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Guide to the

Garvey Club collection

1927-1948

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Summary

Creator: Harris, Gershom E.

Title: Garvey Club collection

Date: 1927-1948

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Abstract: This collection contains letters, certificate of incorporation, dues cards, song lyrics, a contract and clippings. Letters from Marcus and Amy Jacques Garvey, UNIA and Garvey Club officers H. Holmes, B.J. Spencer Pitt, Cleophas T. Jacobs, James R. Stewart and Samuel A. Haynes to Harris concern the on-going development of both the Garvey Club and the UNIA.

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Creator History

Greshom E. Harris was president of the Garvey Club during the 1940s. Marcus Garvey, who also established the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), founded the Garvey Club, Inc., or New York Garvey Club. The Garvey Club was the parent organization of the UNIA Central Division in New York City, which split ranks with the Garvey Club around 1927 because of conflicts among the leadership. By 1929, the Garvey Club became officially affiliated with Garvey's Jamaica-based UNIA and African Communities League, and boasted a membership of 600.

Garvey Club divisions were formed in other states including New Jersey, Illinois, Louisiana, Ohio and Mississippi. Members of the original Garvey Club maintained close ties with both Marcus Garvey and his wife Amy Jacques Garvey. The Garvey Club was instrumental in organizing a memorial for Garvey after his death in 1940, as well as reorganizing the central administration of the UNIA in the months after his demise.

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Arrangement: In chronological order

Key Terms

Subjects

African Americans -- Societies, etc
Back to Africa movement
Black nationalism -- United States
Club -- New York (State) -- New York

Names

Garvey, Amy Jacques
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Harris, Gershom E.
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Haynes, Samuel A.
Jacobs, Cleophas T.
Pitt, B.J. Spencer
The Garvey Club, Inc.
Universal Negro Improvement Association
Universal Negro Improvement Association. New York Division