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Guide to the

New York State Colonization Society records

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Summary

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Abstract: The New-York State Colonization Society was organized in 1829 to aid the American Colonization Society to colonize free blacks in Africa; subsequently the New-York State Colonization Society was reorganized and assisted those who offered to emigrate to Liberia. The records of the New-York Colonization Society reflect the goals and projects funded by the society as well as its daily operations.

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Creator History

The New-York State Colonization Society was organized in 1829 to aid the American Colonization Society to colonize free blacks in Africa; subsequently the New-York State Colonization Society was reorganized and assisted those who offered to emigrate to Liberia. Beginning in the late nineteenth century, the society supported educational and health-related institutions in Liberia and funded scholarships.

Some of the organizations and institutions funded were: Liberia College; Booker Washington Agricultural and Industrial Institute (modelled after Tuskegee Institute); Cuttington College and Divinity School; Samuel Grimes Maternity and Child Welfare Center; and Mount Coffee Experimental Farm. The Colonization Society also granted scholarships to Liberian men seeking advanced training in skills useful to Liberia.

The New-York State Colonization Society was dissolved in 1968 and its assets transferred to the Phelps-Stokes Fund, a foundation sharing similar purposes.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the New-York Colonization Society reflect the goals and projects funded by the society as well as its daily operations.

Arrangement: Papers organized into six series: I. Board of Directors; II. General administration; III. Organizations and scholarships; IV. Financial records; V. Printed matter; and VI. Artifact.

Key Terms

Subjects

Education -- Liberia
Education -- Societies, etc
Educational reports -- Liberia
Philanthropists -- Liberia
Philanthropists -- United States
Scholarships -- Liberia

Geographic Names

Liberia -- Civilization -- American influences
Liberia -- History -- 1847-1944
Liberia -- History -- 1944-1971
Liberia -- Politics and government
Liberia -- Social conditions

Names

Tubman, William V. S., 1895-1971
Booker Washington Institute of Liberia
Cuttington University College
Liberia College
Mount Coffee Experimental Farm

New-York State Colonization Society
Samuel Grimes Maternity and Child Welfare Center

Container List

Board of Directors 1852-1968

The Board of Directors series consists of the constitution and by-laws; material related to requests and revisions of the charter and to the society's dissolution; and minutes of the Executive Committee and annual meetings.

Arranged into two subseries: (1) Legal papers and (2) Executive Committee minutes.

Legal papers 1886-1968

Constitution and by-laws

- b. 1 f. 1 Constitution 1886-1946
- b. 1 f. 2 Bequests 1883
- b. 1 f. 3 By-laws
- b. 1 f. 4-6 Wills and related correspondence 1924-1929
- b. 1 f. 7 New legal implications of bequests of principal donors 1929
- b. 1 f. 8 Trustees 1961-1967
- b. 1 f. 9 Amendments to charter 1930
- b. 1 f. 10-11 Revision of charter 1930
- b. 1 f. 12 Personal property law 1930-1951
- b. 1 f. 13 By-laws 1946
- b. 1 f. 14 Dissolution of Society 1964-1965
- b. 1 f. 15 Legal transfer of assets and functions of NYSCS to Phelps-Stokes Fund
1968

Executive Committee minutes 1852-1965

- b. 2 f. 1 1852-1898
- b. 2 f. 2 1885-1886
Includes report.
- b. 2 f. 3 1898
- b. 2 f. 4 Extracts 1854-1907
- b. 2 f. 5 1885-1907
- b. 2 f. 6 1907
- b. 2 f. 7 1908-1909
- b. 2 f. 8 1910
- b. 2 f. 9 1911-1912
- b. 2 f. 10 1913-1915
- b. 2 f. 11 1916-1917
- b. 2 f. 12 1918-1921
- b. 2 f. 13 1923-1924
- b. 2 f. 14 1925-1927
- b. 2 f. 15 1928-1930
- b. 3 f. 1 1931
- b. 3 f. 2 1932-1934
- b. 3 f. 3 1935-1937

Board of Directors (cont.)
Executive Committee minutes (cont.)

b. 3 f. 4	1940-1944
b. 3 f. 5	1945-1948
b. 3 f. 6	1949-1952
b. 3 f. 7	1953-1955
b. 3 f. 8	1956-1959
b. 3 f. 9	1960-1964
b. 3 f. 10	1965-1966
b. 3 f. 11	1967-1968
b. 3 f. 12	Dockets for Annual Meetings 1954-1966
b. 4 f. 1-10	Duplicate minutes 1924-1965
b. 5 f. 1-11	

General administration 1864-1966

The General administration series contains general correspondence pertaining to educational institutions and other projects the society funded; Board of Trustees meetings; Liberian President William V. S. Tubman; and financial matters. Reports and a subject file concern educational and missionary work.

