

BLACK ECONOMIC RESEARCH CENTER  
RECORDS

The New York Public Library  
Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture  
515 Malcolm X Boulevard  
New York, New York 10037

## **PREFACE**

This inventory was prepared as part of an archival preservation project to arrange, describe and catalog resources essential for the study of the post-Civil Rights period of African-American history. The necessary staff and supplies for the *Archival Resources for the Study of the Post-Civil Rights Movement* project were made available through a combination of funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the City and State of New York.

**BLACK ECONOMIC RESEARCH CENTER RECORDS, 1969-1980.  
18.8 linear feet (48 boxes).**

**Administrative History**

The Black Economic Research Center (BERC) was founded by economist Robert S. Browne in 1969 in the aftermath of that year's Black Economic Development Conference and the publication of the Black Manifesto. Browne had concluded that the black community lacked sufficient data on matters of their own economic welfare, in part because the information that was available had been gathered primarily by government agencies, universities and foundations: the result was a deficiency regarding economic research and planning conducted from a national black perspective. To remedy this situation, Browne established BERC as a black controlled non-profit organization. Initial funding was provided by the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization and contracts from Cornell University and the Center for Community Economic Development. The primary source, however, was the Ford Foundation, which provided substantial grants covering operating support, salaries, and research from 1971 until 1978. Smaller grants were made available by the Cummins Engine Foundation, the Shalom Foundation, and the United Methodist Church, among others.

Robert S. Browne served as the executive director and president of the board of directors until 1977, at which time Daniel Mitchell assumed that leadership role. Members of the board of directors included Nathan Garret, Monique Garrity, Karl K. Gregory, Charles V. Hamilton, Mary B. Pierce McWilliams, Robert Van Lierop, and Charles Z. Williams. BERC shared an office in Harlem and administrative support with two other self-help organizations Browne founded, the Twenty-First Century Foundation and the Emergency Land Fund, until the latter's move to Atlanta.

To conduct the needed research on the black community BERC employed a team of economists over the years, including Charles Betsy, Barbara Britton, Julian Ellison, James Fortune, Karl Gregory, Lloyd Hogan, Joseph Huttie, Daniel Mitchell, Barbara Phillips, and David Swinton. These economists conducted research on the economic status of African Americans, and developed alternative strategies or models to improve economic conditions in the jobs, business and industrial sectors. Findings were published in BERC's Occasional Papers series and The Review of Black Political Economy, also published by BERC. The journal, featuring articles by black and white economists, most of them not associated with BERC, addressed the questions of developing strategies for the economic development of African Americans and their communities, data compilation and empirical research, and published policy studies. Browne was the originator of the

journal and served as its first editor until Lloyd Hogan assumed this role.

The Review was conceived as a vehicle for bringing about change by promoting viable economic development alternatives in black communities. It enjoyed national and international attention; subscriptions and requests for articles came from individuals, colleges, universities and libraries across the United States and abroad. Because of its success and the significance of this forum for the exchange of ideas, Browne wanted the publication to continue after BERC's funds were exhausted. He therefore, made arrangements for the transfer of ownership to the Atlanta University Center and the National Economic Association, effective July 1977. Lloyd Hogan, editor while the journal was published by BERC, continued in this capacity under the journal's new owners. BERC's specialized library, consisting of books on issues of black economic development, was donated to Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia in the late 1970's.

The Occasional Papers series reflected the research of BERC's staff. In the early to mid-1970's the following papers were published and widely distributed: Only Six Million Acres: The Decline of Black-Owned Land in the Rural South; Mississippi Property Tax: Special Burden for the Poor; Aggregate Personal Income of the Black Population in the U.S.A., 1947-1980; The Petroleum Industry in Africa and America; The Potential of the Black-Owned Retail Sector in the U.S. Economy; and Annotated Bibliography of Black Income and Wealth. Additionally, BERC assembled a "Black Job Outlook Guide" which was a specialized offshoot of the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook. Nearly all of the publications BERC produced were concerned with the black economic situation in the United States; the publication of Africanization of Personnel in the Mining Industry of Selected African Nations was the only work to deal with Africa exclusively. Research on the latter publication was conducted with a grant from the African American Scholars Conference.

One of BERC's major programs was its work on black land ownership in the South. Land ownership was considered one of the linchpins of black economic self-sufficiency, thus by providing technical and other assistance Browne believed BERC could help black landowners hold onto their land. In the study, Only Six Million Acres: The Decline of Black-Owned Land in the Rural South, it was disclosed that loss of black-owned land had accelerated since 1950. In order to reverse this trend Browne created the Emergency Land Fund whose goals were to assist black landowners retain their present acreage and to help other blacks acquire land or develop underutilized land already in their possession. Additionally, BERC obtained a series of contractual grants for specific projects that fulfilled requests made by local organizations. Among the organizations which BERC aided were:

John's Island Rural Mission, an agency designed to assist the very poor on John's Island, one of the Sea Islands off the coast of South Carolina; Black Land Services, which provided legal assistance to prevent loss of land by blacks; Mound Bayou, Mississippi, BERC aided in the town's projects involving housing, a hospital, and government reorganization; and South Rural Development Task Force, whose purpose was the development of small industry in the rural South.

BERC also provided technical assistance to community, private, and governmental agencies interested in black economic development. In some cases this assistance consisted of aiding with the preparation of funding proposals and suggesting likely funding sources. In a few instances, BERC actually sought funding for projects it deemed especially worthwhile. BERC staff also assisted organizations to plan conferences, seminars and staff briefings containing a component on black economic development, and on ways to organize a Minority Enterprise Small Business Company (MESBIC).

