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INTRODUCTION

The Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation: Origins, Vicissitudes, and Prospects

Mary McLeod Bethune's two-story, white frame residence, a cross between a bungalow and a colonial, appears modest for a popular national leader of color, or at least when compared to Booker T. Washington's "The Oaks" in Tuskegee or Frederick Douglass's "Cedar Hill" in Washington, D.C. Adjacent to Bethune-Cookman College (BCC), "The Retreat," Mrs. Bethune's homestead property built in 1914, was nevertheless materially significant.¹ The house with its contents and grounds carried an appraisal value of \$40,000 in 1953. The heavy formal furniture in the dining room, master bedroom, and guest bedroom particularly invited attention. These and all other furnishings, personal items, the house, and lawns were given to the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation by the snowy haired Bethune at age 77.

Probably influenced by her years as a trustee of Douglass's "Cedar Hill" and her perennial desire for African Americans to build and control viable institutions, Bethune established the foundation as a charitable and educational corporation to perpetuate her ideas. Its primary goals encompassed preserving her papers, contributing scholarship funds to BCC, and fostering interracial good will.² Regarding the last concern, she mused, "I thought that we would hold conferences, interracial conferences with women of all classes and creeds that we might sit together, think together, and plan together how we might make a better world to live in."

But more fundamentally, the remarkable Bethune wished that her foundation would inspire people, especially the young. "I want this to always be kind of a sacred place—a place to awaken people and to have them realize that there is something in the world they can do," she declared. "And if they try hard enough, they will do that thing."³ Having journeyed from obscurity to prominence, Bethune spoke from a world of experience. Contributing to what appeared to be her unpromising start in life were a poor family, although a land-owning one; the female gender that endured an oppression symbolized for many in the denial of the franchise until 1920; an extremely dark complexion in an era when color prejudice riddled all America; and a rural upbringing in the post-Reconstruction South where whites governed blacks with a cruel, iron fist legitimized in 1896 in "separate but equal."

These facts must have been on the mind of globe-trotting, former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt when she spoke at the Bethune Foundation gala dedication on March 17, 1953, while democratic and communist antipathies still stoked the Korean Conflict. “This country has become the symbol of democracy,” she asserted. “People don’t ask you what you mean by democracy in America. The way we live at home writes the meaning of democracy for them. So a Foundation such as Mrs. Bethune is creating tonight will be an example of what democracy offers to people.” Roosevelt even predicted, “This foundation will help the Brotherhood of man in the World.”⁴

Such transcendental justifications notwithstanding, the foundation came into being for other reasons also. Bethune needed more space and accessible papers to oversee the writing of an autobiography that she began on October 1, 1952. Thus her immediate need and the future interest of scholars, which she anticipated, coincided in the archival dimension of the foundation. When Bethune added a fireproof room to her house for hundreds of document files, they were valuable potential resources for the memoir that never materialized and the investigations of researchers to come.⁵ The files contained documents extending to Bethune’s days as principal of the Daytona girls’ school up to the present. They covered almost every aspect of her life. While other Bethune papers existed, such as in the national headquarters of two women’s organizations and in the National Archives, the foundation collection was the mother lode. Even beyond diaries and personal correspondence, some documents were virtually one of a kind. These included articles from defunct black newspapers and National Youth Administration (NYA) records for the 1940s. In fact, the foundation archive had more of the latter documents than the NYA Division of Negro Affairs at the National Archives. Apparently Bethune or aides made little distinction between public and private records when she ceased to be a federal official in 1944.⁶

Aside from the exigencies of autobiographical writing, the foundation came about because Bethune’s personality demanded domination of something. Having recognized in March 1952 that she had no hope of controlling BCC, the school she founded in 1904, Bethune channeled her energies into organizing a foundation.⁷ In her diary on May 6, 1952, she named it her “new project.” Ten months later at its dedication dinner, she announced, “The Trustees [of the Foundation] will guard your gifts but I won’t let them tie my hands. This is my vision....I shall do what I want to do to make it grow up successfully.” In response, the audience laughed and applauded. It recognized that this woman, attired in a black velvet dress accessorized with honorary medals and ribbons, spoke true to form.⁸

Just as Bethune’s personality craved a take-charge project, it required ego gratification. While aggrandizing self is not unusual for individuals of super stature, Bethune took it beyond normal bounds in claiming, for example, that her home—in effect the foundation—was “sacred.” It was too precious to

bequeath to family. “It is to be used as a Shrine,” she wrote.⁹ As this suggested, the ego in the woman coveted adulation. In an uncharacteristic admission, she disclosed as much to hundreds of public school students visiting the foundation in the spring of 1954. “One day I was a girl like some of you. I determined to do a task that the world would commend and give me the devotion of my people,” she recounted.¹⁰ Having her tasks revealed through the foundation might fulfill this wish in perpetuity.

Yet while ego factored into launching the foundation, it diminished considerably in the last year of Bethune’s life. The grand lady had a change of heart while attending a two-week introspective conference in Caux, Switzerland. Afterwards, she volunteered to thousands, “You know, I thought I was so unselfish. I was applauded into the belief that I was a great leader—just and pure and honest and loved. But I realize how much of what I did was for my own glorification....I want to do all I can now to make right all of the wrongs.”¹¹

While Mary Bethune’s reasons for the foundation varied and did not remain constant, the worthiness of the project defied challenge because it symbolized her extraordinarily fruitful life. Bethune assisted so many people that a decade earlier writer Edwin Embree called her “a public institution.” Conventional wisdom agreed. Certainly Julius Davidson, publisher of the *Daytona Beach News-Journal*, and Daytona Beach architect Harry M. Griffin would not have loaned their good names to the foundation had it not been truly significant; the same can be said of luminaries Ralph Bunche, winner of the 1951 Nobel Peace Prize, and Eleanor Roosevelt.¹²

Yet shortly after Bethune’s death on May 18, 1955, the foundation failed to sustain itself financially, despite continuing contributions from the United Beauty School Owners and Teachers Association. No endowment existed for it. No established fund or foundation subsidized it. No individual philanthropist made it a hobby. No public agency granted it money or technical assistance for historic preservation or archival processing. No commercial enterprise saw profits in it. No Bethune devotee plugged it into new funding. No family member crusaded for it. Rather than aiding and promoting the foundation, financially strapped black America preferred to seek obvious necessities and to maintain more established entities. Wealthy white America looked down on the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation as just another black institution: unimportant to it and therefore ineligible for adequate support. In the 1950s, even Bethune’s greatest monument, Bethune-Cookman College, was gravely underfunded due to the racist order of things. One of BCC President Richard V. Moore’s toughest challenges was convincing whites that BCC required the income of similarly classed white colleges instead of leftover charity dollars. He repeated many times, “Bethune-Cookman College is not a missionary school as some would have you believe, but it is a full fledged college.”¹³

With BCC ill-funded and operating in the red, it was little wonder that without Bethune on the scene the foundation faltered. On October 19, 1955, its trustees requested that the college pay the salary of Foundation Director Edward R. Rodriguez, a BCC graduate and Bethune's dutiful foster son and protégé. Moreover, it wanted the college to assume the expense of maintaining the physical facility. BCC agreed, thus adding the foundation to an already impressive list of challenges. The arrangement continued in whole or part until 1959 when foundation trustees succeeded in transferring their institution to the college as "an integral part" of it. Mrs. Marjorie Joyner of Chicago and the members of her Beauty School Owners organization with its affiliate, the Alpha Chi Pi Omega Sorority and Fraternity, were particularly pleased because they could again focus on BCC, their national project. When Bethune created the foundation, out of deference to her, the cosmetologists contributed funds to it that would have normally been channeled to the college.¹⁴

During the momentous '60s, when revolutionary changes swept through black colleges, the South, and the nation, the Bethune Foundation mostly languished. Late in the decade, however, a renaissance of sorts occurred when the BCC president employed his wife as foundation director. Mrs. B. J. Moore exposed it to fresh air and cleaned it up. With a crew of four responsible work-study students each semester, she kept it open during regular business hours and on weekends by appointment. She and the students showed it off to a stream of tourists and pilgrims. Also, Moore had groups in the campus community use the foundation for special occasions, usually teas and receptions. The place came to life again in a manner reminiscent of Bethune's last years in it. In 1975, when BCC hired Dr. Oswald P. Bronson as the new president, the foundation was able to utilize his wife as its director. Mrs. Helen Bronson followed in the way of her predecessor.¹⁵

Importance as Research Resource

Designated in 1975 by the National Park Service as a National Historic Landmark, the foundation has been perceived by the public from its beginning primarily as a historic residence. On the other hand, a trickle of hardy and determined researchers, chiefly graduate students, looked upon it first and foremost as an archive. Through foundation papers, they peered into Mary McLeod Bethune's personality, achievements, and world. Their insights were dearly won. Aside from scholars' frequent complaint of restrictive hours at relatively small repositories, for years the foundation had no duplicating machine. Researchers took copious notes. Armed with cassette recorders, a few put documents and their comments about them on tape. Considering the number of foundation documents, the task was daunting. Also very challenging was using unprocessed papers. None of the three foundation directors were archivists nor were they empowered to employ one. Therefore

scholars found no summary of the collection and virtually no finding aids. While the NYA File and the National Council of Negro Women File possessed rhyme and reason, many other subgroups did not. Little chronological order prevailed and often similar documents were scattered.¹⁶ Playing havoc with chronology were different sets of correspondence reflecting the output of different secretaries who worked independently but within the same time frame.

By the next millennium, all of the old impediments to the meaningful use of the foundation collection will be history because it is being microfilmed. The microfilm edition will present the documents in an orderly arrangement and with indexes. *Part I* is now available. Including Bethune's writings, diaries, scrapbooks, biographical materials, and files of the NYA and women's organizations, particularly the National Council of Negro Women, it is sweeping in scope. It covers Bethune's major preoccupations as an educator, leader of women, federal administrator, and civil rights activist. As such, it documents the era of black life and race relations from the death of Booker T. Washington to the emergence of Martin Luther King Jr. The material it contains is crucial to the study of this period.

Part I of the microfilm edition of the foundation collection offers a source for researching multiple subjects within the 1918–1955 time span. Given the collection's creator, obviously it provides indispensable insights into race relations in Daytona Beach, the internal operations of Bethune-Cookman College, and the life of Mary McLeod Bethune. But the collection invites scholarship on a broader scale. Relative to race relations and civil rights, sample topics are the southern interracial movement, smearing Black leaders as communists, public accommodations as a civil rights issue, and the assault on segregation in Washington, D.C. In politics and internationalism, such topics are Black leadership in presidential elections, breaking racial taboos in the National Youth Administration, Black support for the United Nations, and African American–Liberian relationships. Illustrative topics on segregated Black life include building national organizations behind the color line and the religious orientation of African Americans. Regarding education, the foundation collection encourages research on subjects including school desegregation, Black colleges as works in progress, and the impact of federal programs on Black colleges. With major segments of the papers relating to women, this collection provides opportunities for scholarship embracing topics such as cooperation between Black and White women's organizations, Black women's issues, Black women leaders, the changing status of Black women in public life, and Black women as internationalists.

The microfilm edition of the foundation collection, with all its possibilities, gives invigorated meaning to the foundation's mandate to preserve the papers of its originator. Coupling this development with the public's regular access to the foundation as a historic site, it appears that, with the exception

of BCC scholarships, Mary McLeod Bethune's aspirations for the institution are being realized. In this era of liberality, unlike the twilight of "separate but equal" that saw the foundation organized, Bethune's larger goals of bringing blacks and whites together and inspiring individuals to contribute to society have greater prospects for fruition. Who knows? Perhaps Eleanor Roosevelt's prediction will be fulfilled. The foundation "will help the Brotherhood of man in the World." If Bethune could be around for that, with an incipient smile and twinkling eyes, she would probably acknowledge, "I knew it all the time."

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Notes

1. "Mary McLeod Bethune, An Appreciation," *National Notes*, May 1923, pp. 6–7. The Retreat was first called the Model Home. See Sheila Y. Flemming, *The Answered Prayer to a Dream: Bethune-Cookman College, 1904–1994* (Virginia Beach: Donning Co., 1995), p. 31.

2. "Bethune Foundation Formed; Called Symbol of Democracy," *Daytona Beach News-Journal*, 18 March 1953, p. 1; "Bethune's Home Reveals Much about BCC Founder," *Daytona Beach News-Journal*, 22 February 1992, p. 1D. The dedication dinner for the foundation was held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the BCC Board of Trustees.

3. Bethune, "My Foundation," in *Mary McLeod Bethune: Her Own Words of Inspiration*, ed., Florence Hicks (Washington, D.C., 1975), pp. 39–41.

4. "Bethune Foundation Formed."

5. Bethune to Hazel T. Wilson, August 20, 1952; to Ruth A. Scott, August 30, 1952; and to Charlotte Hawkins Brown, April 14, 1953, Bethune Foundation. In writing to Brown, Bethune mentioned the foundation as helping BCC, promoting race relations, and facilitating an autobiography but not helping future researchers. On October 1, 1952, Bethune wrote in her diary, "I began my story today." All Bethune diaries for the 1950s are in the Bethune Foundation (BF).

6. The author published the assessment of the quantity of NYA Negro Division documents from the 1940s in the National Archives relative to those in the Bethune Foundation. See "Federal Archives as a Source for Determining the Role of Mary McLeod Bethune in the National Youth Administration," in *Afro-American History: Sources for Research*, ed., Robert L. Clarke (Washington, D.C.: Howard University Press, 1981), pp. 47–52.

7. Even after Bethune resigned the BCC presidency, she retained great influence over the Board of Trustees—an influence that had permitted her to ouster one president and move in that direction with the other on the alleged grounds that they did not understand the philosophy of BCC. But when the Board gave BCC President Richard V. Moore its commendations, this signaled a waning of Bethune's influence. See Motions from the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bethune-Cookman College, March 19–20, 1952, Richard V. Moore Papers, BCC Archives. Fleming, *An Answered Prayer*, pp. 77–79, documents the open Bethune-Colston conflict.

8. Bethune had thought of starting a foundation for at least seven years. See Minutes of the Adjourned Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bethune-Cookman College, March 7, 1945, p.26, James A. Colston Papers, BCC Archives. Bethune is quoted from "Bethune Foundation Formed."

9. "Bethune Foundation Formed"; Bethune to Charlotte Hawkins Brown, March 17, 1953, BF, source of quote. Bethune called her home "sacred" in "My Foundation" and in a draft typescript column, "Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation Is Born," Florence L. Roane Papers, a private collection used through the courtesy of Dr. Joseph Taylor.

