Williamson. Three generations are represented in the papers, including: seaman and entrepreneur, Albro Lyons, Sr.; his daughters, Maritcha and Pauline; his son, Albro, Jr.; and his grandson, Harry A. Williamson. Among the papers of Albro, Sr. is a letter from Mary, his wife, to the Governor of Rhode Island denouncing the discriminatory practices in the school system of Providence, Rhode Island where they had settled after fleeing the 1863 Draft Riots in New York City. The papers of Maritcha and Pauline Lyons are of particular interest as they illustrate the interests and activities of two 19th century middle class black women. Maritcha Remond Lyons (1848-?) was a teacher in the Brooklyn school system for forty-eight years and was the second black woman to be appointed an assistant principal in that system. She wrote numerous essays, including an auto biographical sketch entitled, "Memories of Yesterdays: All of which I saw and part of which I was," which is in this collection. There are also other writings [filed in Box 3: General Writings] as well as several of her letters to editors concerning racial inequality, continuing a family tradition. Pauline Lyons Williamson's letters are noteworthy in that they were written during the period she was in California to her family back East. The letters present an excellent picture of the activities and concerns of a young widowed woman attempting to adjust to a new environment and raise her young son. A genealogy of the Lyons-Williamson family which was researched and prepared by Harry Williamson is also in the collection.

A small group of papers dealing with Blanche C. Williamson have been included among the family papers. They consist of a few letters of sympathy written upon her death in 1960 and a tribute to her written by Williamson.

The **Personal Papers** of Harry A. Williamson, 1881-1962, n.d., consist of biographical information, correspondence, writings, and his copy of the Masonic edition of the Bible.

Biographical items include a comprehensive chart of Williamson's astrological influences and sketches of his life, endeavors and accomplishments, with particular note given to his years as a Master Mason. The series relate primarily to Williamson's interests in non-Masonic subjects. Among them are letters pertaining to his employment at the post office, his chiropody work and other career interests, as well as a series of letters which he wrote in response to various editorials. The writings are varied and include some fictional pieces.

MASONIC PAPERS, 1881-1965

The **Masonic Correspondence**, 1878-1898, 1904-1965, has been geographically arranged by state and foreign country. Within each geographic category the letters are organized alphabetically by author and then chronologically. Letters from Williamson have been arranged under the name of the receiver.

The extensive Masonic correspondence is the result of many years of comprehensive research by Williamson, whose main goal was to extract from the history of Freemasonry the true origins and authenticity of "Prince Hall" or "Black Freemasonry" (referred to by Williamson as Negro Freemasonry). In striving to examine the fraternity impartially, Williamson corresponded with Masons in the United States and numerous foreign countries. He also sought to establish recognition of Black Freemasons by the white lodges and to dissolve the barriers of racial discrimination within the brotherhood. Williamson's correspondence touches on every facet of Black Freemasonry -- its laws, philosophy and rituals.

Among Williamson's correspondents were Aldradge B. Cooper, Arthur A. Schomburg, David W. Parker, Jose Henry Sherwood, Harold Van Buren Voorhis, J.H. Tatsch, Julius O. Aasland, D.K. Abadu-Bentsi and Harry E. Davis.

The **Masonic Legal Papers, 1910-1960**, consist primarily of interrogatories, depositions, and appeals from various courts proceedings. The papers are arranged chronologically.

The **Masonic Supply Companies, 1907-1951**, subseries is composed of correspondence and invoices relating to the inquiry and ordering of Masonic paraphernalia. The main distributors documented in the collection are McCoy Publishing Company, Brett Lithograph Company, and Kraus and Son Company.

Masonic Writings, 1882-1897, 1903-1957, consist of articles, essays and speeches which were written by Williamson and other authors concerning the subject of Freemasonry. Among the pieces in the collection written by Williamson are, "The

American Negro in Freemasonry," "Caucasian Masonry vs. the Negro", "Origin of Freemasonry Among Negroes in America", "Prince Hall Masonry," "Shall Negro Masons be Recognized", and "The Truth about Negro Masonry."

Writings by other authors include John E. Bruce's "The Significance of Brotherhood," Harry E. Davis' "The Prince Hall Sodality," William H. Grimshaw's "Official History of Free-masonry among Colored People in North America," and Harold Van Buren Voorhis' "Notes on Alpha Lodge, no.116."