Following the end of the Ford Foundation grant received in 1976 which allowed BERC to function until 1977-1978, the secretary who was shared with the Center's sister organization, the Twenty-First Century Foundation, handled basic operations. BERC closed its operations totally in March 1980.

### **Scope and Content**

The Black Economic Research Center Records date from the founding of the Center in 1969 until 1980 with the bulk dating from 1970 through 1976-1977 when BERC was most active. The records document BERC's activities as well as the involvement of Robert Browne in numerous economic organizations. Although the primary function of BERC was to conduct economic research to aid black organizations and individuals, research data, notes and memoranda concerning studies BERC conducted were not included in the collection; therefore the records are stronger in its administrative functions than its programmatic aspects.

BERC records encompass administrative files consisting of minutes of meetings and correspondence of the board of directors, legal papers including contracts for work performed by BERC for various institutions, information regarding funding for BERC's operations and other financial records including investment and tax information, and files related to the staff. A chronological file consisting primarily of outgoing letters from Browne pertains to BERC's projects as well as Browne's professional activities apart from BERC. A significant component of the collection lies in the research papers and studies written by BERC economists; there is also correspondence relating to The Review of Black Political Economy. An extensive general file contains correspondence relating to BERC functions and Browne's professional activities, and a reference file covers such topics as minority businesses, education, banking, churches and black organizations.

The collection is divided into five series and five subseries. The titles, dates and box numbers are as follows:

Title	Dates	Box Numbers
Board of Directors Administration	1970-1976	1
General	1969-1979	1
Financial	1969-1981	2-4
Staff	1972-1980	4
Chronological File	1970-1980	5-7
Writings		
Papers and Studies	1970-1977	8-9
<u>The Review of Black Political Economy</u>	1974-1980	10
General File		11-48

The **BOARD OF DIRECTORS SERIES, 1969-1976 (.1 lin. ft.)** consists of lists of board members and their curriculum vitae, minutes of meetings and correspondence referring to day-to-day activities of the research center.

Within the **ADMINISTRATION, 1969-1981 (1.3 lin. ft.)** series the **General subseries** 1969-1979 (.2 lin. ft.) contains a draft to establish the research center; background information about BERC detailing its purpose, organization, facilities; annual reports; a report by Browne regarding the closing of BERC, 1976; and legal papers including contracts, and memoranda. The subseries **Financial**, 1969-1981 (.7 lin. ft.) consists of correspondence, proposals, and reports to funding sources for BERC's daily operations. Additional financial records include auditor's reports, bank statements, investment records, and tax

information. The **Staff** subseries, 1972-1980 (.1 lin. ft.) includes curriculum vitae, dates of employment and job titles for BERC's professional staff.

The series **CHRONOLOGICAL FILE, 1970-1980 (1 lin. ft.)** consists principally of outgoing letters written by Browne in his official capacity as executive director of BERC as well as letters generated as a result of Browne's prominence as a black economist, inviting him to speak at conferences and to participate as a board member for a variety of organizations. Included are Browne's letters to congressmen and foreign government officials (notably Arab leaders) regarding black related issues, letters to organizations pertaining to black economic and political subjects, letters to the Emergency Land Fund in Atlanta, and requests for publications to build the BERC library. There are also memoranda to the staff, correspondence regarding articles written by BERC staff, and letters written by James Fortune, the assistant director. Other correspondence pertains to Browne's nationwide speaking engagements and participation in seminars and conferences sponsored by numerous organizations, many of which he was a member or on the board of directors. Additional letters deal with Browne's personal business. There are also lists of incoming correspondents.

The subseries, **Papers and Studies, 1970-1977 (.8 lin. ft.)** consists of manuscripts and printed versions of articles written by BERC staff members. The research material and statistics which led to the final version of the papers are not in the collection, however. Several studies were published as Occasional Papers; others appeared in The Review of Black Political Economy. Represented among the economists who authored a number of articles are Robert Browne, Julian Ellison, Jr., Norman Girvan, and Daniel Mitchell. The Occasional Papers and issues of The Review were requested by hundreds of individuals, organizations, and institutions, however only a sampling of the request letters for the Occasional Papers has been kept.

The subseries **The Review of Black Political Economy, 1976-1980 (.4 lin. ft.)** contains correspondence primarily between Browne as editor of the journal and the publisher and subscribers, among others. Also included is the memorandum regarding the transfer of ownership of The Review.

The most extensive series in the collection is the **GENERAL FILE, 1969-1980 (15.2 lin. ft.)** which includes files primarily on organizations with a black economic or black empowerment focus. Types of organizational material incorporated in these files include memoranda, minutes, proposals, notes, press releases, and other material dealing with conferences and programs sponsored by the organizations. A number of research studies are in these files and a separate listing of these papers has been prepared,

(page    ). The correspondence contains information about the organizations' activities and/or BERC's or Browne's relationship to it. Browne continued to correspond with many organizations after 1976 when BERC was no longer active, as he maintained his contacts as an influential economist. His professional advice was freely offered regarding proposals, studies, and evaluations, and his opinions about contemporary economic issues were made available. Browne's arrangement scheme has been maintained.