10. Bethune, "Recounts Thrill of Tributes from Children of Whole County," *Chicago Defender*, 5 June 1954, p. 10 [Bethune's column].

11. Bethune, "A Letter from Switzerland," *Telefact*, July–August 1954, p. 1, BF, microfilm edition, Reel 19. Bethune's transformation occurred during July 13–28, 1954, at a World Assembly for Moral Rearmament. She touted the praises of Moral Rearmament, an interracial, international philosophical movement emphasizing absolute moral principles, from that time until she died. See, for example, "'Life with Me Begins at 80'—Mrs. Bethune Sums Up Well Rounded Life," *Chicago Defender*, 1 August 1954, p. 14; and her *Defender* column, "Frank Buchman, Front Line Leader for World Peace, Unity," 30 April 1955, p. 10.

12. Embree is quoted in the *Afro-American*, 25 December 1943, Bethune Vertical File, Clark-Atlanta University Woodruff Library. Griffin, Bunche, and Roosevelt were among fifty-three members of the foundation's Advisory Committee; Davidson was treasurer, Board of Trustees. See promotional pamphlet, "Brick upon Brick," n.d., BF.

13. Moore is quoted from Proceedings of Women's Leadership Conference, Bethune-Cookman College, April 4–6, 1952, unpaginated, BF, Reel 18, Folder 7. Moore expressed this sentiment in an interview with the author, July 31, 1987. Florence Roane alluded to Moore's rejection of missionary style fund-raising. She noted, "The methods used by Mrs. Bethune would not be adequate for his use." See "A Cultural History of Professional Teacher Preparation at Bethune-Cookman College," Ed.D. diss., Boston University School of Education, 1965.

14. Minutes, Board of Trustees of BCC, October 19, 1955, p. 4, and March 28, 1956, p. 7, Moore Papers; Resolution Passed by the Board of Trustees, Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation, October 29, 1957, and Notice to Board of Trustees of the Bethune Foundation, Inc., January 31, 1959, Roane Papers. As a foundation trustee, Joyner had seconded the motion of John Sengstacke calling for the foundation to become "an integral part" of the college. In eight years, Joyner's group had given BCC \$35,000. See Bethune, "Writer Pays Tribute to Negro Beauticians as Ambassadors," *Chicago Defender*, 15 May 1954, p. 11.

15. Telephone Interview with B. J. Moore, January 18, 1997.

16. As a graduate student in the early 1970s, the author conducted research at the Bethune Foundation.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Bethune Foundation Collection of Mary McLeod Bethune Papers is a deposit originally spread over 32 file drawers and a large storage cabinet. The University Publications of America microfilm project is organizing the records in four separate but interrelated parts. These are *Part 1, Writings, Diaries, Scrapbooks, Biographical Materials, and Files on the National Youth Administration and Women's Organizations, 1918–1955*; *Part 2, Correspondence Files, 1914–1955*; *Part 3, Subject Files*, and *Part 4, President's Records of Bethune-Cookman College and the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation*. The bulk of the materials in Parts 1 through 3 cover Bethune's career during the last twenty years of her life, 1935–1955. The oldest materials in the collection can be found in Part 4, in the section relating to Bethune-Cookman College administration, while several of the series in Part 1 shed light on Bethune's early career as well as on her childhood, family, and education. These, however, are biographical materials and autobiographical reminiscences rather than primary documents from the early years of Bethune's life (except for the manuscript biography by Frances Keyser, which was written in the late 1920s).

Part 1 comprises biographical material, writings and speeches, diaries, scrapbooks, and files that were left largely intact on the National Youth Administration (NYA), the National Association of Colored Women, and the National Council of Negro Women. Researchers will want to consult the companion parts of the microfilm for related materials. Mary McLeod Bethune wore many hats, especially in the last twenty years of her career. As is apparent from the correspondence files in *Part 2*, it was not unusual for her to write letters on the same day as the director of Negro Affairs of the NYA, the chair of the Federal Council on Negro Affairs, the president of Bethune-Cookman College, and the president of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW). Moreover Bethune often saw these roles as seamlessly interconnected. Thus, a single letter to a leader of the National Council of Negro Women might begin with information about the NYA and include suggestions for the NCNW or National Association of Colored Women to become involved and conclude with information about or a fund-raising solicitation for Bethune-Cookman College. Therefore, researchers should understand that the files on the NYA and women's organizations included on *Part 1* do not exhaust Bethune's communications on those topics. The

Correspondence series will include more, and there may also be subject files in *Part 3* that are relevant to matters involving programs of the NYA or NCNW.

Part 4, President's Records of Bethune-Cookman College and the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation exhibits the same seamless interconnection among Bethune's roles.

Following are descriptions of each series in *Part 1*.

Biographies, Oral Histories, and Interviews

This series extends from the beginning of Reel 1 through frame 0084 of Reel 2 and includes numerous autobiographical statements and brief biographical sketches. There are also drafts of Rackham Holt's published biography and an unpublished manuscript of a biography by Frances Keyser, a colleague and close friend of Bethune's at Daytona Educational and Industrial Institute. At frame 0001 of Reel 2 is an undated oral history taken of Mary McLeod Bethune. These items detail Bethune's childhood, her family, her early education and her early career as a teacher, her mission work in Florida, and the founding of the Daytona Educational and Industrial Institute. They discuss the role of philanthropists such as James Gamble and John H. White in the development of the institute. Some of the items discuss Bethune's emergence as a national political leader in the 1930s and 1940s.

Speeches and Writings

The documents in this series generally take the form of short essays. They run from frame 0085 of Reel 2 to frame 0010 of Reel 3. Many of these essays have autobiographical elements. They touch on a wide range of topics such as African identity, higher education of African Americans, presidential politics, the civil rights movement, Christian spirituality, and advice for African American women. Several essays appraise individuals whom Mary McLeod Bethune admired, including Gandhi, Pandit, Harriet Tubman, and Lillian Smith.

There are a number of significant political statements scattered over this series. One is an outline that Bethune presented to President Roosevelt in January of 1940 titled "Some of the Things Negroes Want" (at frame 0107 of Reel 2). This document seems to have emerged from the Federal Council on Negro Affairs (the "Black Cabinet") because it requests many types of appointments for African Americans in the federal service in Washington. It also asks for Civil Service reforms and restoration of appointments to African Americans that were traditional in Republican administrations. Another significant political document is a memo prepared for Bethune by Theodore Berry suggesting points in a speech Bethune was to make at the 1942 March on Washington. This can be found at frame 0122 of Reel 2. Still another is a copy of a "Statement to President Truman at White House Conference on

February 28, 1951.” This relates demands made by a group of African American political leaders to the president at the outbreak of the Korean War. The statement points to the role of American racism in the cold war, and it asks for abolition of segregation in the District of Columbia, the integration of the war effort, and increased federal appointments for African Americans among other things (Reel 2, frame 0429).

Additionally, there are political endorsements by Mary McLeod Bethune of the New Deal and of the presidential candidacy of Adlai Stevenson. There are statements deploring other national political leaders, namely Thomas E. Dewey, Richard M. Nixon, and President Dwight Eisenhower. Labor leader John L. Lewis was also an object of Bethune’s criticism, while there are laudatory statements on the nondiscrimination policy of the Congress of Industrial Organizations. There is also a statement of support for striking tobacco workers of the American Tobacco Workers Union. Bethune also wrote movingly of southern progressive politicians such as Claude Pepper and Frank Porter Graham. Her statement of the landmark Supreme Court ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education* can be found at frame 0509.

An important speech to African American women is “Negro Women Facing Tomorrow,” at frame 0112, which was made to the 1941 Convention of the National Association of Colored Women. Statements on the activities of the National Council of Negro Women are frequent throughout the series.

Bethune’s spiritual dimension is exhibited in several of the essays. “My Faith and My Job” can be found at frame 0494, and “What I Believe About Jesus Christ” is filmed at frame 0795 of Reel 2.

Note: As the processing of the Bethune collection has progressed, additional speeches and writings have been located, and these will be filmed with *Part 3, Subject Files*.

Columns

Twice in her life, Mary McLeod Bethune authored syndicated columns. In the 1930s, as head of the Negro Affairs Division of the NYA, Bethune wrote a column for the *Pittsburgh Courier* mostly extolling the work of the federal agency. Late in life, from 1948 up to her death in 1955, she authored a column for *The Chicago Defender*. These columns are filmed in alphabetical order. Hence *The Chicago Defender* columns appear first, beginning at frame 0011 of Reel 3. These columns touch on national political issues of the late 1940s and early 1950s, programs of the National Council of Negro Women, and special interest areas of Bethune such as Haiti and Liberia. Several columns are devoted to promoting her friend Lillian Smith, whose provocative novel, *Killers of the Dream*, was under heavy attack from conservative southerners. Bethune also assayed on the significance of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision in this column. The extensive correspondence file between Bethune and Constance E. H. Daniel filmed on Reel 16 (beginning at frame 0674)

reveals that Daniel ghost-wrote many of the columns in collaboration with Bethune.

Much less of the *Pittsburgh Courier* column survives in the Bethune Foundation Archives. This column highlighted NYA programs in African American communities in the 1930s. These weekly columns document Bethune's work with the NYA, including field trips and meetings with local African American community leaders.

Diaries, Address, and Appointment Books

Mary McLeod Bethune kept appointment diaries for much of her adult life. A continuous chronicle exists as far back as 1925, with only a few interruptions, notably for the late 1940s. At times she recorded longer, diary-like entries in these volumes. They begin at frame 0633 of Reel 3 with an Account Book that also contains diary entries for the period between 1914 and 1915. These volumes detail Bethune's travel and speaking engagements. Those for the 1920s often indicate her work on behalf of the National Association of Colored Women, for whom she served as president between 1924 and 1928. The diaries often show inspirational and religious quotations. One of the notable, longer diary-like passages occurs in the 1930 volume where Bethune recounts an interracial conference with President Herbert Hoover. Another occurs in the 1937 volume where Bethune describes being treated in a denigrating manner by railroad employees. Her 1950 diary reflects on her marriage to Albert Bethune. The Thanksgiving Day entry in the 1951 diary lists all of her descendants and some of her extended family. The 1952 diary details her trip to Liberia and subsequent physical breakdown. The later diaries are in the hand of various secretaries-amaneunes to whom Bethune dictated. Subjects for each of the volumes are noted in the reel indexes between frame 0633 of Reel 3 and frame 0857 of Reel 6. At the end of Reel 6 are a series of bank books dating between 1916 and 1927.

Scrapbooks

There are twenty-nine scrapbooks between 1936 and 1951. These begin on Reel 7, frame 0001 and run through frame 0596 of Reel 9. Those for the 1930s and early 1940s contain news clippings on the National Youth Administration, the National Council of Negro Women, and on Bethune's biography and career. The 1938 scrapbook details Bethune's tour of the western states on behalf of the NYA. Numerous political events and news of African American achievements are subjects of the scrapbooks. Bethune Cookman College is a frequent subject as well. A few of the scrapbooks are dedicated to special events, such as a 1945 testimonial dinner (Scrapbook #16), the United Nations founding conference in San Francisco (Scrapbooks #17 and #18), and Bethune's 70th birthday (Scrapbook #19).

News Clippings

Loose news clippings create a separate series beginning at frame 0597 of Reel 9. There are two series, one arranged by subject, the other by date. Subject files include *Brown v. Board of Education*, Ralph Bunche, Death of Mary McLeod Bethune, Degree from Rollins College, Herbert Hoover, National Defense, National Youth Administration, Retirement of Mary McLeod Bethune, Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt, Sex Education, Harry Truman, and the United Nations founding conference. Dated files extend from 1939 to 1959 and include an undated series at the end. Topics include the national defense effort in World War II, the National Council of Negro Women, and political events.

Radio Broadcasts

This small series includes two radio broadcasts with Mary McLeod Bethune. The first is autobiographical and the second discusses Bethune's spirituality. The series runs from frames 0125 to 0195 of Reel 10. Researchers should note that as processing of the Bethune Foundation archive has progressed, a few additional radio broadcasts have been turned up, and these will be included in *Part 3, Subject Files*.

National Youth Administration

There is a larger body of National Youth Administration material in the Bethune Foundation archive than exists in the National Archives record group for the administration. Some of the material duplicates the holdings of the National Archives, but a great deal of it is unique. This material begins at frame 0196 of Reel 10 and continues through Reel 15, frame 0014. Administrative Correspondence runs from 1936 through 1944. (An early file dating 1932–1933 was mistakenly filmed with the NYA series, but it is in fact general correspondence regarding Bethune's nomination for an NAACP Spingarn Medal.) This correspondence covers every aspect of the NYA from administration of the national office to implementing programs at the grassroots level. Consistent with Bethune's wide-ranging interests and responsibilities, it also touches upon the National Council of Negro Women, the Federal Council on Negro Affairs, Bethune-Cookman College, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, partisan politics, political events, and African American and feminine political networks. Bethune's health problems are also a recurrent subject.

Following the large correspondence file is a subseries of NYA reports, including Annual Reports of the Division of Negro Affairs from 1936 to 1941. Many of the reports for state NYA administrators complain about discriminatory practices in local NYAs. Beginning at frame 0501 of Reel 11 are two large files containing biographical information on African American state supervisors in the NYA program. There are files on NYA-sponsored

conferences, and a copy of the “Final Report of the Director of Negro Affairs” in which Bethune assesses the accomplishments of her career at the NYA (frame 0795 of Reel 11).

A major subseries in the NYA file documents the conferences that Bethune held on “Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth” in 1937 and 1939. The material includes transcripts and follow-up correspondence with prominent African Americans who attended the conferences (Reel 12, frame 0001 through Reel 13, frame 0272). A second large subseries is the compilation of Negro Press Digests, 1935–1941. These are a combination of news clippings and summaries of the clippings that the NYA apparently used to evaluate its image in the African American Press and may have used as press releases as well. For the period from 1939 through 1941, they are quite copious and record the press coverage of NYA programs and of the NYA leadership.

Researchers may wish to consult the records of the Division of Negro Affairs at the National Archives, which has been microfilmed by UPA under the title *New Deal Agencies and Black America*, edited by John Kirby.

National Association of Colored Women

Beginning at Frame 0015 of Reel 15 is a modest series of material pertaining to the National Association of Colored Women. The concentration is for the period between 1943 and 1953. This material is especially valuable for the discussions in the correspondence of the organization’s lapse in the 1940s and on Bethune’s confidence in its reinvigoration with the rise of Ella P. Stewart to the presidency in 1948.