Arranged into three subseries: (1) Correspondence; (2) Reports; and (3) Subject files.

Correspondence 1864-1966

b. 6 f. 1	1864-1886
b. 6 f. 2	1882-1883
b. 6 f. 3	1882-1885
b. 6 f. 4	1883
b. 6 f. 5	1883-1899
b. 6 f. 6	1884-1893
b. 6 f. 7	Postcards 1884-1896
b. 6 f. 8	1884-1904
b. 6 f. 9-12	1885
b. 6 f. 13-17	1886-1887
b. 6 f. 18	1888-1889
b. 6 f. 19	1891
b. 6 f. 20	1892
b. 7 f. 1	1893
b. 7 f. 2-4	1896-1898
b. 7 f. 5-7	1898-1903
b. 7 f. 8	1899-1905
b. 7 f. 9-13	1900-1903
b. 7 f. 14	1901-1902
b. 7 f. 15	1901-1905
b. 8 f. 1-4	1892
b. 8 f. 5	1894-1908
b. 8 f. 6	1908-1913
b. 9 f. 1-2	1906-1907

General administration (cont.)
Correspondence (cont.)

b. 9 f. 3	1908-1910
b. 9 f. 4	1910-1919
b. 9 f. 5	1911-1915
b. 9 f. 6	1913
b. 9 f. 7	1917-1919
b. 9 f. 8	1920-1921
b. 9 f. 9	1922-1925
b. 9 f. 10	Sibley, James L 1925-1926
b. 9 f. 11	1926-1927
b. 9 f. 12	1928
b. 9 f. 13	1929
b. 9 f. 14	1930
b. 9 f. 15	1931
b. 9 f. 16	1932
b. 9 f. 17	1933
b. 9 f. 18	1934
b. 9 f. 19	1935
b. 9 f. 20	1936
b. 9 f. 21	1937-1939
b. 10 f. 1	1938-1941
b. 10 f. 2	1942-1944
b. 10 f. 3	1945-1947
b. 10 f. 4	1948
b. 10 f. 5	1949
b. 10 f. 6	1950
b. 10 f. 7	1951
b. 10 f. 8	1952
b. 10 f. 9	1953
b. 10 f. 10	1954
b. 10 f. 11	Tubman, William V. S 1954-1955
b. 10 f. 12-13	1955
b. 10 f. 14	1956
b. 10 f. 15	1957
b. 10 f. 16	1958-1959
b. 10 f. 17	1960-1961
b. 10 f. 18	1962-1966
	Education in Liberia
b. 10 f. 19	1886-1920
b. 10 f. 20	1917-1919
b. 10 f. 21	1921-1947
	Sage, E. G

General administration (cont.)

Correspondence (cont.)

Sage, E. G (cont.)

- b. 11 f. 1 1919-1922
- b. 11 f. 2-4 1924
- b. 11 f. 5-9 1925
Includes report on missionary work in Africa.
- b. 11 f. 10-12 1926
- b. 11 f. 13-14 Robinson, Edward regarding trips to Liberia and Haiti 1951-1960

Members

- b. 11 f. 15 Bogert, Anna Neilson 1930-1934
- b. 11 f. 16 B 1935-1941
- b. 11 f. 17 C 1927-1938
- b. 11 f. 18-19 Dashiell, L. M 1933-1938
- b. 11 f. 20 Da-Du 1929-1938
- b. 11 f. 21 Embree, Edwin R 1927-1934
- b. 11 f. 22 Myers, Louis G 1917-1938
- b. 11 f. 23 P 1927-1936
- b. 11 f. 24 S-W 1925-1936

Reports 1903-1960

- b. 12 f. 1 Missionary work in Liberia (not NYSCS) 1907
- b. 12 f. 2 Educational institutions in Liberia 1918-1928
- b. 12 f. 3 Education in Liberia 1903-1945
- b. 12 f. 4 Christian missions in Africa 1926
- b. 12 f. 5 Speeches by Harvey Firestone 1946
- b. 12 f. 6 Barnett, Claude A. "A West African Journey" 1947
- b. 12 f. 7-8 Education in Liberia 1950-1960
- b. 12 f. 9 Map of Methodist schools in Liberia