Types of organizational material incorporated in these files include memoranda, minutes, proposals, notes, press releases, and other material dealing with conferences and programs sponsored by the organizations. The wide range of black economic issues on which BERC provided assistance encompass preservation of black owned land in the South, loan of funds to black communities, black businesses (through the Office of Minority Business Enterprise), and promotion of economic activities in Africa. Some of the many organizations and government agencies represented in the file are: Center for Community Economic Development (BERC aided this organization in its study regarding the need for equity and loan funds to further economic development in low-income communities, Browne also served as a trustee); Congressional Budget Office (Browne served on the Economic Advisors Panel); Council for the Development of Economic and Social Research in Africa (CODESRIA - promoted African research and training activities in economic and social development in Africa -- BERC was a member organization); DJB Foundation (supported various African-American organizations); Harlem Commonwealth Council (Browne served as a member of the board of directors); Minority Enterprise Small Business Investment Companies (MESBIC's provide corporations chartered by a state and licensed by the Small Business Administration with the opportunity to invest capital in socially or economically disadvantaged small businesses); National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (contains many papers relating to economic issues); National Black Convention; National Business League (includes information about the Railroad Reorganization Act with contracts allocated to black businessmen to improve the nation's railroads); National Economic Association (formerly the Caucus of Black Economists, the organization supported the professional development of black economists, Browne was also on the board of directors); National Council of Churches (held conferences dealing with the Mississippi Delta, Angola and South Africa); Overseas Development Council (Browne served on the board of directors); Penn Community Services in Frogmore, South Carolina (BERC helped fund its Black Land Services which became an affiliate of the Emergency Land Fund Project); and the Southern Land Bank (consists of correspondence and proposals by several Southern organizations whose goals included black economic development).

Within the General File series there are also subject files and

files related to individual black economists and to geographic areas. These include Africa (includes information on politics and rural and economic development of Angola, Rhodesia, South Africa, Uganda, and Zimbabwe); housing and blacks in the housing construction industry); inquiries (requests for information from BERC); lists (includes guests and mailing lists for black clergy in the Episcopal Church, black journals, and school superintendents); Parren Mitchell (U.S. Representative from Maryland, who was instrumental in influencing the House Committee on Small Business to create a subcommittee which had authority to deal with the problems of minority businesses and with legislation designed to aid minority businessmen); Jesse Morris (BERC staff member at the Southern Land and Recreational Developers in Jackson, Mississippi); Mound Bayou, Mississippi (largest all-black town in the United States, BERC provided technical assistance to maintain a hospital and factory and funded a land-saving project); and South Carolina Sea Islands, especially John's Island (includes proposals to improve economic conditions).

Note:

The personal papers of Robert S. Browne and the records for the Twenty-First Century Foundation are housed as separate collections in the Manuscripts, Archives and Rare Books Division, Schomburg Center.

**Provenance**

Gift of Robert S. Browne, 1985  
SCM 85-42

Processed by Janice Quinter  
June 1996

**Container List**  
**Box      Folder**

1	1	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		Curriculum Vitae
		Minutes of Meetings
		2 1970
		3 1971-1972
		4 1973-1975
	5	Correspondence
		1969-1973
		6 1974-1976
	BERC,	ADMINISTRATION
		General
		7 Proposal to Establish a Black Economic Research Center, 1969
		8 Reports of Activities, 1970-1973
		9 Administrative Overview, 1972
		10 Assistant Director - Maurice Emeka, 1971-1973
		11 President's Report re Closing of 1976
		Legal
		12 1970-1971
		13 1971-1972
		14 Contracts, 1970-1979
		15 Office Administration, 1970-1974
		Inter-Office Memoranda
		16 1970-1971
		17 1973-1977, 1980
		18 Memoranda to the File - BERC Survival, 1974-1976
		19 Addresses
2	1	Financial
		Funding
		1 Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, 1969-1972
		2 Cummins Engine Foundation, 1970-1972
		3 Funding, 1970-1979
		4 Appeal Letters, 1970-1972
		Ford Foundation
		Grant
		5 1970
		6-8 1971-1972
		9 1973
		10 January-August 1974
		11 September-December 1974
		12-13 1975
		14 1976
		15 1977
2	16	1978-1979

**Container List**  
**Box      Folder**

3	1	Eleven Month Report and Request for Funding, September 1970
	2	First Year Report and Request for Funding, December 1970
	3	1972-1976
		Contracts
	4	Emergency Land Fund, 1974-1975
	5	Emergency Land Fund to BERC and the Center for Community Economic Development, 1975
	6	Mound Bayou, Mississippi, 1974-1975
	7	Southern Conference of Black Mayors, 1976-1977
	8	1974-1976
	9	Loan-Emergency Land Fund, 1975-1976
	10	Auditor's Reports, 1972-1976
	11	Financial Report, 1980
		Bank Accounts
	12	Allied Federal Savings and Loan Association, 1971-1976
	13	Carver Federal Savings Bank, 1971-1976
	14	Freedom National Bank, 1961-1978
	15	Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, 1975-1977
	16	Mechanics and Farmers Bank, 1971-1976
	17	Pacific Coast Bank, 1973-1976
	18	Ponce de Leon Federal Savings and Loan Association, 1971
	19	Swope National Parkway Bank, 1971-1975
		Investments
	20	Fidelity Daily Income Trust, 1975-1978
	21	Dreyfus Fund, 1975-1981
4		Taxes
	1	1974 Federal
	2	1974-1977
	3	1979-1981
	4	Forms 990 and 941, 1977-1981
		New York State
	5	1978-1982
	6	1970-1976
	7	1974-1976
		New York City
	8	1977-1978
	9	1970-1977
4		Ledger Sheets
	10	June 1971-June 1972
	11	July 1972-June 1973
		Personnel