Researchers should consult UPA’s publication *Records of the National Association of Colored Women’s Clubs, Part 1, 1895–1990* where the fullest archive of this organization’s record can be found, including substantial materials on Bethune’s tenure as president and her subsequent influence on the organization.

National Council of Negro Women

A large series of National Council of Negro Women material concludes this publication, running from frame 0472 of Reel 15 to the end of Reel 19. Much of this material exists in the Bethune Foundation Archive because Bethune retired to Florida in the late 1940s while she was still an active president of the NCNW, and she remained active in the NCNW as President Emeritus. Although there is correspondence and other materials as early as 1937, the bulk of the material in this series dates from the late 1940s and 1950s. Although the NCNW administration is of primary focus, many of the letters range across Bethune’s wide political, personal, and spiritual interests. Of special note is the emotional intimacy of much of the correspondence between Bethune and her assistants and subordinates in the NCNW. Much of the administrative side of the correspondence reveals the NCNW as a

financially struggling and precarious organization. Bethune's many attempts to find financial backers for the organization are well documented. In the file beginning at frame 0038 of Reel 17 is a list of personal loans that Bethune made to the NCNW out of her own accounts in 1949. Mary McLeod Bethune's failing health in her later years is also a recurrent topic. Her dedication to various political causes remained undiminished, however. These causes include the National Committee on the Columbia, Tennessee, Race Riot, the Southern Conference Education Fund, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, the campaign to remove Mississippi Senator Bilbor, and organizations in support of the United Nations. She served on the Board of Directors of many of these organizations. Her keen interest in the affairs of Haiti and Liberia is well documented. Of special interest are letters documenting the impact of the McCarthy era on some NCNW leaders, including the red-baiting of Bethune's successor as NCNW president, Vivian Carter Mason.

A major subseries of the NCNW materials covers an ambitious Conference on Women's Leadership that Bethune organized at Bethune-Cookman College in 1952. There is extensive correspondence with participants of the conference. The ambition of this conference—major topics were world peace and feminine leadership—attest to the vigor of Bethune's ambitions up to the very end of her life.

SOURCE NOTE

The materials on this microfilm edition were filmed from the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation Archive, Bethune-Cookman College campus, Daytona Beach, Florida. Permission to reproduce or quote extensively from these materials should be sought from the Bethune Foundation Director.

EDITORIAL NOTE

This microfilm edition of *Mary McLeod Bethune Papers* is the first of four projected editions of Bethune papers held by the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation. Subsequent editions will consist of General Correspondence, Subject Files, and presidential administration records of Bethune-Cookman College and of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation. With these four editions, the Mary McLeod Bethune Papers in the archive of the Bethune Foundation will be microfilmed in their entirety. Posthumous administration records for the foundation will not be part of the microfilm edition.

Also, researchers should note that UPA earlier filmed an edition of *Papers of Mary McLeod Bethune: The Bethune-Cookman College Collection*. This is a separate body of records from those at the Bethune Foundation. As far as it has been possible to determine there is little, if any, overlap. The Bethune-Cookman College Archives somehow retained possession of a portion of Mary McLeod Bethune's presidential administration records. Part 4 of this edition will complement and greatly enhance the Bethune-Cookman College edition.

Researchers may also want to take note that there are substantial portions of Mary McLeod Bethune papers in the following UPA microfilm publications. Indexes in the finding aids can assist in locating specific files:

New Deal Agencies and Black America, ed. John Kirby

The Papers of Eleanor Roosevelt, eds., Susan Ware and William H. Chafe
Williams

Records of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, 1895–1992.

Part 1: Minutes of National Conventions, Publications, and President's Office Correspondence, ed. Lillian S. Williams

Papers of the NAACP

Part 11: Special Subject Files, 1912–1939

Part 14: Race Relations in the International Arena, 1940–1955

Part 16: Board of Directors Correspondence and Committee Materials, 1919–1955. Series B: 1940–1955

Part 18: Special Subjects, 1940–1955. Series B: General Office Files: Abolition of Government Agencies—Jews

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used frequently throughout this guide and are spelled out here for the convenience of the researcher.

BCC	Bethune-Cookman College
CCC	Civilian Conservation Corps
FEPC	Fair Employment Practices Committee
NAACP	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
NACW	National Association of Colored Women
NCNW	National Council of Negro Women
NYA	National Youth Administration
UN	United Nations
WAAC	Women's Army Auxiliary Corps
WPA	Works Progress Administration
YWCA	Young Women's Christian Association

REEL INDEX

The following is a listing of files from the *Mary McLeod Bethune Papers: The Bethune Foundation Collection, Part 1*. Substantive issues are noted under the heading *Major Topics* as are prominent correspondents under the heading *Principal Correspondents*. Unless otherwise specified, all major topics pertaining to Mary McLeod Bethune are referred to as Bethune. The four-digit number on the far left is the frame number at which a particular file folder begins. This is followed, in most cases, by the file title, the date(s) of the file, and the total number of microfilm frames.

Reel 1

File Folder

Frame No.

Biographies, Oral Histories, and Interviews

- 0001 **Autobiographical Statement, “A Yearning and Longing Appeased.”** 13pp.
Major Topic: Mary McLeod childhood and family.
- 0014 **Autobiographical Statement (Partial).** 7pp.
Major Topics: Mary McLeod education; founding of Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute.
- 0021 **Biographical Sketches/Resume.** 68pp.
Major Topics: Bethune resumes; Bethune awards and affiliations; Bethune professional career.
- 0089 **Biographical Sketches/Life Histories.** 110pp.
Major Topics: Mary McLeod childhood; Mary McLeod education; Bethune professional career; Bethune awards and honorary degrees; Bethune bibliography of biographies; BCC development; woman suffrage in Florida; voter intimidation; BCC community relations in Daytona Beach; Pine Haven housing project; Eleanor Roosevelt visit to BCC.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Ralph V. Williams; W. A. Knox.
- 0199 **Biographical Sketch/ Term papers by Emma Q.V. McBride.** 24pp.
Major Topics: Mary McLeod childhood; Mary McLeod education; BCC development; Bethune interracial work in the South; Bethune Red Cross service in World War II; Bethune leadership positions in organizations.
- 0223 **Biographical Sketch/ A Day in the Life of Bethune.** 5pp.
Major Topics: Bethune visit to Detroit; NCNW; National Association of Beauty Culture School Owners financial support for BCC.
- 0228 **Biographical Sketch, “Bethune—Symbol of High Morale and National Unity.”** 6pp.
Major Topics: Founding of Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute; Bethune leadership in NYA.
- 0234 **Biographical Sketch, “One Woman,” by Cynthia M. Ranslow.** 11pp.
Major Topics: Mary McLeod childhood; Mary McLeod education; founding of Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute; James N. Gamble and Thomas H. White as Bethune benefactors; Bethune women’s advisory network; Bethune early mission work in Florida turpentine and convict labor camps; founding of McLeod Hospital; General Education Board depression-era grant to BCC; BCC summer school for African American teachers; Bethune anecdotes.

- 0245 **Biographical Sketches/ Miscellaneous Notes.** 59pp.
Major Topics: Bethune activities in World War II effort; Bethune appointment as Special Assistant to Secretary of War in selection of officer candidates for WAAC; NCNW cooperation with Office of Price Administration, Civilian Defense Councils, WAAC, United Service Organization, War Bonds sales, U.S. Employment Service, War Manpower Commission, and Children's Bureau; Bethune on board of directors of Women's Voluntary Services; Bethune service to Red Cross; Bethune correspondence with enlisted servicemen; Bethune as Commanding General of Women's Army of National Defense; Bethune relationship with Franklin D. Roosevelt; Bethune on dealing with southern racism; NACW; founding of NCNW; Aubrey Williams; Bethune in NYA; McLeod hospital; Bethune friendship with Mary McDowell; Bethune at UN founding conference; Dies Committee; Bethune administration of Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute; Mary McLeod education; Bethune founding of Daytona Educational and Industrial School for Negro Girls; Mary McLeod childhood and plantation life in South Carolina.
- 0304 **Biography of Bethune, by Rackham Holt.** 182pp.
Major Topics: Mary McLeod childhood and education; Mary McLeod early teaching career; Lucy Laney; founding and administration of Daytona Educational and Industrial School for Negro Girls; financial assistance of James M. Gamble; song fund-raising performances in Daytona hotels; building construction on Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute; financial assistance of Thomas H. White; Frances Keyser friendship with Bethune; Bethune introduction to NACW; NACW financial support for Daytona Educational and Industrial School for Negro Girls; industrial education and Daytona Educational and Industrial School for Negro Girls; interracial community activities at Daytona Educational and Industrial School for Negro Girls; Ku Klux Klan in Daytona Beach; turpentine industry in Florida; purchase of "The Retreat"; Tomoka Mission project; acquisition and development of farmland at Daytona Educational and Industrial School for Negro Girls; establishment of Daytona Educational and Industrial School for Negro Girls annual fund-raising bazaar; Daytona Educational and Industrial School for Negro Girls northern benefactors and bequests; founding of McLeod Hospital in Daytona Beach; New York City benefactors of Daytona Educational and Industrial School for Negro Girls; Bethune relationship with Rockefeller family; Bethune work with Red Cross; interracial work of Colored Women's Clubs; Bethune relationship with Roosevelt family; Bethune leadership of NACW; Bethune leadership of National Council of Negro Women; Marshall Field financial support for NCNW; Bethune participation in White House Conference on Child Welfare; Bethune youth work under Hoover administration; Bethune in NYA; African Americans in the NYA; NYA secondary and graduate education programs for southern African Americans; Bethune organization of Federal Council on Negro Affairs.
- 0486 **Biography. "Life of Bethune," by Frances Reynolds Keyser.** 200pp.
Major Topics: Mary McLeod childhood; Mary McLeod education at Scotia Seminary and Moody Bible Institute; Mary McLeod teaching career at Haines Institute and schools in Sumter, South Carolina; Bethune marriage; Bethune teaching in Palatka, Florida; Bethune establishment of Daytona Educational and Industrial School for Negro Girls in Daytona Beach; Bethune friendship with James M. Gamble; founding of McLeod Hospital; Daytona Educational and Industrial School for Negro Girls community work; Bethune mission work in Florida turpentine camps; Daytona Educational and Industrial School for Negro Girls and BCC community meetings; Florida Federation of Colored Women's Clubs establishment of home for delinquent girls at Ocala; Bethune service for Red Cross; capital improvements on BCC.

- 0686 **Biography. Personal Story of Her Life.** 228pp.
Major Topics: Mary McLeod childhood; living conditions and medical practices on South Carolina plantations; Mary McLeod parents; Mary McLeod parents' life as slaves; Mary McLeod siblings; Mary McLeod African identity; Mary McLeod parents' religiosity; Mary McLeod elementary education; Mary McLeod adolescence; Mary McLeod relationship with mother, Patsy McLeod.

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Biographies, Oral Histories, and Interviews cont.

- 0001 **Oral History.** 42pp.
Major Topics: Mary McLeod childhood and early education; Mary McLeod family; Mary McLeod psychology; Mary McLeod missionary aspirations; Scotia Institute; Bethune European tour; Bethune mission work in Palatka, Florida; Bethune settlement in Daytona Beach; Mary McLeod friendship with Lucy Laney; Mary McLeod courtship and marriage.
- 0043 **Biographical Play: "Faith Conquers All Things."** 30pp.
- 0073 **Interview, "The Woman of Tomorrow," by Nancy Craig.** 12pp.
Major Topics: BCC fund-raising; Mary McLeod family; Mary McLeod childhood labor in cotton fields; Mary McLeod education; Bethune meetings with Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge, and Herbert Hoover.

Speeches and Writings

- 0085 **Diary of European Trip, 1927 [not by Bethune].** 14pp.
Major Topics: Bethune audience with Pope; slums of European cities.
- 0099 **Speeches and Writings, 1936–1945.** 58pp.
Major Topics: Founding of BCC; Eleanor Roosevelt; second inauguration of Franklin D. Roosevelt; Bethune Memorandum to Franklin D. Roosevelt: "Some Things Negroes Desire"; NACW; federal programs open to African Americans; NYA; African American women in federal service; American Woman's Voluntary Services; 1942 March on Washington; Bethune support of internationalism vs. isolationism; African American identity and unity; Henry A. Wallace; world brotherhood; racial integration in post-World War II planning.
- 0157 **Speeches and Writings, 1946–1947.** 77pp.
Major Topics: Dillard University; UN Conference; National Council of Negro Women; international cooperation; Southeastern Federation of Colored Women's Clubs; Liberia; BCC fund-raising; Henry A. Wallace resignation as secretary of commerce; female leadership in African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; founding of Daytona Educational and Industrial Institute; benefactors; 1946 congressional elections; integration in post-World War II reconversion; integration of South Center Department Store, Chicago; "Recent Achievements of Negro Women"; female African American educators, businesswomen, politicians, scientists, artists, soldiers, and professionals; "Opportunities for Women in Business"; beauty culture; African American female realtors.
- 0234 **Speeches and Writings, 1948–1949.** 30pp.
Major Topics: Mahatma Gandhi; integration of armed forces; Bethune resignation as president of NCNW; African American progress in America and role in world affairs.

