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Guide to the

**Guichard Parris collection**

1936-1983

Sc MG 506

## Summary

**Creator:** Parris, Guichard

**Title:** Guichard Parris collection

**Date:** 1936-1983

**Size:** 1.42 linear feet (2 boxes)

**Source:** Gift of Guichard Parris, 1985.

**Abstract:** Guichard Parris was director of public relations of the National Urban League from 1944-1968. The bulk of the Guichard Parris Collection is comprised of photocopies of research material and biographical information Parris compiled for a translation of nineteenth century French abolitionist Bishop Henri Gregoire's *De la littérature des Nègres*. In addition, there is a scrapbook and printed matter from the New York Urban League (1950s) as well as some personal papers.

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**Language of the Material:** English

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## Creator History

Guichard Parris was director of public relations of the National Urban League from 1944-1968. Born in Guadeloupe, Parris held degrees from Amherst College and Columbia University. He taught at three colleges (1930-1936), then became director of the Negro Affairs National Youth Administration Region I (1939-1942). The bulk of his career was spent at the National Urban League in New York before becoming a consultant for urban affairs for Underwood Jordan Associates (1968-1978). Parris also served as president of the Schomburg Corporation (1984-1986).

## Scope and Content Note

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**Arrangement:** Arranged into three series: (1) Personal; (2) National Urban League; and (3) De la Littérature des Nègres.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Abolitionists -- France

African American civil rights workers -- New York (State) -- New York

African Americans -- New York (State) -- New York -- Societies, etc

Antislavery movements -- France

Black author

Blacks -- Colonies -- France

Slavery -- Colonies -- France

### **Geographic Names**

France -- Colonies -- History

### **Names**

Grégoire, Henri, 1750-1831

Parris, Guichard

New York Urban League

## Container List

### Personal 1935-1983

- b. 1 f. 1 Retirement and biographical
- b. 1 f. 2 Letters received 1939-1983
- b. 1 f. 3 Amherst College Black Alumni Association
- b. 1 f. 4 Union Neighborhood Center 1935-1937
- b. 1 f. 5 Underwood, Jordan Associates 1968-1978
- b. 1 f. 6 Golden Rule Foundation 1975-1976
- b. 1 f. 7 Addresses and speaking engagements
- b. 1 f. 8 Draft of Pushkin article

### National Urban League 1915-1966

- b. 1 f. 9 Letters 1939-1983
- b. 1 f. 10 40th anniversary yearbook
- b. 1 f. 11 *Blacks in the City*  
Includes correspondence and miscellany.
- b. 1 f. 12 New headquarters dedication 1956
- b. 1 f. 13 Citizenship Education Project 1956-1957
- b. 2 f. 1 Silver Anvil Public Relations Award competition 1959
- b. 2 f. 2 Granger, Lester B
- b. 2 f. 3 Printed matter

### Gregoire, Henri. *De la Littérature des Nègres* 1936-1983

- b. 2 f. 4 Research correspondence 1936-1983
- b. 2 f. 5 English translation, chapters 5 and 8
- b. 1 f. 6 Translator's foreword
- b. 2 f. 7 Parris, Guichard. "Notes on the Contributions of French Negro Colonials to French Culture, 1750-1850"
- b. 2 Anonymus. "Notes sur l'Abbé Grégoire"
- b. 2 f. 9-11 Biographical articles, sketches, and notes
- b. 2 f. 12 Research notes
- b. 2 f. 13 Notes on Gregoire and the French Revolution
- b. 2 f. 14 Notes on color (pigmentation)
- b. 2 f. 15 Correspondence with blacks
- b. 2 f. 16 On Jews
- b. 2 f. 17 Letters at the New York Historical Society
- b. 2 f. 18 Catalog of books in Gregoire's library
- Gregoire and his contemporaries
- b. 2 f. 19 Opinions of contemporaries
- b. 2 f. 20 Barlow, Joel
- b. 2 f. 21 Blumenbach, Johann Fredrich
- b. 2 f. 22 Brissot, Jacques Pierre
- b. 2 f. 23 Jefferson, Thomas

Gregoire, Henri. De la Littérature des Nègres (cont.)  
Gregoire and his contemporaries (cont.)

b. 2 f. 24 Société des Amis des Noirs

b. 2 f. 25 African Association

*Black authors in De la Littérature des Nègres*

b. 2 f. 26 Amo, Antoine-Guillaume

b. 2 f. 27 Capitein, Jacobus

b. 2 f. 28 Cugoano, Ottobah

b. 2 f. 29 Equiano, Olaudah (Gustavus Vassa)

b. 2 f. 30 Lislet-Geoffroy, Jean-Baptiste

b. 2 f. 31 de Saint-Georges, Joseph Bologne

b. 2 f. 32 Louverture, Toussaint

b. 2 f. 33 Wheatley, Phillis

b. 2 f. 34 William, Francis

b. 2 f. 35 Savage, W. Sherman. "The Controversy over the Distribution of Abolition Literature, 1830-1860", draft PhD thesis