**Container List**  
**Box      Folder**

		Researchers and Professional Staff
	12	Charles Betsey
	13	Courtney Blackman, 1972-1974
	14	Barbara Britton
	15	Julian Ellison
	16	James Fortune
	17	Karl D. Gregory
	18	Patricia Gregory, 1972
	19	Lloyd Hogan
	20	Scott Minerbrook
	21	Daniel Mitchell
	22	Alvin Puryear, 1971-1972
	23	Anthony E. Shotwell
	24	1969-1972
		CHRONOLOGICAL FILES
5	1	1970-1971
	2	1972
	3	1973
	4	February-July 1974
	5	November 1974
	6	December 1974
6	1	January-February 1975
	2	March 1-20, 1975
	3	March 24-31, 1975
	4	April-May 1975
	5	June-August 1975
	6	September-December 1975
	7	January 2-14, 1976
	8	January 16-30, 1976
	9	February 1976
	10	March 1-15, 1976
	11	March 16-31, 1976
	12	April 1-14, 1976
	13	April 15-28, 1976
	14	May 1976
	15	June 1976
	16	July 1976
	17	August 1976
	18	September-October 1976
	19	November 1976
	20	December 1976
	21	January 1977
6	22	February-March 1977
	23	April 1977
7	1	May 1977
	2	June-July 1977
	3	August-September 1977

**Container List**  
**Box      Folder**

	4	October-December 1977
	5	January-February 1978
	6	March-April 1978
	7	May-July 1978
	8	August-September 1978
	9	October-December 1978
		Outgoing Correspondence List
		File Location
	10	1969-1971
	11	1972
	12	1973-1974
	13	1975
	14	1977-1978
	15	General Correspondence, 1979-1980
	16	Incoming Correspondence List
		File Location
	17	1969-1970
	18	1971
	19	1972
	20	1973
	21	1974
	22	1975
	23	1976
	24	1977-1978
		WRITINGS
8		Papers and Studies
	1-2	1970
	3	Daniel Mitchell, 1970
	4	"BERC Digest"
	5-7	1971
	8	"Economic Feasibility Study Bamberg County S.C."
	9	Leslie Arnold Austin, 1971-1975
10		Daniel Mitchell, 1971-1981
	11	1972
9	1	"Mississippi Property Tax: Special Burden for the Poor," 1973
	2	James Fortune, Jr., 1974-1975
9	3	"Africanization of Personnel in the Mining Industry of Selected African Nations" by Robert S. Browne and Norman Girvan, 1974
	4	Julian Ellison, Jr., 1974-1976
	5	"Black Job Outlook Guide," 1974-1975
	6	"Business and Labor Education Programs: A Survey and Analysis," 1975

**Container List**  
**Box      Folder**

	7	1975-1976
	8	Articles Written for <u>Black Enterprise</u> , 1975-1976
	9	Black Wealth and Property Holding in the United States, 1900-1976: An Inquiry by Julian Ellison, Jr., 1976
	10	1977
	11	n.d.
	12	Requests for Publications, 1974-1976
		<u>The Review of Black Political Economy</u>
10		Correspondence
	1	1976
	2	May-July 1976
	3	August-November 1976
	4	December 1976-March 1977
	5	1977
	6	1977-1978
	7	1978
	8	Editorial Notations, 1978-1980
	9	Copyright, 1976-1978
	10	Transfer of Ownership, 1977
		GENERAL FILE
11		"A"
	1	1969-1970
	2	1970
	3	1971
	4	1972
	5	1973-1974
	6	1975
	7	1976
	8	1977
	9	1978-1980
		Afram Associates
	10	1970
	11	1976-1979
	12	1979
	13	1979-1980
12		Africa
	1	1972-1974
	2-3	1975
	4-6	1976
	7	1976-1981
	8	Consulting Project, 1975
	9-10	Namibia, 1972
	11	Trade, Investment, 1977
	12	Zimbabwe, 1976-1980

**Container List**  
**Box      Folder**

13	1	African Service Bureau, 1974-1975
	2	African-American Scholars Council, 1976-1978
	3	Africans - Correspondence, 1972-1976
	4	Agency for International Development - State Department, 1975-1979
		Alabama
	5	1971-1972
	6	1972
	7	1973-1975
	8	Amherst College, 1974
		American Bankers Association
	9	1973-1974
	10	1975-1976
	11	American Committee on Africa, 1978-1979
	12	<u>Amsterdam News</u> , 1971-1972
14		African-American Institute
	1	1972-1979
		African-American Conference
	2	Lesotho, 1976
	3	Sudan, 1978
	4	African Development Fund, 1979
	5	African Heritage Studies Association, 1978
	6	African Project, 1970-1972
		African-American Scholars Council
	7	1971-1972
	8	1972-1973
	9	1974-1975
15		Arab Information Center
	1	1972-1979
	2	1970-1973
	3	1973-1975
		"B"
	4	1969-1970
	5	1970
	6	1971
15	7	1971-1972
	8	1972-1974
	9	1974
16	1	1974-1975
	2-4	1976
	5-6	1977
	7	1978-1980
	8	Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation, 1968-1970
	9	Black and Minority Banks, 1971-1973

**Container List**  
**Box      Folder**

		Black Banks and Savings and Loans
	10	1972-1975
	11	1975-1979
17	1	Black Businesses, 1972-1979
	2	Black Economic Union, 1971-1972
	3	<u>Black Enterprise</u> , 1974-1977
	4	<u>Black Enterprise</u> Efforts, 1968-1971
	5	Black Land Services, Inc., 1974
	6	Black Resource Development Corporation
	7	1970-1972
	8-9	1970, 1978
	10	<u>Black Scholar</u> , Nathan Hare, 1975
	11	Black Research Organizations - "Working Document on BRO Network", 1980
	12	Black Student Organizations and Black Studies Programs, 1971-1979
	13	Blacks United for Action, 1971
	14	Bond, Julian, 1975
	15	Books and Publications, 1972
	16	Brown, Tony, 1976
18		"C"
	1	1969-1971
	2	1970-1971
	3	1971-1972
	4	1972-1973
	5	1973-1975
	6	1974-1975
	7	1976
	8	1977
	9	1978-1981
19	1	Carter, Jimmy, 1976-1978
	2	Census Information, 1976
		Center for Community Economic Development
19	3	"Community Economic Development: A Strategy for Social Change" by Stewart E. Ferry, 1975
	4	Massachusetts Community Development Bank Study, 1975
	5	1975
	6	Massachusetts Community Development Bank Study, 1975
	7	1975
	8	Massachusetts Community Development Bank Study, 1975
	9	"Community Based Development in Urban Areas" by Stephen Michelson, 1976-1978