- 0264 **Speeches and Writings, 1950.** 164pp.
Major Topics: African American progress in America and role in world affairs; Haitian orphans; conditions in American tobacco industry; Bethune support of Tobacco Workers Union strike; Mahatma Gandhi; American Association of University Women; Horace Mann; Lillian Smith; race and gender progress throughout the post–World War II world; African American progress in Michigan; state FEPC and fair housing legislation in Michigan; NACW; role of racial justice in combatting totalitarianism; Point-Four program; American Teachers’ Association; social literacy; decline of race-specific education; public housing in Chicago; Association for the Study of Negro Life and History; Carter Woodson.
- 0428 **Speeches and Writings, 1951–1953.** 55pp.
Major Topics: Civil rights as an aid to Korean War morale; Bethune meeting President Truman; desegregation of armed forces; Vijay Lakshmi Pandit; NCNW Women’s Leadership Conference; black Elks Club; National Council of Church Women; Bethune defense of Sen. John Sparkman; Bethune chastisement of Thomas E. Dewey, Dwight Eisenhower, and Richard Nixon; southern Democrat progressive; Bethune endorsement of Adlai Stevenson; “The Role of the College in Breaking Down Racial Barriers.”
- 0483 **Speeches and Writings, 1954–1955.** 101pp.
Major Topics: BCC fiftieth anniversary; founding of Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute; Bethune Foundation; *Brown v. Board of Education* decision; Hamilton Holt and racial progress in Florida; Joseph Samuel Clark; Southern University; higher education for African Americans in the South; spiritual rearmament; “My Philosophy of Christianity.”
- 0584 **Speeches and Writings, Attempt at Fiction, 1944.** 32pp.
- 0616 **Speeches and Writings, undated (1).** 140pp.
Major Topics: Bethune support for Franklin D. Roosevelt among southern African Americans; African Americans in labor unions in Memphis, Tennessee; NYA; world brotherhood; Bethune criticism of John L. Lewis; African Americans in labor unions; Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America; Congress of Industrial Organizations protection of equal rights; BCC fund-raising; voting rights in the South; racial unity in the World War II effort; post–World War II reconversion; Bethune Christian faith; African American political leadership; Bethune reminiscences; African American political potential; Bethune friendship with John D. Rockefeller, Franklin D. Roosevelt, James Gamble, Thomas White, Ralph Bunche, Philip Murray; Bethune descendants; Bethune African identity; founding of Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute; African American women’s leadership; Harriet Tubman; African American women’s social action; Bethune southern identity; progressive politicians in the South; Southern Conference for Human Welfare.
- 0756 **Speeches and Writings, undated (2).** 124pp.
Major Topics: BCC financial insecurity; African American teachers and labor unions; NYA; General Education Board; Anna T. Jeannes Fund; philanthropies devoted to the South; Julius Rosenwald Fund; Peabody Fund; John F. Slater Fund; UN; Herbert H. Lehman; William Herbert Gray Jr.; “What I Believe About Jesus Christ”; Bethune Christian faith; African Americans in world affairs; BCC faculty and benefactors; UN founding conference; Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit; NCNW interest in women of Japan; women in business; Bethune activity in Adlai Stevenson presidential campaign.
- 0880 **Speeches and Writings, by Dr. L. K. Jackson, 1952.** 11pp.
Major Topics: African American allegiance to Democratic Party; federal civil rights legislation.
- 0891 **Speeches and Writings, Miscellaneous, authors unknown, undated.** 70pp.
Major Topics: Protest Franklin D. Roosevelt omission of African Americans from War Labor Board; integration in military and defense industry; American Soviet Friendship; African American women’s organizations; Detroit, Michigan; Iota Phi Lambda sorority; African American business; Sidney Hillman foundation; BCC fund-raising; A. Philip Randolph; federal civil rights legislation.

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Speeches and Writings cont.

0001 **Speeches and Writings, "Last Will and Testament."** 10pp.

Columns

0011 **Chicago Defender, List.** 7pp.

0018 **Chicago Defender, 1948–1949.** 61pp.

Major Topics: Lillian Smith; UN; NCNW list of local activities and projects; United Council of Church Women; integration of armed forces; school desegregation in the South; regional education plans in South; Communist activity in civil rights movement; black press; feminine internationalism; Hallie Q. Brown.

0079 **Chicago Defender, 1950.** 54pp.

Major Topics: Point-Four program; NCNW; William H. Hastie as governor of Virgin Islands; Liberia; U.S. foreign policy toward undeveloped nations; Lionel Hampton and civil rights; Association for the Study of Negro Life and History; civil rights movement in the South; Lillian Smith, "Killers of the Dream"; Booker T. Washington; impact of race on American international stature; Korean War; defeats of progressive southern politicians Claude Pepper and Frank Porter Graham.

0133 **Chicago Defender, 1951–1952.** 37pp.

Major Topics: integration of armed forces; loyalty vs. conformity; education and career guidance; segregation in Washington, D.C.; Africa; Conant Plan for community colleges; J. Finley Wilson; Black Elks Club; John Dewey; federal aid to education.

0170 **Chicago Defender, 1953.** 98pp.

Major Topics: Bethune retirement; international affairs; Africa; BCC; Bethune Foundation opening; Bethune-Volusia Beach, Inc.; segregation in education; Bethune reminiscence; NACW; NCNW; African Americans in federal service; Florence Hunt; *Brown v. Board of Education* case; role of churches in ending segregation.

0268 **Chicago Defender, 1954.** 135pp.

Major Topics: *Brown v. Board of Education* case; career planning for African American college graduates; Eleanor Roosevelt on foreign relations; Charles Browning; NYA; South Korea; Africa; BCC fiftieth anniversary; desegregation in education; Moral Re-Armament movement; South African antiapartheid movement; Marjorie Stewart Joyner; National Association of Beauty School Owners and Teachers; African American education statistics; African American press; United Negro College Fund; implementation of *Brown v. Board of Education*.

0403 **Chicago Defender, 1955.** 84pp.

Major Topics: Bethune religiosity; NCNW; implementation of *Brown v. Board of Education*; Moral Re-Armament movement; Walter F. White; African American voting rights; Frank Buchman; BCC; G. Bromley Oxnam; Robert Abbott.

0487 **Chicago Defender, undated.** 16pp.

Major Topics: African American press; Church opposition to segregation; NCNW; Bethune Foundation; Channing Tobias; Anson Phelps Stokes.

0503 **Pittsburgh Courier, lists.** 6pp.

0509 **Pittsburgh Courier, 1937.** 60pp.

Major Topics: NCNW; NYA Conference on Problems of Negro and Negro Youth; second inauguration of Franklin D. Roosevelt; NYA programs; New Deal programs; African American press; depression conditions affecting African Americans; Bethune field trips for NYA.

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- 0569 **Pittsburgh Courier, 1938.** 7pp.
Major Topics: NYA programs; New Deal programs; African American press; depression conditions affecting African Americans; Bethune field trips for NYA; Africa.
- 0576 **Pittsburgh Courier, 1949–1951.** 6pp.
Major Topics: Sex education; Bethune spirituality.
- 0582 **General, undated.** 51pp.
Major Topics: Canadian Emancipation Centennial; United Negro College fund; leadership qualities; Black Elks; Bethune travels in 1954; Bethune spirituality; Africa.

Diaries, Address and Appointment Books

- 0633 **[Account Book and Notebook], June 1914–May 1915.** 62pp.
Major Topics: Contributions to Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute; income from school, hospital, industries, and farm at Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute; quotes and inspirational thoughts; fund-raising strategy; General Education Board; plans for administration of Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute.
- 0695 **[Diary Notes and Appointment Book], 1919.** 45pp.
Major Topics: Bethune travel; Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute donors.
- 0740 **[Address Book], 1923.** 34pp.
- 0774 **[Diary/Appointment Book], 1925.** 118pp.
Major Topics: Bethune travel and appointments; NACW.

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Diaries, Address and Appointment Books cont.

- 0001 **[Diary/Appointment Book], 1926.** 65pp.
Major Topics: Bethune travel and appointments; NACW; Teachers Association meetings.
- 0066 **[Diary/Appointment Book], 1927.** 78pp.
Major Topics: Bethune travel and appointments; NACW.
- 0144 **[Diary/Appointment Book], 1928.** 54pp.
Major Topics: Florida hurricane refugees; interracial cooperation in refugee relief; Bethune travel and appointments; NACW.
- 0198 **[Diary/Appointment Book], 1929.** 110pp.
Major Topics: Bethune travel and appointments.
- 0308 **[Diary/Appointment Book], 1930.** 99pp.
Major Topics: Religious reflections; Bethune appointments and travel; problems of youth; racial segregation; interracial conference with President Herbert Hoover; urbanization and African American families; juvenile delinquency; adult education; mental health.
- 0407 **[Diary/Appointment Book], 1931.** 109pp.
Major Topics: Bethune appointments and travel; prohibition among African Americans; religion.
- 0516 **[Diary/Appointment Book], 1933.** 86pp.
Major Topic: Bethune appointments and travel.
- 0602 **[Diary/Appointment Book], 1934.** 131pp.
Major Topics: Educational needs of African Americans in Florida; Bethune appointments and travel.
- 0733 **[Diary/Appointment Book], 1935.** 31pp.
Major Topics: Bethune appointments and travel; Cleveland, Ohio.
- 0764 **[Account Book], 1935–1936.** 119pp.
Major Topic: Financial contributions to BCC.

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Diaries, Address and Appointment Books cont.

- 0001 **[Diary/Appointment Book], 1937.** 47pp.
Major Topics: Bethune appointment and travel; Austin, Texas, NYA programs; NACW; discrimination against Bethune; African American club women in Washington, D.C.; NYA administration.
- 0048 **[Account Book], 1937–1938.** 142pp.
Major Topics: Financial contributions to BCC; other income to BCC.
- 0190 **[Account Book], January 1940–June 1941.** 223pp.
Major Topics: Financial contributions to BCC; other income to BCC.
- 0413 **[Account Book], July 1941–December 1941.** 18pp.
Major Topics: Financial contributions to BCC; other income to BCC.
- 0431 **[Account Book], 1942–44.** 172pp.
Major Topics: Financial contributions to BCC; other income to BCC.
- 0603 **[Diary/Appointment Book], 1949.** 211pp.
Major Topics: Religion; prayers; Bethune appointments and travel; Bethune-Volusia Beach; BCC administration; honorary doctorate for Bethune from Rollins College; Florida; California; Helen Gahagan Douglas visit to BCC; federal housing legislation; NCNW; federal FEPC legislation; Bethune trip to Haiti; South Carolina; Mississippi.
- 0814 **[Diary/Appointment Book], 1950.** 170pp.
Major Topics: Bethune appointments and travel; Mississippi; Louisiana; Detroit, Michigan; NCNW; South Carolina; New York City; Florida; NACW convention; Washington, D.C.; Conference on Aging; Bethune marriage; Rackham Holt biography; Bethune family; *Chicago Defender* columns; collaboration with Constance E. H. Daniel; California; Atlanta, Georgia; United Council of Church Women; Cleveland, Ohio.
- 0984 **Shorthand notes on United Nations, undated.** 13pp.

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Diaries, Address and Appointment Books cont.

- 0001 **[Diary/Appointment Book], 1951.** 206pp.
Major Topics: Congressional conservatives; Bethune meeting with congressmen; NCNW; Eleanor Roosevelt; Bethune appointments and travel; Bethune family; Central Life Insurance Company; G. D. Rogers death; Florida; Atlanta, Georgia; BCC Trustees meeting; Booker T. Washington; Pandit visit to BCC; California; Bethune commencement speeches at BCC, Dillard University, and Hampton University; Liberia.
- 0207 **Daily Diary, [1951–] 1952.** 68pp.
Major Topics: Bethune appointments and travel; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Philadelphia Cotillion award to Bethune; Bethune Liberian visit; Bethune failing health and hospitalization.
- 0275 **[Diary/Appointment Book], 1952.** 181pp.
Major Topics: Bethune trip to Liberia; Bethune meeting with Eleanor Roosevelt; Bethune failing health and hospitalization; Bethune family; Bethune-Volusia Beach, Inc.; NCNW Leadership Conference; Bethune appointments and travel; Louisiana; bequests to BCC; New York City; Adlai Stevenson presidential campaign; Bethune interview with President Truman.
- 0456 **[Diary/Appointment Book], 1952.** 28pp.
Major Topic: Financial contributions to BCC.

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- 0484 **Daily diary, 1953.** 129pp.
Major Topics: Bethune travels and appointments; Bahamas; Bethune Foundation; Bethune family.
- 0613 **Daily diary, 1954.** 127pp.
Major Topics: Bethune travels and appointments; NCNW; New York City; Bethune family; Louisiana; Canada; Switzerland; BCC fiftieth anniversary; New York; Eleanor Roosevelt.
- 0740 **[Diary], 1954.** 49pp.
Major Topics: Moral Rearmament conference in Switzerland; Bethune travel and appointments; Canada.
- 0789 **Travel-Log, 1954.** 31pp.
Major Topics: Bethune travel and appointments; Bermuda; Moral Rearmament conference in Switzerland.
- 0820 **Daily diary, January–May 5, 1955.** 37pp.
Major Topics: Bethune travel and appointments; NCNW twentieth anniversary; financial accounts.
- 0857 **Diary, undated.** 27pp.
Major Topics: Bethune travel and appointments; financial contributions.
- 0884 **BCC Student Handbook, undated.** 18pp.
- 0902 **Bank Account Book, 1916–1927.** 6pp.
- 0908 **Bank Account Book, 1923–1926.** 5pp.
- 0913 **Bank Account Book, 1925–1929.** 7pp.
- 0920 **Bank Account Book, 1926.** 4pp.
- 0924 **Bank Account Book, 1926–1927.** 2pp.
Major Topic: National Notes accounts.

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Scrapbooks

- 0001 **Scrapbook #1, 1936–1937.** 189pp.
Major Topics: NYA in Chicago, Illinois, Washington, D.C., New York City, Ohio, Illinois, Daytona Beach, Tampa, and St. Augustine, Florida, Baltimore, Maryland, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, West Virginia, Texas, Tennessee, South Carolina, Kentucky, Cleveland, Ohio, Macon, Albany, and Atlanta, Georgia, St. Louis, Missouri, Michigan, Oklahoma, Greensboro, North Carolina, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Rochester, New York, Lincoln University, Missouri, Florida; Bethune as possible assistant secretary of labor; NYA student aid program; honorary degree for Bethune from Tuskegee; Bethune travel; vocational guidance; Bethune biography; Franklin D. Roosevelt support for NYA; Association for the Study of Negro Life and History; public housing in Harlem; racial discrimination in depression relief programs; Colored Women's Club movement; Bethune appointment to NYA; Edward Rodriguez marriage.
- 0190 **Scrapbook #2, 1936–1940.** 84pp.
Major Topics: Chatauqua; Bethune appointment to NYA; Bethune biography; education and African Americans; Bethune visit to White House; Eleanor Roosevelt; Bethune visits to Mississippi, Buffalo, New York, Delaware, Norfolk, Virginia, Hampton Institute, Tampa, Florida, Boston, Massachusetts, Columbia, South Carolina, Allen University; BCC fund-raising and administration; Bethune column on Joe Louis; antilynching bill; National Council on Negro Affairs; NCNW; death of Flossie B. Roberts; Bethune family; Marian Anderson; Methodist Uniting Conference; Bethune defense of Caucasian supervisor of Florida Negro Schools; Bethune testimonial; Bethune support of New Negro Alliance strike at Peoples' Drug Store in Washington, D.C.; African American beauticians convention; Bethune refusal to segregate BCC audience for Eleanor Roosevelt.