Williamson's writings have been placed in alphabetical order by title. Writings by other authors have been alphabetically arranged by the writer. Anonymous writings have been placed at the end of the series and arranged alphabetically by title.

The **Masonic Records, 1855-1957**, subseries consists of the minutes, annual reports and financial statements of various lodges. The bulk of the records deal with the Carthaginian Lodge no. 47, in New York City. Of interest is a volume of the minutes of the United Grand Lodge of New York, dated 1855. The records have been arranged in chronological order.

The **Masonic Printed Materials** are divided into two groups: Lodge-Related Publications and General Masonic Publications. The lodge-related publications have been organized by geographic location. Within each folder the items have been arranged alphabetically by lodge, then chronologically. Non-lodge related items which pertain to Masonic activities in the individual states have been interfiled alphabetically by author or title. The bulk of these publications are souvenir journals, meeting notices, by-laws and constitutions, programs, invitations, grand masters' addresses and proceedings. The histories of various individual lodges, along with annual reports and yearbooks can also be found. Items dealing with the order of the Knight Companions, Knights Templar and Scottish Rite-U.S.A. are also in this subseries. There are also two scrapbooks of foreign meeting notices.

The General Masonic Publications are national and international in scope and have been arranged alphabetically by title. Among these general publications are copies of *Alexander's Magazine* (1908), the *American Freemason* (1917) and the *Philalethes* (1955).

Materials dealing primarily with the history of Prince Hall Masonry have been organized in the **Prince Hall Masonry--History** subseries. Included here are published items, type scripts, bibliographies, and several resource items. There is also a three volume index concerning those Negro Masonic bodies which have been labeled "bogus" or unofficial. Correspondence regarding these so-called "bogus" bodies can also be found throughout the **Masonic Correspondence** subseries. The materials have been paced in alphabetical order by title.

Although the majority of the historical pieces are located in this section, other materials dealing with the history of Prince Hall Masonry and individual lodges can also be found in the **Printed Materials** subseries.

A collection of papers concerning the **Order Of The Eastern Star (OES)** were collected and kept by Williamson and his wife, Blanche, are also in this collection. The papers, 1916-1939, are composed of correspondence, legal papers, typescripts, research notes and printed materials.

The papers include materials concerning the Eureka Grand Chapter and the Joppa Chapter, no. 30 of the OES. There is also a folder of materials pertaining to Blanche C. Williamson, consisting of notes, greeting cards, a membership list of the OES, as well as meeting notices and a report on the purchase of supplies.

The legal papers include a folder of directions for trial procedure, and documents from the cases of Alice Campbell vs. Marshall, Prince Hall vs. Eastern Star, and the Progressive Chapter, no. 42 vs. Lillian Morse.

The material has been arranged in chronological order, with the exception of the printed material which has been arranged alphabetically by state.

Masonic Certificates have been divided into three groups; blank certificates, Williamson's certificates and certificates made out to other individuals. The blank certificates appear to be unused samples. They have been arranged alphabetically by the lodge which issued them. Certificates belonging to Williamson have been placed in chronological order. Certificates which are made out to others have been ordered alphabetically by the name of the recipient.

The **Masonic Scrapbooks, 1903-1951**, represent several decades of collecting activity by Williamson. There are fourteen volumes containing pamphlets, programs, newsletters, clippings, correspondence and photographs. Some of the volumes document the social functions of various lodges, while others are representative of

certain subjects, such as "Caucasian and Negro Freemasonry" (four volumes). Other scrapbook titles are, "Masonic History and Activities", "Prince Hall and Caucasian Freemasonry" and "Scrapbook about Carthaginian Lodge, no.47". The scrapbooks have been kept as Williamson prepared them.