**Container List**  
**Box      Folder**

	10	Center for the Study of Development and Social Change, 1969-1971
20	1	Center for Technical Analysis, 1972 Chicago Economic Development Corporation Annual Symposiums of the State of the Black Economy"
	2	1973-1976
	3	1976-1980
	4	Citizens Committee, 1979
	5	Claibourne County, Mississippi, 1973-1975
	6	Club of Rome, 1979-1980
	7	Coalition for Human Needs, 1973 Coalition Venture Group
	8-9	1975
	10	1976
21	1	Committee for Unified Newark, 1970-1971
	2	Community Development Corporations, 1970- 1971
	3	Communities United for Reconstruction and Economic Development, 1973 Congress of African Peoples
	4	1971
	5	1972-1974 Congressional Black Caucus
	6	1971-1972
	7	1975
	8	1974-1975
	9	1976
	10	1977
	11	1978
	12	Congressional Budget Office, 1975-1978
22	1	Congressional Budget Office, 1978-1980
	2	Conset, Inc. 1971-1972 Cornell University African Studies and Research Center Urban Component- New York City
	3-4	1970
	5	1970-1975
	6	Corporate Responsibility Project, 1971-1973 Council for the Development of Economic and Social Research in Africa
	7-8	1973
	9	1974-1975
	10	1976-1979
23		Council on Foreign Relations
	1	1976-1977

**Container List**  
**Box      Folder**

	2	1977
	3	Black Council on Africa, 1977
	4-5	1978-1979
	6	Crime, 1969-1971
	7	Cuba - Trips to by Economists, 1976-1980
		"D"
	8	1970-1972
	9	1972-1975
	10	1976-1980
24	1	Delta Foundation, 1970-1974
		DJB Foundation
	2	1970-1973
	3-5	1974
	6	1975
	7	"F", 1973
		"E"
	8	1970-1972
	9	1975-1976
	10	1977-1978
	11	Economics Curriculum and Theory, 1969-1978
	12	Emergency Land Fund, 1976
25		Emergency Land Fund - Jackson, Mississippi
		Property
	1	1978-1979
	2	1979
	3	Exploratory Project on Economic
		Alternatives, 1973-1977
		"F"
	4	1969-1970
	5	1970-1972
25	6	1973-1974
	7	1975-1980
	8	Fairleigh Dickinson University, 1971
	9	Federation of Southern Cooperatives,
		1974-1980
	10	Ferry, W.H. and Carol, 1975-1979
26	1	Friends of Robert S. Browne Program, 1980
		Foreign Policy Study Foundation
	2	1978
	3	1979
	4	1979-1980
	5	Forestry Careers for Minorities, 1977-1979
	6	Foundation for Education and Community
		Development, 1969-1972
		"G"
	7	1969-1971
	8	1972

**Container List**  
**Box      Folder**

	9	1973
	10	1974-1975
	11	1976-1977
	12	1978-1980
		"H"
	13	1969-1970
	14	1971-1972
27	1	1973-1974
	2	1975
	3	1976
	4	1977
	5	1978-1980
	6	Handy, John, 1970
	7	Harlem, 1970-1977
		Harlem Commonwealth Council
	8	1973-June 1974
	9	July-December 1974
	10	1975
	11	1978
	12	1980
	13	Health, 1971
		Housing
	14	1968-1969
	15	1970-1971
28	1	1971
		Howard University
	2	1972
	3	1973-1974
28		"I"
	4	1969-1972
	5	1972-1975
	6	1975-1979
	7	Initiative Committee for National Economic Planning, 1975-1976
		Inquiries - Requests for Information
	8	1970-1971
	9	1971
	10	1972
	11	1972-1973
	12	1974-1977, 1982
		Institute of the Black World
	13	1971-1972
29	1	1973-1974
	2	1976
	3	1976-1979
	4	Institute for Community Economics, 1976

**Container List**  
**Box      Folder**

		Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization
	5	1970
	6	1971
	7	1972
	8-9	1973
	10	1974-1979
		International Trade and Finance
	11	1969-1970
	12	1971-1975
30		Interracial Council for Business Opportunity
	1	1971-1972
	2	1973-1975
	3	1976-1980
		"J"
	4	1969-1972
	5	1971-1975
	6	1976-1979
		Japan
	7	1976-1977
		World Black Friendship Association
	8	1977-1979
	9-11	1979
31	1	1979-1981
	2	Job Inquiries/Requests for Assistance, 1971-1977
	3	Johns Island, South Carolina, 1971-1972
	4	Joint Center for Political Studies, 1973-1978
		"K"
	5	1970-1972
	6	1972-1980
	7	Kemp, Robert - Watts Industrial Park, 1976-1977
	8	King, Martin Luther, Jr. Center for Social Change, 1977
		"L"
	9	1969-1972
	10	1973-1975
	11	1976-1980
	12	Land Grant Colleges, 1971-1978
32	1	Libyan Arab Republic, 1972, 1976 Lists