- 0274 **Scrapbook #3, 1938.** 108pp.
Major Topics: NYA activities in western states, Chicago, Illinois, Cincinnati, Ohio; Bethune visit to western states; Southeastern Federation of Colored Women; NYA student tuition project; WPA and African Americans; Bethune address at Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Ladies Auxiliaries Convention; Eleanor Roosevelt support for NYA; R. O'Hara Lanier appointment as Bethune assistant at NYA; D.C. African American Federation of Civic Associations; African American educational attainment; Alfred E. Smith; NCNW and Eleanor Roosevelt; African Americans in federal work force.
- 0382 **Scrapbook #4, 1938–1939.** 164pp.
Major Topics: Bethune visit to Tampa for NYA; NYA activities in Texas, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, North Carolina, Ohio, Florida, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska; BCC singers; NYA National Conference on Problems of Negro Youth; Southeastern Federation of Colored Women's Clubs; NYA morals campaign; Eleanor Roosevelt support for NYA; Bethune travels; NACW headquarters building; discrimination in depression relief programs; Bethune commencement addresses.
- 0546 **Scrapbook #5, Clippings, Photographs, and Narrative Description of Mrs. Bethune's Tour of the West, April 5–May 18, 1938.** 123pp.
Major Topic: NYA activities in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, St. Paul, Minnesota, Des Moines, Iowa, Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska, Denver, Colorado, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego, California, Phoenix, Arizona, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Wichita, Kansas, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Muskogee, Oklahoma, Kansas City, Missouri, Topeka, Kansas.
- 0669 **Scrapbook #6, 1938.** 115pp.
Major Topics: BCC finances, general, fire; NYA activities in Missouri, Illinois, Louisiana, Georgia, Ohio, Texas; NCNW; Southern Conference for Human Welfare; Eleanor Roosevelt; Bethune praise of New Deal.
- 0784 **Scrapbook #7, 1939.** 75pp.
Major Topics: Education and African Americans; *Gaines v. University of Missouri* graduate admission case; NYA activities; African Americans in public schools; African American educational prodigies; Cheltenham, Maryland, reform school conditions.
- 0859 **Scrapbook #8, 1939.** 97pp.
Major Topics: African American aviators; Bethune relationship with Democratic Party; WPA budget cuts; American Youth Congress; Eleanor Roosevelt; Marian Anderson; BCC endowment; Bethune protest Florida judge's release of vigilante killers; NACW; employment discrimination in Texas; Paul Robeson; NYA activities in New York, Georgia, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Kentucky; compliance with decision in *Gaines v. University of Missouri* graduate admissions case; NYA scholarship program.

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- 0001 **Scrapbook #9, 1937–1940.** 56pp.
Major Topics: Birthday greetings to Bethune; state Negro NYA administrators.
Principal Correspondents: Edgar Love; John Hope; Forrester B. Washington; Alfred E. Smith; Louis H. Mehlinger; Julia West Hamilton; Frank Horne; F.B. Ransome; Alain Locke.

- 0057 **Scrapbook #10, 1937–1940 and undated.** 152pp.
Major Topics: Southern Conference for Human Welfare; Eleanor Roosevelt; Bethune visits to Detroit, Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, Harlem, New York; Ladies Auxiliary to Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Thirty-fifth anniversary of BCC; Bethune protest *noll prosque* of Florida vigilante murderers; NYA national administration of Division of Negro Affairs; Bethune travels for NYA; NCNW White House Conference with Eleanor Roosevelt; employment of African American women in federal service; Bethune health and hospitalization; Bethune relationship with Democratic Party; African Americans in New Deal; NYA Conference on Problems of Negro Youth; NYA programs in Ohio, Alabama, Georgia, Chicago, Illinois; BCC faculty conference; Bethune resignation as president of BCC; NYA Graduate Scholarship program; NCNW administration; Eleanor Roosevelt visit to BCC; antilynching bill.
- 0209 **Scrapbook #11, 1937–1941 and undated.** 163pp.
Major Topics: BCC history and administration; Eleanor Roosevelt support for anti-lynching legislation; NCNW White House Conference with Eleanor Roosevelt on federal employment of African American women; Bethune speaking engagements at colleges; NYA programs in Texas, Kansas, Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina; Bethune visits to Chicago, Illinois, Kansas City, Missouri, Pensacola, Florida, Raleigh, North Carolina, Boston, Massachusetts, Denver, Colorado, Cincinnati, Ohio, Tulsa, Oklahoma, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Des Moines, Iowa; Southern Conference for Human Welfare; Federal Council on Negro Affairs; Crystal Bird Fausett; ASNLH; Bethune condemnation of racial segregation in Birmingham, Alabama; Marian Anderson; BCC fund-raising; BCC enrollments; Bethune support for defense program; NACW criticism of NCNW; Bethune “Challenge to Youth.”
- 0372 **Scrapbook #2, Photo Book.** 39pp.
Major Topics: National Youth Administration; Eleanor Roosevelt; Bethune clubs; BCC campus.
- 0411 **Scrapbook #13, 1940.** 26pp.
Major Topics: 1940 presidential campaign.
- 0437 **Scrapbook #14, 1942.** 26pp.
Major Topics: NCNW Workshop on Organizational structure of NCNW; participation of African American women in the war effort.
- 0463 **Scrapbook, #15, 1939, 1941–1943.** 160pp.
Major Topics: Benefit concert for BCC; NYA Conference on Problems of Negro Youth; NYA activities in Florida and Illinois; financial donations to BCC; NYA Negro Supervisor for Georgia.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Mabel Staupers; Frank Crosswaith; Mary van Kleeck; Oswald Garrison Villard; Roland Hayes; Channing Tobias; Iona Morris; Alfred Baker Lewis; Hubert T. Delany; John Hayes Holmes.
- 0623 **Scrapbook, #16, 1945.** 218pp.
Major Topic: Testimonial letters to Bethune.
Principal Correspondents: Harold L. Ickes; Oscar L. Chapman; Adam Clayton Powell; Ambrose Caliver; Virginia Foster Durr; Arabella Denniston; Jeanetta Welch Brown; Mary Church Terrell; Dorothy Bellanca; Mabel K. Staupers; Sadie Alexander; Fanny Ponder; James Colston; Benjamin E. Mays; F. D. Patterson; Horace Mann Bond; Judson L. Cross; Z. Alexander Looby; Claude Barnett; Roger Baldwin; Clark Foreman; Arthur Spingarn; James Dombroski; Channing Tobias; C. C. Spaulding; Bill “Bojangles” Robinson; William Pickens; Willard S. Townsend; Alain Locke; Charlotte Hawkings Brown; Helen Gahagan Douglas; Charles Wesley; Christine S. Smith; Ada Belle DeMent; Horace R. Cayton; Roy Wilkins; Dorothy Ferebee.

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- 0001 **Scrapbook #17, 1945.** 96pp.
Major Topics: UN conference in San Francisco, California; African American network in San Francisco, California, area.
- 0097 **Scrapbook #18, 1945.** 86pp.
Major Topic: UN conference in San Francisco, California.
- 0183 **Scrapbook #19, 1945. 56pp**
Major Topic: Bethune seventieth birthday.
- 0239 **Scrapbook, #20, 1945–1946.** 105pp.
Major Topics: NCNW conference, national program; voting rights; Helen Gahagan Douglas; Women's International Democratic Federation; Eleanor Roosevelt; Theodore Bilbo; FEPC bill; Southern Conference for Human Welfare; Henry Wallace; Charlotte H. Brown; Pandit; Harlem, New York; African American performing artists; Bethune biography; DAR discrimination.
- 0344 **Scrapbook #21, 1946.** 80pp.
Major Topics: Bethune vacation to California; Bethune 71st birthday greetings; Alpha Kappa Alpha in California; NCNW in California; Vada Sommerville.
- 0424 **Scrapbook #22, 1946.** 39pp.
Major Topics: Antilynching crusade; Columbia, Tennessee, race riot; NCNW; President Truman speech on civil rights; picketing of Tuskegee Choir performance at Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall; Truman Committee on Civil Rights; Adam Clayton Powell; Pauli Murray; Phi Delta Kappa sorority; Harlem, New York, YWCA; accomplishments of African American females; Southern Conference for Human Welfare; Nannie Burroughs; Sara Spencer Washington.
- 0463 **Photo Album #23, 1947.** 15pp.
- 0478 **Bethune-Volusia Beach Scrapbook, #24.** 2pp.
- 0480 **Scrapbook #25, 1950–1951.** 27pp.
Major Topics: Red-baiting federal officials; Bethune biography; public housing projects; Helen Gahagan Douglas; bequests to BCC; Bethune travels and speaking engagements.
- 0507 **Scrapbook #26, 1948–1952.** 23pp.
Major Topics: Bethune 75th birthday; Jesse Dees; NCNW.
- 0530 **Scrapbook #27, 1950–1951.** 37pp.
Major Topics: Christmas and New Years greetings; Helen Gahagan Douglas congressional campaign.
Principal Correspondent: Helen Gahagan Douglas.
- 0567 **Scrapbook #28 [Photo Album], 1950.** 14pp.
Major Topics: Bethune network with Jewish community of Daytona Beach; Bethune visit to Detroit, Michigan; Bethune 75th birthday.
- 0581 **Scrapbook #29.** 16pp.
Major Topics: Wilberforce Resident Center; industrial education.

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- 0597 **Brown v. Board of Education decision, 1954.** 10pp.
0607 **Ralph Bunche, 1949.** 3pp.
0610 **Death of Bethune, 1955.** 71pp.
0681 **Honorary Degree from Rollins College, 1949.** 6pp.
0687 **Hoover, Herbert, 1940.** 3pp.
0690 **National Defense, undated.** 5pp.
0695 **National Youth Administration, 1938–1940.** 16pp.
0711 **Retirement of Bethune, 1949.** 6pp.
0717 **Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1940–1949.** 22pp.
0739 **Roosevelt, Franklin, 1936–1950.** 9pp.
0748 **Sex Education, 1949.** 3pp.
0751 **This is Your Life, 1949.** 6pp.
0757 **Truman, Harry S., 1948–1950.** 16pp.
0773 **UN Conference, undated.** 4pp.

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- 0777 **1939.** 9pp.
Major Topic: National defense.
0786 **1940.** 17pp.
Major Topics: National defense; discrimination in war industries; American Youth Congress.
0803 **1941.** 13pp.
Major Topics: National Youth Administration; Vivian Carter Mason speech in Harlem, New York; NCNW.
0816 **1942–1945.** 9pp.
Major Topics: Bethune visit to California; Bethune relationship with Franklin D. Roosevelt.
0825 **1946–1947.** 10pp.
Major Topics: Henry Wallace resignation from Truman cabinet; NACW; Christine S. Smith; Southern Conference for Human Welfare.
0835 **1948.** 8pp.
Major Topic: Bethune speeches.
0843 **1949.** 36pp.
Major Topics: Regional school plans in the South; NCNW; Bethune anticommunism; Bethune prominence in Washington, D.C.
0879 **1950.** 19pp.
Major Topics: Civil rights movement; African American life insurance business.
0898 **1951.** 5pp.

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News Clippings by Date cont.

- 0001 **1952–1953.** 21pp.
Major Topics: Red-baiting of Bethune; Englewood, New Jersey, incident; Bethune endorsement of Stevenson presidential candidacy; Sen. John Sparkman civil rights record; public housing.

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- 0022 **1953–1954.** 19pp.
Major Topics: Bethune Foundation; Bethune speaking engagements; Eleanor Roosevelt.
- 0041 **1955–1959.** 10pp.
Major Topics: Desegregation in the South; Bethune Foundation .
- 0051 **1960–1985.** 6pp.
Major Topics: Bethune memorial in Washington, D.C.; NCNW archives.
- 0057 **Undated (1).** 15pp.
Major Topics: Bethune relationship with Franklin D. Roosevelt; Bethune *Chicago Defender* column; Bethune speaking engagements; desegregation of public housing; United Beauty School Owners and Teachers Association; NYA.
- 0072 **Undated (2).** 17pp.
Major Topics: Voter registration in Florida; Eisenhower policy on civil rights; BCC fund-raising; Englewood, New Jersey, red-baiting incident.
- 0089 **Undated (3).** 15pp.
Major Topics: Bethune relationship with Franklin D. Roosevelt; Bethune trip to Liberia; President Truman declaration of National Freedom Day; BCC fund-raising; Bethune failing health; Bethune speaking engagements; Adam Clayton Powell Jr.; desegregation.
- 0104 **Undated (4).** 17pp.
Major Topics: Miami, Florida, African American community; NCNW interest in foreign relations; Bethune defense of court-martialed African American Wacs; Bethune relationship with Franklin D. Roosevelt; Bethune speaking engagement.
- 0121 **Fragments.** 4pp.

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- 0125 **Radio Broadcasts and Interviews.** 21pp.
Major Topics: Bethune relationship with Franklin D. Roosevelt; NCNW; African American community in Daytona Beach, Florida; NYA; Conference on Problems of Negro Youth.
- 0146 **“This I Believe.”** 50pp.
Major Topic: Bethune religious conviction.

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- 0196 **Administrative Correspondence, 1932–1933.** 5pp.
Major Topic: Promotion of Bethune for Spingarn Award.
- 0201 **Administrative Correspondence, 1936–1937.** 21pp.
Major Topics: NYA activities in Florida; NYA fellows at BCC; acquittal of Florida lynchers; NYA activities in Alabama; discrimination in NYA scholarships to African Americans.
Principal Correspondents: Edward Rodriguez; S. D. McGill; H. Council Trenholm; Bethune.
- 0222 **Administrative Correspondence, 1938.** 66pp.
Major Topics: NYA administration in Oklahoma; National Urban League vocational opportunity campaign; NYA activities in Mississippi; Federal Council on Negro Affairs; D.C. Alley Dwelling Authority employment of African Americans; Bethune relationship with Eleanor Roosevelt; discrimination in federal employment; NYA administration in Iowa, Kansas, Georgia, and Rhode Island; National Conference on Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth; salaries of state Negro NYA staff.
Principal Correspondents: R. O’Hara Lanier; Campbell C. Johnson; Kelly Miller; Bethune; Charlotte Hawkins Brown; M. O. Bousfield.