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	4	Albro Lyons, Sr., Certificates, 1840-1884
	5	Albro Lyons, Jr., 1872-1896
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	2	Maritcha Remond Lyons - Writings, 1869-1917
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	3	Personal Papers, 1881-1962, n.d.
	4	Personal Papers, - Correspondence, 1901-1957, n.d.
	5	Military - Colored Infantries
	6	U.S. Post Office - New York
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4	2	MASONIC PAPERS
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	2	Arizona, 1926-1941 - Arkansas, 1935-1946
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- 3 Webb, John L., 1935-1946 (Hot Springs)
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- 4 2 Dandridge, Lillard G., 1946-1950
Los Angeles)
- 4 Quincke, Walter A., 1939-1945
(Los Angeles)
- 5 Quincke, Walter A., 1946-1947
- 6 Quincke, Walter A., 1948-1951
- 7 S - W
Schramm, Arthur, 1938
Shepherd, Silas H., 1937, 1943-1945 (Los Angeles)
Skinner, Thomas H., 1938-1940, (Los Angeles)
Trestle Board, 1923-1928 (San Francisco)
Colorado, 1939-1965
- 8 A - Bundy, Harry W., 1939-1945
(Denver)
- 9 Bundy, Harry W., 1946-1948
- 10 Bundy, Harry W., 1949-1965
- 11 G - T
Lawson, Oglesvie L., 1923-1941
(Denver)
- 12 Connecticut, 1920-1963
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(New Haven)
Duncan, Leslie, 1949-1950
(Hartford)
- 13 Delaware, 1920-1945 - District of Columbia, 1881-1945 - Florida, 1913-1950
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Voorhis, Harold (H.V.B.), 1934-1939 (Delaware)
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5 2 Georgia-Missouri
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	8		Iowa, 1913-1945 A - N (The) American Freemason, 1913-1919 (Stormlake)
	9		Iowa Masonic Library, 1923-1933 (Cedar Rapids)
	10		Kenderdine, G.A., 1930 (Iowa City) National Masonic Research Society, 1920-1928 (Anamosa)
	11		Tatsch, J.H., 1923-1931 (Cedar Rapids)
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	2		New Jersey, 1920-1949 A - Bowser, Edward, 1948-1949 (East Orange)
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	11		Jacobs, Max, 1949-1950 (Brooklyn) Lee, John R., 1938-1948 (New York City)
7	1		New York - Tennessee New York, 1920-1949 M - Q Morse, Sidney, 1923-1924 (New York City) Newton, Joseph Fort, 1923-1924 (New York City) O'Donnell, Thomas, New York <i>Masonic Outlook</i> , 1938-1939 (New York City) Parker, David W., 1920-1931 (New York City)
	2		New York, 1906-1964 R - S Riley, Elwood T., 1940-1945 (New York City) Schomburg, Arthur A., 1916- 1936 (Brooklyn)

3 New York, 1914-1964
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 (Brooklyn)
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 (New York City)
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 (New York City)
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 (Troy, New York)
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	9		S - W Skaton, H., 1925-1926 (Youngstown)
10	4		Oklahoma, 1949 - Oregon, 1924-1927 H - R Hall, Amos T., 1949 (Tulsa, Ok.) Ramsay, E.P. - <i>Masonic Analyst</i> , 1924-1927 (Portland, Or.)
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 13 South Carolina, 1923-1941
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 8 Canada, 1916-1949
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 10 Dutch Guiana, 1936
 11 England, 1914-1949
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 12 France, 1883, 1926
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- 19 Norway, 1924-1939
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 (Stavanger, Norway)
- 20 Scotland, 1920-1950
 J - S
 Prentice, George, 1947-1950
 (Bellshill, Lamarkshire,
 Scotland)
- 21 South America (Brazil, 1939-1945 -
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 1939-1945 (Paraiba, Brazil)
- 22 Switzerland, 1912-1924
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- 23 West Indies, 1927-1944 (Haiti, 1941
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 Brooklyn, New York, 1904-1908
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	1	<i>Alexanders' Magazine</i>
	2	<i>The American Freemason</i>
	3	<i>American Mason, 1923</i>
	4	<i>Conference of Grand Masters (Prince Hall) Annual Session</i>
	5	<i>Cooperation, 1942</i>
	6	<i>The Freemason</i>
	7	<i>Grand Lodge Bulletin, 1940-1946</i>
	8	<i>The Masonic Beacon</i>
	9	<i>Masonic Inspiration</i>
	10	<i>Masonic News</i>
	11	<i>Masonic Quarterly</i>
	12	<i>Masonic Quarterly Review</i>
	13	<i>National Federated Craft News</i>
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