**Container List**  
**Box      Folder**

	2	1969-1971
	3	1972
	4	1978, n.d.
	5	n.d.
		"M"
	6	1969-1970
	7	1971-1972
	8	1972-1973
	9	1974-1975
	10	1976-1977
	11	1977-1978
	12	1979-1980
	13	Malcolm X University, 1969
	14	Mc, 1975-1979
33	1-2	McGovern, George - Campaign Material, 1972
	3	McTeer, Victor - Staff in Mound Bayou, Mississippi, 1972-1973
	4	Metropolitan Applied Research Center
	5	Mid-Atlantic Economic Research Center, 1976-1977
33		Mining Study - Africanization of Personnel in the Mining Industry of Selected African Nations
	6	1972-1973
	7	Requests for Publication, 1975
	8	1973-1975
		Minority Enterprise Small Business Investment Companies
	9	1974-1975
	10	1976-1979
		Mississippi
	11	1969-1972
	12	1974-1975, 1980
		Mitchell, Daniel
	13	Staff in Mound Bayou, Mississippi, 1969-1971
	14	1976-1977
	15	1980-1981
34		Mitchell, Parren
	1	1972-1974
	2	1974-1975
	3	1976-1977
	4	1978
	5	1979

**Container List**  
**Box      Folder**

		Morris, Jesse
	6	Staff in Jackson, Mississippi, 1970-1971
	7	Southern Land and Recreational Developers, 1971
	8	1971
	9	1971-1972
	10	1972
	11	1972-1973
	12	1973-1977
35	1	Mortgage Banking, 1973 Mound Bayou, Mississippi
	2	1971-1972
	3	1975
	4	1976-1977
		Mound Bayou Cycle Products, Inc.
	5	1977-1979 Securities
	6	1972-1973
	7	1973-1980
	8	Mound Bayou Tax Sale, 1971
	9	Mozambique, 1978
35		"N"
	10	1968-1971
	11	1971-1973
	12	1974-1976
36	1	1977-1980
	2	Nairobi College, East Palo Alto, California, 1970
		National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
	3	1972-1978
	4	1978
	5-6	1979
	7	National Association for Community Development, 1969-1972
	8	National Black Convention - Draft Proposal for July 1976, 1975
	9	National Black United Fund, 1979-1980
		National Business League
	10	1971-1975
	11	1978
	12	1978-1980
	13	National Coalition for Land Reform, 1971- 1976
	14	National Committee of Black Churchmen, 1969-1971

**Container List**  
**Box      Folder**

37	1	National Conference of Black Lawyers, 1970-1980
	2	National Conference on Full Employment 1975-1976
	3	1977-1978
	4	National Congress for Community Economic Development, 1974-1975
	5	National Council of Churches 1969-1970
	6	1971
	7	1972
	8	1972-1975
	9	1976-1978
	10	National Council of Negro Women 1971, 1975
	11	Sachem Fund, 1971-1972
	12	National Economic Association - Directory of Black Economists, 1971
	13	National Economic Association 1971-1972
	14	1972
38	1	1973
	2	1974
	3	1974-1976
	4	1975
	5	1977-1978
	6	1979-1980
	7	National Newspaper Publishers Association
	8	National Rural Center 1977-1979
	9	1979-1981
	10	National Tenants Organization, Inc., 1971
	11	National Urban Coalition 1971-1979
	12	Research Papers, 1979
	13	1979
39		National Urban League
	1	1969-1973
	2	1969-1970
	3	1973-1975
	4	1974-1975
	5	1976-1977
	6	1977
	7	1978-1979
	8	1979-1980
	9	New Democratic Convention, 1974-1979
	10	New Directions, 1977
40	1	New Jersey, 1971-1978

**Container List**  
**Box      Folder**

	2	New York, 1975-1978
		"O"
	3	1970-1976
	4	1972-1981
	5	Office of Economic Opportunity, 1968-1970
		Office of Technology Assessment
	6	1978-1979
	7	1976-1978
		Office of Minority Business Enterprise
	8	1974-1977
	9	1977-1978
	10	1978-1979
		Opportunity Funding Corporation
	11	1970-1974
	12	1975-1977
		Overseas Development Council
	13	1976-1978
	14	1978
41	1	1978
	2	1979
	3	1979-1980
		"P"
	4	1969-1971
	5	1972-1975
	6	1974-1975
	7	1977-1979
	8	Pan African Business Information Center, Inc., 1975
		Penn Community Services, Inc.
	9	1970-1971
	10	1971
	11	1971-1972
42	1	1971-1972
	2	1972
	3	1976-1977
		People United to Save Humanity
	4	1971-1972
	5-7	1972
	8	1972-1973
	9	1976-1977
		Phelps-Stokes Fund
	10	1972-1981
	11	1973-1974
	12	Pittsburgh, University of, 1974-1975
43	1	Productivity, 1979
	2	Porter, Randall - "University Assistance to Emerging Minority Construction

**Container List**  
**Box      Folder**

		Contractors" - Master's Thesis, 1970
		Public Interest Economics Foundation
	3	1972-1975
	4	1975-1976
	5	1976-1979
	6	"Q", 1972
	7	Quantitative Methods - Short Course for Professors - Taught by Browne, 1969-1971
		"R"
	8	1969-1970
	9	1971-1972
	10	1973-1975
	11	1975-1980
		Radio and Television
	12	1969-1973
	13	1972
43	14	1975-1978
44	1	Rainbow Project, 1975, 1979
	2	Separatist Movement, 1977-1979
	3	Revenue Sharing, 1974-1975
	4	Robeson, Paul, 1977-1978
		"S"
	5	1970
	6	1971-1972
	7	1972-August 1974
	8	October 1974-April 1975
	9	May-November 1975
	10	1976-1980
		Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund for Racial Equality
	11	1969
	12	1970-1973
	13	Skills Bank, 1971
	14	Small Business Administration, 1969-1971
	15	Society for International Development, 1977-1980
	16	Solar Action - Sun Day, 1977-1978
45		South Carolina
	1	1970-1971
	2-4	1971
	5	1972-1973
	6	1974-1975
	7	South Carolina Council on Human Rights, 1971-1972
	8	Southern Cooperative Fund, 1973-1979
		Southern Land Bank
	9	1969