- 0288 **Administrative Correspondence, 1939.** 126pp.
Major Topics: Discrimination in the Farm Security Administration Transylvania, Louisiana, project; Conference on Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth; education for African Americans; recreation programs; Federal Council on Negro Affairs; discrimination in federal employment; NYA education programs; Negro NYA administration in Texas; aviation education programs for African Americans; Republican Party efforts to disaffect African Americans with Democratic Party; list and salaries of state Negro NYA administrators.
Principal Correspondents: Jennie B. Moton; Bethune; C. C. Spaulding; Alfred E. Smith; Aubrey Williams; T. Arnold Hill.
- 0414 **Administrative Correspondence, 1940.** 111pp.
Major Topics: Conference on Unemployed Girls and Women; African American support for Franklin D. Roosevelt; Negro NYA programs in Connecticut, Florida, California, and West Virginia, southern states; federal appointments for African Americans; African American representatives on NYA state advisory committees; budget of Negro Affairs Division of NYA; conference of state Negro NYA representatives.
Principal Correspondents: Carl Murphy; Bethune; T. Arnold Hill.
- 0525 **Administrative Correspondence, 1941.** 132pp.
Major Topics: Job specifications for state Negro NYA administrators; Negro NYA programs in Louisiana, Florida, and California; Executive Order 8802 against discrimination in defense industry; Bethune recommendation to Eleanor Roosevelt for African American women for government service; Division of Negro Service, Birth Control Federation of America; Bethune conference with Paul V. McNutt regarding nondiscrimination in Federal Security agency; NYA budget cuts.
Principal Correspondents: T. Arnold Hill; Bethune; R. W. Bullock; Aubrey Williams.
- 0657 **Administrative Correspondence, 1942.** 143pp.
Major Topics: NYA budget cuts; NYA relationship with traditional African American colleges of the South; NYA Advisory Conference on Employment Problems of Negro Youth protest of NYA abolition; Bethune recommendations on wartime discrimination against African Americans; NCNW; National Freedom Day bill; Federal Council on Negro Affairs screens federal film productions regarding African Americans; lynching; discrimination in defense program; Negro NYA programs in Georgia; officer training opportunities for African American Wacs; anti-FEPC backlash in Alabama; Bethune relationship with Eleanor Roosevelt; discrimination against African American Wacs at Ft. Des Moines; African American studies at Columbia University Teachers College; steamship *Booker T. Washington*.
Principal Correspondents: Rufus E. Clement; Bethune; Walter F. White; Lester B. Granger; Mordecai W. Johnson; C. C. Spaulding; Lou Swarz; Oveta Culp Hobby; Charles P. Howard; Eleanor Roosevelt.
- 0800 **Administrative Correspondence, January–March 1943.** 73pp.
Major Topics: Bethune asthma attacks; BCC funding proposals; BCC administration; employment discrimination in defense industries; Bethune promotion of Edith Sampson for Defense Mobilization Advisor; red-baiting of William Pickens; Southern Conference for Human Welfare; Bethune relationship with Eleanor Roosevelt; red-baiting of Bethune by Dies Committee; Negro NYA activities in Virginia; Bethune consultant to WAAC; funding strategies for traditionally African American colleges.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; James A. Colston; William Jay Schieffelin; Edith Sampson; Rep. George H. Bender; Ora Brown Stokes; Oveta Culp Hobby; Ruth Wilson.

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- 0001 **Administrative Correspondence, April–June 1943.** 127pp.
Major Topics: BCC fund-raising; Bethune asthma attacks; *Pittsburgh Courier* statement on African American participation in the war effort; fund-raising for Atlanta School of Social Work; Society of Afro-Cuban Studies; Bethune correspondence with African Americans in military service; Bethune visits to traditionally African American colleges; Bethune role in NYA in Volusia County, Florida; Southern Conference for Human Welfare; NCNW; criticism of traditional African American colleges support for regional education in the South; Jesse Daniel Ames condemnation of A. Philip Randolph; BCC petition for General Education Board grant; Bethune disillusion with the South, endorsement of African American migration from the South; Bethune support for NAACP anticolonial initiative.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; W. C. Handy; Marjorie Stewart Joyner; F. B. Ransom; Forrester B. Washington; Rufus E. Clement; James Dombrowski; E. M. Martin; Rev. Daniel Lyman Ridout; Walter F. White.
- 0128 **Administrative Correspondence, July–November 1943.** 132pp.
Major Topics: NYA abolition; political attacks on Eleanor Roosevelt; fund-raising for Atlanta School of Social Work; Bethune on African American partisan allegiance; federal anti–poll tax and antilynching bills; NAACP political agenda; discrimination in Red Cross blood banks; assessments of impact of NYA on African Americans by African American college presidents and NYA regional administrators; Bethune assessment of NYA impact.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Walter White; Forrester B. Washington; Charles W. Taussig; Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- 0260 **Administrative Correspondence, 1944.** 10pp.
- 0270 **Administrative Correspondence, undated.** 51pp.
Major Topics: Bethune request of Franklin D. Roosevelt for increased role of African Americans in federal government and in the military; Bethune negotiations with James Farley on increased role for African Americans in Democratic Party; “Favorite Quotations” of Bethune; administrative responsibilities in Bethune NYA office; lists of major corporations refusing to employ African Americans; NYA programs for colleges; list of African Americans employed by state NYAs; structure of NYA Division of Negro Affairs; African Americans and inaccessibility of secondary education.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Aubrey Williams.
- 0321 **Administrative Materials, undated.** 21pp.
Major Topics: Assessments of state Negro NYA administrators; NYA Division of Negro Affairs programs; discrimination in Tennessee Valley Authority, federal employment, depression relief, and U.S. military; Bethune biographical information.
Principal Correspondent: John W. Davis.
- 0342 **Administrative Reports, 1936–1943.** 55pp.
Major Topics: African Americans on state NYA advisory committees; statistics on NYA student aid to African Americans; discrimination on depression relief programs; state NYA programs for African Americans; national NYA programs for African Americans; Negro NYA in California; impact of World War II on NYA Division of Negro Affairs.

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- 0397 **Annual Report of the Division of Negro Affairs, July 1, 1936–June 30, 1937.** 23pp.
- 0420 **Annual Report of the Division of Negro Affairs, July 1, 1937–June 30, 1938.** 15pp.
- 0435 **Annual Report of the Division of Negro Affairs, July 1, 1938–June 30, 1939.** 22pp.
- 0457 **Annual Report of the Division of Negro Affairs, 1940–1941.** 44pp.
- 0501 **Biographical Information on State Supervisors of Negro Affairs, 1939.** 111pp.
- 0612 **Biographies and Pictures of State Supervisors of Negro Affairs, 1939.** 55pp.
- 0667 **Conference of Negro State Administrative Assistants, 1937.** 38pp.
Major Topics: NYA programs; student aid; WPA; guidance and placement; apprentice training; camps for unemployed women; NYA Division of Negro Affairs administration of national and state offices.
- 0705 **Conference of State Negro Supervisors (Region III), 1941.** 3pp.
- 0708 **Conference on Negroes in National Defense, January 7, 1942.** 3pp.
Major Topics: demand end to discrimination in the war effort; placement of African Americans in federal appointments; plea to retain NYA, CCC, WPA, and Farm Security Administration.
- 0711 **Conferences, General, undated.** 13pp.
Major Topics: Conference on Problems of Out-of-School Negro Youth; White House Conference.
- 0724 **Dedication of Scholssfield Community Center, Birmingham, Alabama, 1939.** 26pp.
- 0750 **Field Reports, 1942.** 45pp.
Major Topics: NYA activities in Florida, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Iowa, and Pennsylvania; Out-of-School work projects; conditions of African American migrant workers in Florida everglades.
- 0795 **Final Report of Director of Negro Affairs, December 31, 1943.** 43pp.
- 0838 **Lists of Local Negro Leaders in Response to Bethune Request of July 1940.** 49pp.
Major Topic: Lists of African American leaders in Minnesota, Virginia, Indiana, and Georgia.

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- 0001 **National Conference on Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, 1937.** 154pp.
Major Topics: Conference minutes; rural resettlement; Resettlement Administration; income levels; discrimination in employment and public housing; discrimination in federal employment and depression relief agencies; national labor relations law; CCC; educational opportunities for African Americans; recreation; lynching; denials of equal protection of law in criminal proceedings; NYA programs; Conference recommendations; list of participants; speeches by Bethune, T. Arnold Hill, Joseph H. B. Evans, Robert C. Weaver, Robert Fechner, John W. Studebaker, Doxey A. Wilkerson, James Atkins, Edgar Brown, and Jesse O. Thomas.

- 0155 **National Conference on Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, Documents and Reports, 1939.** 201pp.
Major Topics: List of conference participants; employment security; national labor legislation; education and recreation; NYA; farm tenancy; health; Federal Housing Administration; African Americans in federal employment; CCC; antilynching legislation; anti-poll tax legislation; voting rights; equal justice under law; income maintenance; wage and hours legislation; United States Employment Service; African Americans in depression relief programs; public housing; tuberculosis among African Americans in the South; education; recreation; Farm Security Administration; African American tenant farmers; discrimination in armed services; discrimination in public employment, speeches by Aubrey Williams, Charles C. Diggs, Robert Hannegan, Bethune, Elmer Andrews, M. O. Bousfield, John W. Davis, Joseph H. B. Evans, Charles Spurgeon Johnson, Walter F. White, and Charles H. Houston.
- 0356 **National Conference on Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, 1939; Appreciations.** 87pp.
Major Topic: Letters of appreciation by African American college presidents, journalists, political leaders, and educators.
Principal Correspondents: Benjamin F. Hubert; Thomas E. Jones; Carter Wesley; Daisy Lampkin; H. Council Trenholm; J. F. Drake; Lester B. Granger; Charles H. Wesley; R. B. Atwood; Mabel K. Staupers; John W. Davis; M. O. Bousfield; John Hope; James M. Nabrit.
- 0443 **Second National Conference on Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, 1939; Proceedings, January 12, 1939.** 164pp.
Major Topics: WPA; Children's Bureau; employment and economic security; education and recreation; discrimination in federal agricultural programs; health and housing; civil liberties and equal protection of law; CCC; education opportunities for African American youths; U.S. Public Health Service; speeches by Bethune, Aubrey Williams, Florence S. Kerr, Katherine F. Lenroot, Lester B. Granger, M. O. Bousfield, Jesse O. Thomas, Walter F. White, Robert Fechner, Warren F. Draper, and Leila T. Alexander.
- 0607 **Second National Conference on Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, 1939; Proceedings, January 14, 1939.** 106pp.
Major Topics: NACW agricultural extension work in the South; discrimination in public employment; discrimination in the armed services; education and recreation; farm tenancy and rural problems; health and housing; social and economic security; discrimination in depression relief programs; lynching; civil liberties and equal protection of law; National Labor Relations Act and employment discrimination; speeches by Bethune; Jessie B. Moton; Charles S. Johnson; Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- 0713 **Second National Conference on Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, 1939; Transcript, January 12, 1939.** 161pp.
Major Topics: WPA; Children's Bureau; employment and economic security; education and recreation; discrimination in federal agricultural programs; health and housing; civil liberties and equal protection of law; CCC; education opportunities for African American youths; U.S. Public Health Service; speeches by Bethune, Aubrey Williams, Florence S. Kerr, Katherine F. Lenroot, Lester B. Granger, M. O. Bousfield, Jesse O. Thomas, Walter F. White, Robert Fechner, Warren F. Draper, and Leila T. Alexander.

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- 0001 **National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, Transcript, January 13, 1939, Morning Session.** 81pp.
Major Topics: Education and recreation; federal vocational education legislation; agricultural extension grants; problems with local tax support for education; federal aid to education; National Recreation Association; employment opportunity in U.S. Postal Service; poll tax and voting rights denials; speeches by Floyd Reeves, Bethune, J. C. Wright, Charles Thompson, Doxey A. Wilkerson, Ernest Atwell, H. Council Trenholm, Ramsley Black, James M. Nabrit, Roscoe Dunjee, and Carter Wesley.
- 0082 **National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, Transcript, January 13, 1939, Afternoon Session.** 83pp.
Major Topics: African Americans' economic security; labor standards legislation; U.S. Employment Service; social security; farm tenancy; Civil Service; discrimination in federal service; speeches by Elmer Andrews, W. Frank Persons, Robert C. Weaver, John P. Davis, Will W. Alexander, Charles S. Johnson, Harry B. Mitchell, Charles H. Houston, and Lafayette Ford.
- 0165 **National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, Transcript, January 14, 1939.** 108pp.
Major Topics: Public employment; Civil Service; discrimination in the armed forces; education and recreation; persecution of German Jews; farm tenancy; health and housing; social and economic security; lynching; civil liberties; employment discrimination; National Labor Relations Act; youth; speeches by John W. Davis, Elder Michaux, Charles S. Johnson, M. C. Bousfield, Walter White, and Bethune.
- 0273 **National Office Organization and Personnel, undated.** 59pp.
- 0332 **Negro Organizations, Convention Dates, January 29, 1939.** 9pp.
- 0341 **Eleanor Roosevelt.** 24pp.
Major Topics: National Conference on Problems of Negro Youth; antilynching bill; economic security.
- 0365 **Negro Press Digest, 1935.** 31pp.
Major Topics: NYA appropriations; National Education Association attack on NYA; federal commission on education; NYA state administrators and programs; NYA programs in African American communities; CCC; NACW criticism of NCNW founding.
- 0396 **Negro Press Digest, 1936.** 27pp.
Major Topics: NYA state programs; Aubrey Williams; youth hostels; CCC; NYA student aid programs; National Conference of Social Work; Alfred Edgar Brown; segregation in WPA programs.
- 0423 **Negro Press Digest, 1937.** 40pp.
Major Topics: National Conference on Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth; Eleanor Roosevelt; federal housing policy; NCNW program.
- 0463 **Negro Press Digest, 1938.** 11pp.
Major Topics: National Conference on Problems of Negro and Negro Youth; NYA state programs.
- 0474 **Negro Press Digest, January–February 1939.** 63pp.
Major Topics: National Conference on Problems of Negro and Negro Youth; NYA state programs; Aubrey Williams; antilynching bill; Juanita Mitchell; Eleanor Roosevelt.
- 0537 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending October 14, 1939.** 17pp.
Major Topics: NYA state and local programs and administrators; unemployment; NYA student aid; Ku Klux Klan harassment of NYA youths in South.