Subject files 1865-1928

- b. 12 f. 10 Memorial to Liberia 1865
- b. 12 f. 11 Petition for exploration of Liberia
- b. 12 f. 12 Memorial to the Republic of Liberia 1885-1886
- b. 12 f. 13 Agreement between NYSCS and Methodist Episcopal Church 1903
- b. 12 f. 14 Advisory Committee on Education in Liberia 1924-1928
- b. 12 f. 15 Advisory Committee on Native Education in Tropical Africa, England 1925
- b. 12 f. 16 Appeal for Garnet Memorial School
- b. 12 f. 17 Original container list

Organizations and scholarships 1882-1965

The Organizations and scholarships series provides detailed information on the educational and health initiatives funded and administered by the New-York State Colonization Society. Records pertaining to the Booker Washington Agricultural and Industrial Institute consist of minutes of the advisory committee and of board meetings, correspondence, reports, material concerning the 1953 integration with the University of Liberia, and financial reports. Other records detail the objectives of Liberia College and Mount Coffee Mission, Cuttington College and Divinity School, and Samuel Grimes Maternity and Child Welfare Center. Files for individuals awarded scholarships in the nineteenth century and in the 1950s-1960s are included in this series.

Arranged into 9 series: (1) American Leprosy Mission; (2) Booker Washington Industrial and Agricultural Institute; (3) Cuttington College and Divinity School; (4) Caroline Donovan Normal and Industrial Institute; (5) Carrie Dyer Hospital; (6) Samuel Grimes Maternity and Child Welfare Center; (7) Liberia College; (8) Mount Coffee Experimental Farm; and (9) Scholarships.

- b. 13 f. 1-2 American Leprosy Mission 1956-1963
 - Booker Washington Industrial and Agricultural Institute 1924-1954
 - Minutes of Advisory Committee on Education in Liberia
 - b. 13 f. 3 1924-1930
 - b. 13 f. 4 1931-1934
 - b. 13 f. 5 1936-1938
 - b. 13 f. 6 1939-1942
 - Minutes of Board meetings
 - b. 13 f. 7 1934-1948
 - b. 13 f. 8 1939-1946
 - b. 13 f. 9 1947-1948
 - b. 13 f. 10-11 1949-1950
 - b. 13 f. 12 1951-1952
 - Correspondence
 - b. 14 f. 1 Reports 1938-1945
 - b. 14 f. 2 1945-1948
 - b. 14 f. 3 1949-1950
 - b. 14 f. 4 1951-1952
 - b. 14 f. 5 1953-1954
 - b. 14 f. 6 Reports 1950
 - b. 14 f. 7-12 Integration with University of Liberia 1951-1954
 - b. 14 f. 13-14 Special appropriations 1949-1952
 - b. 14 f. 15-16 Financial reports 1932-1951
 - b. 15 f. 1 Caroline Donovan Normal and Industrial Institute 1914-1920
 - Cuttington College and Divinity School 1954-1965
 - b. 15 f. 2 1954-1957
 - b. 15 f. 3 1958-1959
 - b. 15 f. 4 1960-1961
 - b. 15 f. 5 1962-1963
 - b. 15 f. 7 1963-1964

Organizations and scholarships (cont.)

- b. 15 f. 8 Carrie Dyer Hospital 1946-1955
 - Includes correspondence of John B. Falconer.
- Samuel Grimes Maternity and Child Welfare Center 1953-1965
 - b. 15 f. 9 1953-1957
 - b. 15 f. 10 1958-1960
 - b. 15 f. 11-12 1960-1962
 - b. 15 f. 13-14 1963-1964
 - b. 15 f. 15 1964-1965
- Liberia College 1882-1924
 - b. 16 f. 1 Incorporation
 - b. 16 f. 2 Minutes of Executive Committee 1886-1893
 - b. 16 f. 3 1882
 - b. 16 f. 4 Blyden, Edward (president) correspondence 1882-1897
 - b. 16 f. 5-6 1883-1886
 - b. 16 f. 7-8 Board of Donations 1884
 - b. 16 f. 9 Recommendations by Professor Stewart 1884
 - b. 16 f. 10 1884-1886
 - b. 16 f. 11 Report 1885
 - b. 16 f. 12-13 1885
 - b. 16 f. 14 Financial records 1885
 - b. 16 f. 15 1887
 - b. 16 f. 16 1900-1908
 - b. 16 f. 17-18 Correspondence 1911-1923
 - b. 16 f. 19-20 Reports 1903-1924
 - b. 17 f. 1 1925-1931
 - b. 17 f. 2 Insurance policy 1891
 - b. 17 f. 3 Publications
 - b. 17 f. 4 Printed matter
- Mount Coffee Experimental Farm 1897-1930
 - b. 18 f. 1 1899
 - b. 18 f. 2 1907-1930
 - b. 18 f. 3-4 Indentures 1914-1915
 - b. 18 f. 5 1924-1926
 - b. 18 f. 6-8 Financial records 1897-1899
- Scholarships 1882-1963
 - b. 19 f. 1 Educational 1882-1883
 - b. 19 f. 2-3 Correspondence 1884
 - b. 19 f. 4 Financial records 1883-1884
 - b. 19 f. 5 Bempong, Maxwell A 1961-1963
 - b. 19 f. 6 Bankah, John 1924-1926
 - b. 19 f. 7-9 Brawley, Benjamin 1919-1921