**Container List**  
**Box      Folder**

	10	1969-1970
	11	1970
46	1	1971-1973
	2	1972-1973
	3-4	Reports, 1971
		Southern Rural Development Task Force
	5	1974
	6	1974-1975
	7	Southwest Alabama Farmer Cooperative Association, 1973
	8	Strawberry Growing, 1973
		"T"
	9	1969-1972
	10	1973-1975
46	11	1976-1977
	12	1976-1977
		Taxation/Tax Policy
	13	1977-1980
	14	1974-1979
47	1	Tennessee Valley Authority, 1978-1979
		Trans-Africa
	2	1977-1978
	3	1979-1981
		Twentieth Century Fund
	4	1970
	5	1970-1971
		"U"
	6	1969-1972
	7	1975-1979
		United States Department of Commerce
	8	1971
	9	1971-1979
		United States Department of State -
		Advisory Committee on International
		Investment, Technology, and Development
	10	1979
	11	1979-1980
	12-13	Urban Institute, 1969-1971
48		"V"
	1	1969-1975
	2	1976-1979
		"W"
	3	1969-1972
	4	1974-1975
	5	1976
	6	1976-1977
	7	1978-1980

Container List  
Box        Folder

8	Williams, Walter E., 1978
9	Young, Andrew, 1976-1977
10	"Y,Z", 1969-1980

Papers Written by Non-BERC Staff

- Allende, Beatriz. *The Highest Examples of Heroism*, 1976.
- Alperovitz, Gar and Jeff Faux. *An Economic Program for the Coming Decade* (Exploratory Project for Economic Alternatives, ca. 1973).
- Anderson, Bernard E. *Issues Related to Youth Employment in the Decade Ahead* (U.S. Joint Economic Committee, 1978).
- Anglin, L. Disraeli. *A New Path to Economic Growth and Economic Influence for Afro-Americans*, 1970.
- Anonymous. *An Appeal by Black Americans Against United States Support of the Zionist Government of Israel*, 1970.
- Anonymous. *Organized Crime in the Ghetto - A Study*, ca. 1970.
- Bailey, Ronald W., Ed. *Economic and Business Development in Black America: A Reader in Historical and Contemporary Aspects*, 1970.
- Black Economic Research Center. *Considerations Relative to the Creation of a Foundation* (Harlem Commonwealth Council, 1978).
- Black Economic Development Center. *A Proposal for a Black Resource Development Corporation* (Black Resource Development Corporation, 1978).
- Blake, J. Herman and Juanita Jackson. *The Sea Islands as a Cultural Resource*, 1974.
- Blake, J. Herman. *A General Statement of Philosophies and Programs at Oakes College*, 1976.
- Brimmer, Andrew F. *National Economic Policy and the Campaign to Check Inflation* (Financial Executive Institute, 1978).
- Brimmer, Andrew F. *Economic Growth, Market Shares, and Prospects for Minority-Owned Businesses* (National Minority Purchasing Council, 1978).
- Brimmer, Andrew F. *Blacks in the American Economy; Status and Prospects* (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 1979).
- Brimmer, Andrew F. *Oil and the Balance of Payments* (American Security Bank, 1979).
- Browne, Robert S. *Economics and Blacks* (Citizens Committee, 1979).
- Browne, Robert S., *The Demands for a New International Economic Order (NIEO) and an Assessment of What Some of its Impact Might be on the U.S. Economy -- A Preliminary Description of a Work Program to be Pursued* (Overseas Development Council, 1977).
- Castro, Fidel. *Speech in Algeria*, 1973.
- Center for Technical Analysis. *A Proposal - The Center for Technical Analysis* (Center for Technical Analysis, 1971).
- Clark, Dick. *Speech* (Overseas Development Council, 1976).
- Coalition Venture Group. *The Drugstore Dilemma*, 1973.
- Coastal Plains Human Development Coordinating Council. *Economic*

and Human Development in the Coastal Plain Region of South Carolina (Coastal Plains Human Development Coordinating Council, 1972).

Cohen, Audrey C. *Women and A Full Employment Policy*, 1976.

Congressional Budget Office. *The Impact of Economic Recovery on Unemployed Nonwhite and White Americans: A Preliminary Assessment* (Congressional Budget Office, 1975).

CONSET. *Study of Black Capital in Employee Benefit Funds* (CONSET, 1972).

Criner, Oscar H. *Remarks on Government Procurement*, 1971.

Daniels, Belden Hull. *The Mythology of Capital in Community Economic Development* (National Urban Coalition, 1979).

El-Amin, Saad. *The Nation of Islam: A Model of Successful Economic Development*, 1976.

Ferguson, Allen R. *The Economist as Public Interest Advocate* (Public Interest Economic Foundation, 1976).

Ferry, Stewart E. *Community Economic Development: A Strategy for Social Change*. (National Economic Association, 1975).

Gadsen, John W. *Black Land Program* (Black Land Services, 1974).

Girvan, Norman. *An Agenda for the President*, 1976.