- 0554 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending October 21, 1939.** 16pp.
Major Topics: Atlanta, Georgia, NYA conference; state and local NYA programs; black aviators.
- 0570 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending October 28, 1939.** 14pp.
Major Topics: Atlanta, Georgia, NYA conference; state and local NYA programs; Missouri Governor's Conference Employment Problems of the Negro; air pilot training program at West Virginia State College.
- 0584 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending November 4, 1939.** 18pp.
Major Topics: Atlanta, Georgia, NYA conference; state and local NYA programs; Bethune elected president of Association for the Study of Negro Life and History; NYA music and arts projects; air pilot training program at West Virginia State College; Bethune travel.
- 0602 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending November 11, 1939,** 21pp.
Major Topics: NCNW; women in industry; Bethune travel; state and local NYA programs and administrators; aviation programs at West Virginia State College and Hampton Institute
- 0623 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending November 18, 1939.** 14pp.
Major Topics: State and local NYA programs and administrators; Bethune travels and speaking engagements.
- 0637 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending November 23, 1939.** 15pp.
Major Topics: State and local NYA programs and administration; aviation program at West Virginia State College; Bethune tour of Ohio.
- 0652 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending December 30, 1939.** 17pp.
Major Topics: Aviation schools for African Americans in Chicago, Illinois; state and local NYA programs and administrators; aviation program at West Virginia State College.
- 0669 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending January 26, 1940.** 15pp.
Major Topics: State and local NYA programs; Eleanor Roosevelt visit to BCC; NYA in Puerto Rico; NYA employment placements; NYA beauticians conference; Bethune speaking engagements; NYA talent search program.
- 0684 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending February 2, 1940.** 14pp.
Major Topics: African American state NYA administrators in southern states; NYA beauticians conference; Leopold Stokowski work with NYA orchestra; state and local NYA programs and administrators; Bethune meeting with Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- 0698 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending February 9, 1940.** 21pp.
Major Topics: State and local NYA programs and administrators; NYA student aid program; Bethune essay "What Does American Democracy Mean to Me?"; NYA orchestra; Conference on Adult Education; Delta Phi Delta Negro Newspaper Week; Moss H. Kendrix; Eleanor Roosevelt speaks at BCC 35th Anniversary.
- 0719 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending February 16, 1940.** 12pp.
Major Topics: State and local NYA programs and administrators; NYA job placements.
- 0731 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending February 23, 1940.** 16pp.
Major Topics: NYA conference on female unemployment; state and local NYA programs and administrators; Bethune speech to African American pallbearers association; decreased appropriation for NYA; national survey of African American beauty culturists; Eleanor Roosevelt speech at BCC 35th Anniversary.
- 0747 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending March 1, 1940.** 14pp.
Major Topics: NYA relationship with armed services recruiters; discrimination in Michigan NYA program; state and local NYA programs and administrators; BCC 35th anniversary guests.
- 0761 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending March 13, 1940.** 21pp.
Major Topics: NYA Conference in Atlanta, Georgia; state and local NYA programs; NYA aeronautics training.

- 0782 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending March 23, 1940.** 29pp.
Major Topics: Speaking engagements of Bethune and R. O'Hara Lanier; state and local NYA programs and administrators; NYA aeronautics programs; segregation in New Jersey NYA.
- 0811 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending March 30, 1940.** 16pp.
Major Topics: Willa B. Brown, aviatrix, appointed director of flight training for NYA in Chicago, Illinois; U.S. Rep. Arthur Mitchell; state and local NYA programs and administrators; African American aviatrix Rose Agnes Rolls.
- 0827 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending April 6, 1940.** 20pp.
Major Topics: Speaking engagements of Bethune and R. O'Hara Lanier; Caucasian philanthropies; anti-poll tax bill; state and local NYA programs and administrators; NYA job placements; NYA student achievement under work-study program.
- 0847 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending April 14, 1940.** 22pp.
Major Topics: NYA and national defense program; NYA student achievement under work-study program; Bethune presence at Southern Conference for Human Welfare conference; National Negro Congress; state and local NYA programs and administrators.
- 0869 **Negro Press Digest, Weeks Ending April 20 and 27, 1940.** 30pp.
Major Topics: Speaking engagements of R. O'Hara Lanier; NYA job placement; Bethune health problems; state and federal NYA programs and administrators; Women's Home Mission of Baptist Church; Bethune elected vice president of Southern Conference for Human Welfare.
- 0899 **Negro Press Digest, Weeks Ending April 4 and May 11, 1940.** 42pp.
Major Topics: State and local NYA programs and administrators; Bethune health problems; housing segregation in Jersey City.

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- 0001 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending May 31, 1940.** 21pp.
Major Topics: State and local NYA programs and administrators; NYA job placements; Detroit, Michigan, 75 Years of Negro Progress Exposition.
- 0022 **Negro Press Digest, June 1940.** 21pp.
Major Topics: Detroit, Michigan, 75 Years of Negro Progress Exposition; Bethune health problems; NYA job placements; state and local NYA programs and administrators; NYA relationship with defense production industries.
- 0043 **Negro Press Digest, July 1940.** 12pp.
Major Topics: State and local NYA programs and administrators; Bethune address at New York World's Fair; Moss Kendrix speaking engagements for NYA.
- 0055 **Negro Press Digest, August-September 1940.** 22pp.
Major Topics: National Council of Negro Veterans; employment opportunities for African Americans on railroads; T. Arnold Hill appointment to NYA; R. O'Hara Lanier honored; NYA Atlanta conference for presidents of African American colleges; National Negro Business League; state and local NYA programs and administrators.
- 0077 **Negro Press Digest, January 1941.** 21pp.
Major Topics: NYA job placements; state and local NYA programs and administrators; NYA conference at Morehouse College on Negro Problems; Bethune essay, "The Negro Faces the Future"; Conference on Adult Education and the Negro; defense industry employment opportunities.
- 0098 **Negro Press Digest, February 1941.** 18pp.
Major Topics: State and local NYA programs and administrators; segregated African American air squadrons.

- 0116 **Negro Press Digest, March 2–16, 1941.** 18pp.
Major Topics: State and local NYA programs and administrators; segregation in NYA defense training courses; NYA network with National Urban League; Phi Delta Phi African American Journalist Association; Moss H. Kendrix address on National Negro Newspaper Week.
- 0134 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending April 12, 1941.** 18pp.
Major Topics: Integration of NYA white collar work programs; state and local NYA programs and administrators; NYA national defense work; discrimination in NYA job placements.
- 0152 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending April 21, 1941.** 16pp.
Major Topics: National Association of Deans and Advisors to Girls in Negro Schools; state and local NYA programs and administrators; discrimination in NYA job placements; segregation in NYA programs; Bethune conference with Eleanor Roosevelt; NYA defense training.
- 0168 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending April 26, 1941.** 14pp.
Major Topics: State and local NYA programs and administrators; NYA appropriations; NYA cooperation with defense industry.
- 0182 **Negro Press Digest, Week Ending May 4, 1941.** 10pp.
Major Topics: State and local NYA programs and administrators; NYA work in defense industry.
- 0192 **Negro Press Digest, May–August 1941.** 20pp.
Major Topics: Discrimination in NYA job placements; discrimination by U.S. Navy; discrimination in defense industry employment; Sidney Hillman nondiscrimination policy in Office of Production Management.
- 0212 **Negro Press Digest, undated.** 10pp.
Major Topics: Bethune midwestern tour; American Youth Congress attack on NYA; NYA job placements; racial violence in Houston, Texas; relief administration; Second Conference on Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth; Mrs. Eugene Meyer attack on NYA.
- 0222 **Personnel matters, 1936–1941.** 53pp.
Major Topics: Wages and working conditions at NYA; job descriptions.
- 0275 **Publications, “Report on NYA Activities,” July 1, 1941–December 31, 1941.** 17pp.
Major Topics: Out-of-School Work Program; Student Work Program; Health Program; NYA job placements.
- 0292 **Publications, “Youth on the Student Work Plan,” 1940.** 89pp.
Major Topic: Student Work Program.
- 0381 **Publications, “Directory of Youth Organizations,” 1940.** 306pp.
- 0687 **Speeches, Statements of Bethune and unidentified authors, 1938–1943 and undated.** 70pp.
Major Topics: Inclusion of African Americans in NYA programs; federal agencies offering programs and assistance to African Americans; work of the NYA Division of Negro Affairs; constitutional challenges to New Deal programs; problems of Negro Youth.
- 0757 **Speeches and Statements of Charles P. Browning, 1938–1942.** 25pp.
Major Topics: NYA, Division of Negro Affairs; NYA cooperation with defense employment; NYA program in Chicago, Illinois.
- 0782 **Speeches and Statements by Aubrey Williams, undated.** 30pp.
Major Topics: African Americans in war production industries; NYA job placements of African Americans; NYA and war industry.
- 0812 **Weaver, Robert, Publications, 1938–1942.** 42pp.
Major Topics: Racial minorities and public housing; Office of Advisor on Negro Affairs in U.S. Department of Interior; industrial employment of African Americans.

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- 0001 **White House Conference on Bethune-Cookman College, 1943.** 14pp.
Major Topic: Fund-raising for BCC
Principal Correspondents: Eleanor Roosevelt; Bethune.

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- 0015 **Administrative Board, 1942.** 9pp.
Major Topic: Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association.
Principal Correspondents: Sallie W. Stewart; Ada B. DeMent.
- 0024 **By-Laws and Constitution, undated.** 11pp.
- 0035 **Convention, 1950.** 37pp.
- 0072 **Convention, 1954.** 7pp.
- 0079 **Correspondence, 1927, 1943–1944.** 13pp.
Major Topics: National headquarters building; Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Ada B. DeMent; Sallie W. Stewart.
- 0092 **Correspondence, 1945.** 27pp.
Major Topics: National headquarters management; NCNW.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Ada B. DeMent; Christine C. Smith.
- 0119 **Correspondence, 1946.** 45pp.
Major Topics: NACW Golden Jubilee; national headquarters administration; NACW finances; radio play on history of NACW.
Principal Correspondents: Arsanias Williams; Lizzie B. Fouse; Bethune.
- 0164 **Correspondence, 1947.** 4pp.
Major Topics: Chicago Federation of Colored Women's Clubs scholarship program.
Principal Correspondent: Bethune.
- 0168 **Correspondence, 1948.** 48pp.
Major Topics: Christine C. Smith's illness; selection of Ella P. Stewart as NACW president; NCNW; dismissal of Ruby Kendrick; Southeastern Federation of Colored Women's Clubs; BCC alumni letter to Bethune; Biennial Convention resolutions on selection of NACW president.
Principal Correspondents: Ruby Kendrick; Bethune; Ella P. Stewart; Susie Bouldin; Jeanetta Welch Brown; Christine C. Smith.
- 0216 **Correspondence, 1949.** 25pp.
Major Topics: NCNW finances; disorganization among NACW leadership; NACW decline; Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association; national headquarters administration.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Sallie W. Stewart; Ella P. Stewart.
- 0241 **Correspondence, 1950.** 62pp.
Major Topics: Hallie Quinn Brown Scholarship Fund; Bethune health problems; national headquarters administration; Southeastern Federation of Colored Women's Clubs; reelection of Ella P. Stewart as NACW president; controversy between Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association and NACW.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Ella P. Stewart; M.B. Gaillard; Sallie W. Stewart.
- 0303 **Correspondence, 1951–1953.** 13pp.
Major Topics: List of NACW state leaders; acquisition of new NACW national headquarters building.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Mary F. Waring; Ella P. Stewart; Iola Rowan; Irene McCoy Gaines.

- 0316 **Headquarters Board, 1941–1946 and 1952–1953.** 23pp.
Major Topics: Administration of national headquarters; purchase of new national headquarters building.
- 0339 **NACW Bulletin, 1946.** 30pp.
Major Topics: Christine Smith travels and speaking engagements; support for civil rights legislation on FEPC and anti-poll tax bill; health information; NACW constitution revision; NACW interest in labor movement; exercise of the vote; Equal Rights Amendment; NACW Golden Jubilee program.
- 0369 **National Notes, 1950.** 49pp.
Major Topics: Bethune biography; Hallie Quinn Brown Scholarships; health information; UN; U.S. foreign policy; federal housing policy; Southeastern Federation of Colored Women's Clubs; Chicago Federation of Colored Women's Clubs; Northeastern Federation of Colored Women's Clubs; National Association of Colored Girls; national headquarters; Biennial Convention resolutions; state and local Colored Women's Clubs; White House Conference on Child Health.
- 0418 **News Clippings, 1941 Convention.** 8pp.
- 0426 **Publications, 1945–1950 and undated.** 32pp.
Major Topics: Traffic safety; death of Ada Belle DeMent; Nashville Tennessee, Federation of Colored Women's Clubs Program of Activities; James Weldon Johnson; African American youth problems.
- 0458 **Miscellaneous undated.** 14pp.
Major Topics: NACW finances; Southeastern Federation of Colored Women's Clubs; national headquarters administration; Washington, D.C. and Vicinity Colored Women's Clubs.

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- 0472 **Convention, 1937.** 4pp.
Major Topics: Bethune essay on 1937 NCNW Convention.
- 0476 **U.S. Children Bureau, 1943–1944.** 81pp. [Note: This file, filmed out of order, is not part of NCNW series.]
Major Topic: Conference of Services for Negro Children; labor migration during World War II; Children's Bureau Commission on Children in Wartime; A Children's Charter in Wartime.
- 0557 **Conventions, 1941–1950.** 48pp.
Major Topics: Findings of National Conventions of the NCNW, 1941–1950; list of Convention registrants, 1941; Call to 1950 Convention.
- 0605 **Correspondence, 1941–1944.** 56pp.
Major Topics: NCNW cooperation with War Department; integration of U.S. Navy Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service; American Women's Voluntary Services; Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; Bethune health problems; Bethune government retirement fund; NCNW interracial conference with national women's organizations; NCNW program; American Council on Race Relations network with NCNW; Bethune keynote speech at Southern Negro Youth Congress.
Principal Correspondents: Emily Newell Blair; Jeanetta Brown Welch; Bethune; Charles S. Johnson; Esther V. Cooper.
- 0661 **Miscellaneous, 1941–1945.** 80pp.
Major Topics: Testimonial banquets for Bethune, New York, 1941, and Chicago, Illinois, 1943; Hot Springs, Arkansas, Food and Agriculture Conference; NCNW headquarters dedication, 1944; All-Southern Negro Youth Conference; NCNW Interracial Conference, 1945; Florida Conference in honor of Bethune, 1945; Bethune address to Red Cross worker trainees; Bethune 70th birthday celebration; Bethune testimony in support of Wagner-Ellender-Taft federal housing bill.