Organizations and scholarships (cont.)
Scholarships (cont.)

- b. 19 f. 10-11 DeWalt, A. F. I 1916-1926
- b. 19 f. 12 Duncan, Henry B 1925-1927
- b. 19 f. 13 Koton, Victor B 1953-1954
- b. 19 f. 13 Moses, Christopher M 1957-1960
- Tay, James A
- b. 19 f. 15-16 1953-1954
- b. 19 f. 17-18 1955
- b. 19 f. 19 1956
- b. 20 f. 1-2 1957
- b. 20 f. 3 1958
- b. 20 f. 4 1959-1960
- b. 20 f. 5 1961-1962
- b. 20 f. 6 Wolo, Plenyono 1915-1920
- b. 20 f. 7-9 Declinations of scholarships 1962-1965

Financial records 1882-1966

A significant portion of the collection consists of the Financial records. Included are annual financial reports, records regarding investments, correspondence of the Secretary-Treasurer, cancelled checks, and vouchers for work ordered by the Society at the New York office and in Liberia.

Arranged into 7 subseries: (1) Financial reports; (2) Transactions of the Executive Committee; (3) Correspondence; (4) Vouchers and cancelled checks; (5) Property; (6) Account books and cash books; and (7) Other records.

Financial reports

- b. 21 1900-1964
- b. 21 Accountants' reports 1921-1944
- b. 21 Financial statements 1958-1965
- b. 21 Report worksheets 1963-1965
- b. 21 Minutes 1899-1907
- b. 21 Treasurers' reports 1885-1895
- b. 22 Accountants' reports 1927-1957
- b. 22 Transactions of the Executive Committee 1938-1956

Correspondence

- b. 23 f. 1 1882-1885
- b. 23 f. 2 1883-1887
- b. 23 f. 3-4 1884-1886

Letters to treasurer

- b. 23 f. 5 1885 May
- b. 23 f. 6-7 1885 June
- b. 23 f. 8 1885 October
- b. 23 f. 9-11 1885 November-1886 February
- b. 23 f. 12 1885
- b. 23 f. 13 Letters to treasurer 1886 January-April

Financial records (cont.)
Correspondence (cont.)

- b. 23 f. 14-15 1886-1887
- b. 23 f. 16 1886-1889
Contains cancelled checks.
- b. 23 f. 17 1886-1890
- b. 23 f. 18 1886-1893
- b. 23 f. 19-20 1887
- b. 23 f. 21-22 1887-1888
- b. 24 1888-1907
- b. 25 Vouchers and cancelled checks 1882-1966
- b. 26 Property 1885-1953
- b. 27 Account books and cash books 1885-1927

Other records

- b. 28 1882-1904
- b. 29 1885-1966

Printed matter 1848-1966

The Printed matter series is comprised of publications including books, reports, booklets, and news clippings.

- b. 30 f. 1 *Alexander, Archibald. History of the African Colonization on the Western Coast of Africa* 1849
- b. 30 f. 2 Annual reports 1873-1886
- b. 30 f. 3 Publications about Liberia 1848-1886
Cook, O. F
- b. 30 f. 4 Reports on the needs of Liberia 1892-1896
 - o. 1 Memorial to the people and government of Liberia
This oversized folder, in the flat file, replaces box 30, folder 5.

Publications about Liberia

- b. 30 f. 6 1894-1900
- b. 30 f. 7 1904-1926
- b. 31 f. 1 1920-1923
- b. 31 f. 2 1923-1950s
Seifman, Eli
- b. 31 f. 3 *A History of the New York Colonization Society* 1966
- b. 31 f. 4 Correspondence 1964-1966
- b. 31 f. 5 Education 1900-1925
- b. 31 f. 6 American Colonization Society annual reports 1849-1903
- b. 31 f. 7-10 News clippings 1861-1904
- b. 31 f. 11 Other publications
- b. 32 Artifact

The Artifact series consists of the metal embosser with the society's seal.