Girvan, Norman. *White Magic: The Caribbean and Modern Technology*, 1976.

Glass, George R. *A Report on the MESBIC Industry - 1974* (Minority Enterprise Small Business Investment Companies, 1975).

Grant, James P. *Population Stabilization, the PQLI, and Meeting Basic Needs by Year 2000*. (Overseas Development Council, 1978).

Grywinski, Ronald and Dennis R. Marino. *Public Policy, Private Banks and Economic Development* (National Urban Coalition).

Guertin, D. L. *A Business View on the Implementation of Codes of Conduct* (U.S. Department of State, Advisory Committee of International Investment, Technology, and Development, 1979).

Hamilton, Charles V. *Voter Registration Drives and Voter Turn-Out*, 1976.

Harlem Unemployment Center. *The Harlem Unemployment Center: Blacks and the Construction Industry* (Harlem Unemployment Center, 1968).

Harris, Fred. *What We Can Do About Welfare and Poverty*, 1976.

Harvard University. *Afro-American Studies Union: Demands and Proposals* (Harvard University, ca. 1970).

Henderson, Vivian W., *Black America, What Now?* (National Urban League, 1975).

Hyde, Floyd H. *A Review and Critique of Current Strategies in Urban Economic Development* (National Urban Coalition, 1979).

Kenyatta, Muhammad. *Status Report on the Black Economic Development Conference* (Black Economic Development Conference, 1971)

Kenyatta, Muhammad. *Wade in the Water* (Black Methodists for Church Renewal, 1972).

Kirshner, Edward M. and Eve Bach. *Low-to-Moderate Income Housing: A Proposal for Local Communities* (Exploratory Project for Economic Alternatives, 1973)

MacNaughton, Donald S. *Remarks*, 1977.

Maple, Jessie. *Black Economic Power: Reality or Fantasy?* (L.J. Film Productions, ca. 1975).

Mendelssohn, Suzanne. *Employee and Ownership: Key to Continuity for Small Business*, 1979.

Meyer, Anthony J. *Black Voices and Format Regulations: A Study in Black-Oriented Radio*, 1971.

Mitchell, Daniel. *The Federal Budget: From the Summer of Discontent to an Autumn of Despair*, 1981.

Mitchell, Daniel. *The Federal Government and Business Markets: A Role of CDC's*, 1970.

Mitchell, Daniel. *Towards a National Organization of CDC's* (Black Economic Research Center, 1970).

Mitchell, Daniel. *All Black Towns as Alternative Sites for New Communities* (Black Economic Research Center, 1970).

Mitchell, Daniel. *Economic Feasibility Study: Bamberg County, S.C.* (Black Economic Research Center, 1971).

Mitchell, Daniel. *Management Problems of Community Development Corporations* (Black Economic Research Center, 1971).

Mitchell, Daniel. *The Numbers and the Ghetto: An Opportunity for Change*.

Morey, James. *Housing and High-Leverage Innovative Financing* (Center for Community Economic Development, ca. 1970).

Mundell, Robert A. *Gold and the Gulliver Problem* (International Trade and Finance, 1969).

National Citizens Lobby. *Citizens' Lobbying* (National Citizens Lobby, 1969).

National Urban League. *Income Maintenance* (National Urban League, 1974).

National Urban League. *Position on Jobs and Welfare* (National Urban League, 1977).

National Urban League. *The State of Black America* (National Urban League, 1977).

Owen, Henry. *Meeting on African Research Needs - Summary Report* (Brookings Institution, 1976).

Rivlin, Alice M. *Intergovernmental Fiscal Impacts of Tax-Exempt*

*Single-Family Housing Bonds* (Congressional Budget Office, 1979).

- Sarris, Louis. *Soviet Military Policy and Arms Activities in Sub-Saharan Africa* (Council on Foreign Relations, 1979).
- Steptoe, Roosevelt. *A Study of the Social, Economic and Political Impacts of the Scotlandville By-Pass: Objectives and Methodologies* (National Economic Association, 1972).
- Sternlieb, George. *An Agenda for the President*, 1972.
- Tintner, Gerhard and Jules King. *The Econometrics of Discrimination: A Static Model* (National Economic Association, 1972).
- Twentieth Century Fund. *Task Force Report on Community Development Corporation*, ca. (Twentieth Century Fund, 1971).
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. *Report on the Third Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices on its Sixth Session* (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 1979).
- Walton, Calvin L. *Some Attempts by Blacks to Penetrate the Business of Trucking*, 1974.
- Washington, Robert and Colin Moore. *The Island Colonies*, 1970.
- White, Frank P. *Corporate Responsibility: Will the Church Get Involved* (National Council of Churches, ca. 1979).
- Wilcox, Preston. *Black Studies as an Academic Discipline* (Afram Associates, 1969).
- Wright, Charles E. *Revenue Sharing and Substate Regionalism in Georgia* (Black Appalachian Commission, 1974).

## SEPARATION RECORD

The following items were removed from:

**Name of Collection/Papers** Black Economic Research Center

**Accession Number** SC MG 284, SCM 85-42

**Donor:** Robert S. Browne

**Date received:** 1985

**Date transferred:** 1985

The item(s) listed below have been sent to the division indicated, either to be retained or disposed of there. Any items that should receive special disposition are clearly marked.

**Schomburg Photographs and Print Division:**

1 folder of photographs - 1 photograph from Second Biennial

Assembly, San Diego, California, Aug. 31-Sept. 4, 1972.

Photographs of BERC staff from New York and Mississippi  
offices.

**Other:**

17 programs to Programs and Playbills Collection.

**Accessioned by:** Janice Quinter

**Date:** 7/10/96