- 0741 **Telegrams, 1944.** 12pp.
Major Topics: Bethune speech at National Council of American Soviet Friendship; miscellaneous speaking requests for Bethune; Bethune protest to Franklin D. Roosevelt over dismissal of War Shipping Board personnel for enforcement of Executive Order 9346 regarding non-discrimination in defense industry; support for Rep. Adam Clayton Powell Jr.
Principal Correspondents: Muriel Draper; Bethune.
- 0753 **Correspondence, 1945.** 22pp.
Major Topics: Negro History Week; Hold Your Job Committee; Julius Rosenwald Fund; NCNW interracial and intercultural work; NCNW finances and fund-raising; NAACP lack of support for Aubrey Williams; Bethune appreciation of U.S. Attorney General Francis Biddle; Bethune role in diplomatic appointment for R. O'Hara Lanier.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Charles Spurgeon Johnson; Jeanetta Welch Brown; Francis Biddle; Stephen S. Wise; Rep. Frances P. Bolton; Channing H. Tobias.
- 0775 **Bethune Testimonial by Southern Negro Youth Congress, Transcript, 1945.** 74pp.
Major Topics: Appreciation of Bethune; biographical sketch of Bethune; Bethune friendship with Langston Hughes.
Principal Speakers: Newbold Morris; Channing Tobias; Paul Robeson; Rev. David Licorise; Stanley Isaacs; Langston Hughes; Amie Ashwood Garvey; Muriel Draper; Mabel Staupers; Max Yergan; Bethune; Louis Burnham.

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- 0001 **Correspondence, Frances Taylor Case, 1945–1946.** 48pp.
Major Topic: Employment of a mental patient at NCNW headquarters.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Alfred M. Stanley, M.D.; Frances Proctor Taylor.
- 0049 **Archives Project, 1946.** 12pp.
Major Topic: NCNW archives.
- 0061 **Board of Directors, 1946.** 13pp.
Major Topics: NCNW member organizations; NCNW national office administration; NCNW program; NCNW board of directors minutes.
- 0074 **Correspondence, 1946.** 74pp.
Major Topics: American Council on Race Relations; Bethune seeking foundation assistance for NCNW; Americans United for World Government; applications for presidency of BCC; NCNW national office administration; Bethune support for jailed conscientious objectors; campaign to remove Sen. Bilbo; Bethune affiliation with Washington Committee to Win the Peace.
Principal Correspondence: Bethune; Channing Tobias; S. E. Warren; Mame Mason Higgins; Robert Hannegan.
- 0148 **Telegrams, 1946.** 16pp.
Major Topics: FEPC bill filibuster; Tobacco Workers strike; Steel Workers strike; National Committee on Columbia, Tennessee, Race Riot; Emergency Food Collection for UN Rural Rehabilitation Administration; federal antilabor bills; federal legislation on maternal and child welfare; Women's Division for National Citizens Political Action Committee.
Principal Correspondents: A. Philip Randolph; Virginia Foster Durr; Walter White; Henry Wallace; Sen. Claude Pepper; Paul Robeson; Crystal Bird Fauset.

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- 0164 **Archives Project, 1947.** 8pp.
- 0172 **Convention, 1947.** 15pp.
- 0187 **Correspondence, 1947.** 37pp.
Major Topics: Complaint of United Office and Professional Workers about unfair treatment in NCNW headquarters; NCNW financial difficulty and fund-raising; federal housing legislation; cessation of Phelps-Stokes Fund grants to NCNW.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Gertrude Robinson; Charlotte L. Ford.
- 0224 **Convention, 1948.** 22pp.
- 0246 **Correspondence, 1948.** 31pp.
Major Topics: Rackham Holt meeting with Bethune; NCNW program; testimonial for Julia West Hamilton; Bethune friendship with Eleanor Roosevelt; Bethune support of Harry S. Truman.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Hortense R. Tate; Carter G. Woodson.
- 0277 **Financial Reports, 1948.** 3pp.
- 0280 **Convention, 1949.** 19pp.
- 0299 **Correspondence, 1949.** 134pp.
Major Topics: NCNW headquarters administration; Dawson bill for civil service status for former NYA employees; attacks on Bethune in African American press; NCNW program; United Peoples of Africa; NCNW financial situation; Bethune fund-raising for Haitian orphans; Liberia.
Principal Correspondents: Arabella Denniston; Bethune; Jeanetta Welch Brown; Edith Sampson; Vivian Carter Mason; Attorney General Tom Clark; Lucienne H. Estime.
- 0433 **Correspondence with Constance Daniel, 1949.** 9pp.
Major Topics: Aid to Haitian orphans; Eleanor Roosevelt; Bethune support for womens suffrage in Haiti; NCNW financial problems; African American women's conference on international affairs.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Constance Daniel.
- 0442 **Field Report, 1949.** 11pp.
Major Topics: NCNW organizing in the southeast.
- 0453 **Financial Reports, 1949.** 15pp.
Major Topics: NCNW finances.
- 0468 **Miscellaneous, 1949.** 49pp.
Major Topics: Annual conference program; Friends of Bethune-Cookman College; testimonial dinner to Bethune.
- 0517 **Press Releases, 1949.** 7pp.
Major Topics: NCNW protest U.S. Senate filibuster of federal civil rights bill; Bethune visit to Haiti.
- 0524 **Correspondence, 1950,** 150pp.
Major Topics: NCNW protest article in *Negro Digest*; Bethune helath problems; Haiti; Bethune family; NCNW organizing and membership drive; Bethune efforts to get presidential audience for James Dombrowski and Aubrey Williams; aid to Haitian orphans; NCNW national office administration; NCNW financial problems; Walter White and NAACP national leadership; Haitian coup against President Estime; NCNW presence in Cuba; William Pickens position as Interracial Director of U.S. Department of Treasury.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Daisy Lampkin; Dorothy B. Ferebee; Jeanetta Welch Brown; Vivian Carter Mason; Ora Brown Stokes Perry; Edith Sampson; Beulah Winston; S. Henry Grillo; William Pickens; Dorothy Height.

- 0674 **Correspondence with Constance Daniel, January–March 1950.** 121pp.
Major Topics: Constance Daniel ghostwriting articles for Bethune; Point-Four Program; segregated homemakers association; Bethune health problems; aid to Haitian orphans; Bethune travel; Constance Daniel role in Congress of Industrial Organizations organization of steel industry; United Transport Service Employees union competition with Communist Party in organization of Winston-Salem tobacco workers; Bethune interest in Winston-Salem tobacco workers organization; Bethune aid to Lillian Smith regarding Killers of the Dream; Bethune autobiography plans; Bethune description of Gay Asthmatic Clinic in Biloxi, Mississippi; federal career of Constance Daniel; African American Press Club.
Principal Correspondents: Constance Daniel; Bethune.
- 0795 **Correspondence with Constance Daniel, April–December 1950.** 115pp.
Major Topics: Constance Daniel ghostwriting articles for Bethune; African American Press Club; Point-Four Program; Bethune involvement in NCNW as President Emeritus; Bethune speaking engagements; Bethune interest in internationalism; desegregation in the South; Bethune endorsement of Helen Gahagan Douglas Senate candidacy; Bethune relationship with Carter G. Woodson; integration of colleges; Bethune at reunion of Barber Scotia College; Bethune 75th birthday celebration; Korean War; Bethune concern for African American lack of standing in major political parties.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Constance Daniel.

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- 0001 **Executive Committee, 1950.** 35pp.
Major Topics: NCNW organization and structure; NCNW program on labor, social welfare, international relations, and youth; NCNW budget; Executive Committee minutes; history of NCNW.
- 0036 **Financial Reports, 1950.** 2pp.
- 0038 **Miscellaneous, 1950.** 58pp.
Major Topics: NACW; Gamma Mu Zeta sorority; Women's League at Texas State University for Negroes; Bethune 75th birthday tribute; White House Conference on Children and Youth; Bethune loans to NCNW in 1949; NCNW protest Washington, D.C., school segregation; Chicago Metropolitan Council of Negro Women.
- 0096 **Correspondence, 1951.** 56pp.
Major Topics: NCNW national program; NCNW finances; local NCNW organizations; Josephine Baker benefit for NCNW; African Americans in U.S. Foreign Service.
Principal Correspondents: Dorothy B. Ferebee; Arabella Denniston; Bethune; Lucille Norman; Anna M. Rosenberg; Arenia C. Mallory; Jeanetta Welch Brown; Jacob K. Javits.
- 0152 **Correspondence with Constance Daniel, 1951–1952.** 58pp.
Major Topics: Bethune speaking engagements; Bethune tour of Alabama; Bethune involvement in Central Life Insurance Company; Constance Daniel ghostwriting for Bethune.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Constance Daniel.
- 0210 **Executive Committee, 1951.** 12pp.
Major Topics: NCNW interracial work; Josephine Baker NCNW benefit; NCNW women in State Department; NCNW cooperation with NAACP; NCNW peace statement; UN; NCNW organization.
- 0222 **Miscellaneous, 1951.** 26pp.
Major Topics: NCNW achievement awards to Outstanding Women of the Year; Annual Conference of (southern states) Region IV of NCNW.
- 0248 **Board of Directors, 1952.** 23pp.
Major Topics: NCNW structure; NCNW community relations; NCNW Junior Councils.

- 0271 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Correspondence "A."** 32pp.
Major Topics: Bethune trip to Liberia; world peace.
Principal Correspondents: Sadie Alexander; Mary Anderson; Bethune.
- 0303 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Correspondence "B."** 59pp.
Major Topics: World peace.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Pearl S. Buck; Frances P. Bolton.
- 0362 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Correspondence "C."** 59pp.
Major Topics: World peace; Eleanor Roosevelt; Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.
Principal Correspondents: Dorothy D. Houghton; Jean Muriel Capers; Bethune; Stella Counselbaum.
- 0421 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Correspondence "D."** 43pp.
Major Topics: Bethune trip to Liberia; world peace.
Principal Correspondents: Arabella Denniston; Helen Gahagan Douglas.
- 0464 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Correspondence "E."** 30pp.
Major Topic: World peace.
Principal Correspondents: India Edwards; Martha M. Eliot.
- 0494 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Correspondence "F."** 10pp.
Major Topics: World peace; paucity of women in positions of governmental authority.
Principal Correspondents: Dorothy Fosdick; Dorothy Fleeason.
- 0504 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Correspondence "G."** 27pp.
Major Topics: World peace; Bethune health problems.
Principal Correspondents: Rosa Gragg; Virginia Gildersleeve.
- 0531 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Correspondence "H."** 70pp.
Major Topic: World peace.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Oveta Culp Hobby; Dorothy Houghton; Anna Arnold Hedgeman; Lillian Herstein; William Green.
- 0601 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Correspondence "I-J."** 34pp.
Major Topic: World peace.
Principal Correspondents: Lillie M. Jackson; Susie Jones.
- 0635 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Correspondence "K-L."** 51pp.
Major Topic: World peace.
Principal Correspondents: Dorothy Kenyon; Daisy Lampkin; Clair Booth Luce; Pearl Byrd Larsen; Katherine Lenroot.
- 0686 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Correspondence "Mc-M."** 72pp.
Major Topic: World peace.
Principal Correspondents: Dorothy McLeod; Frieda Miller; Arena Mallory; Sadie Mays; Parla Mesta; Rose Mayes; Vivian Carter Mason.
- 0758 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Correspondence "N-Q."** 33pp.
Major Topic: World peace.
Principal Correspondents: Ora Brown Stokes Perry; Hazel Scott Powell; Frances Perkins.
- 0791 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Correspondence "R-S."** 85pp.
Major Topics: World peace; birth control.
Principal Correspondents: Florence Read; Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings; Anna M. Rosenberg; Eleanor Roosevelt; Helen Rogers Reid; Ella P. Stewart; Anna Lord Strauss; Margaret Sanger.
- 0876 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Correspondence "T-V."** 30pp.
Major Topics: World peace; Republican National Committee.
Principal Correspondents: Thalia D. Thomas; Mary Church Terrell; Dorothy Thompson; Jessie M. Vann.

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- 0001 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Correspondence "W-Z."** 74pp.
Major Topic: World peace.
Principal Correspondents: Charl Williams; Poppy Cannon White.
- 0075 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Directory.** 29pp.
- 0104 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Financial Records.** 11pp.
- 0115 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Form Letters.** 16pp.
- 0131 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Greetings.** 45pp.
Principal Correspondents: Harry S. Truman; Bess Truman; Jane E. Hunter; Esther N. de Calvo; Walter F. White; Rep. Frances Bolton; Sen. Paul H. Douglas; Oscar Chapman; Percy Maxim Lee; Eleanor Roosevelt; Dorothy Shaver; Ralph Bunche; Lester Granger; Sen. Robert A. Taft.
- 0176 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Planning.** 9pp.
- 0185 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Proceedings.** 75pp.
Major Topics: Discrimination against women; discrimination against African Americans; faith and spiritualism; community building; education; academic freedom; world peace; BCC; adult education; employment security; interdependence of U.S. foreign policy on American race relations.
- 0260 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Program.** 39pp.
- 0299 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Publicity.** 14pp.
- 0313 **Conference on Women's Leadership, 1952, Registration.** 99pp.
- 0412 **Correspondence, 1952.** 50pp.
Major Topics: NCNW structure and organization; Bethune health problems; Conference on Women's Leadership; United Church Women; factions in St. Louis Council of NCNW; Englewood, New Jersey, incident snubbing Bethune; Bethune support for Federal Public Housing Bill; NCNW national headquarters administration.
Principal Correspondents: Bethune; Dorothy Ferebee; Arabella Denniston; Andy Razaf; George Smathers; Spessard L. Holland; Alben Barkley; Bessie B. Garvin; Vivian Carter Mason.
- 0462 **Executive Committee, 1952.** 12pp.
Major Topics: NCNW national headquarters administration; NCNW cooperation with federal agencies; local NCNW activities; NCNW finances.
- 0474 **Miscellaneous, 1952.** 27pp.
Major Topics: NCNW 1952 National Convention; NCNW programs and activities; NCNW finances.
- 0501 **Board of Directors, 1953.** 10pp.
Major Topics: Dorothy Ferebee trip to West Germany; NCNW national program; NCNW finances.
- 0511 **Convention, 1953.** 74pp.
Major Topics: Vivian Carter Mason elected president of NCNW; NCNW opposition to segregation, Bricker Amendment, McCarran Act, South African apartheid, housing discrimination; NCNW support for UN, juvenile delinquency programs, American form of government, U.S. ratification of Genocide Convention; NCNW history.
Principal Correspondent: Vivian Carter Mason.
- 0585 **Correspondence, 1953.** 75pp.
Major Topics: Bethune speaking engagements; NCNW Region IV; NCNW fund-raising; NCNW field work; NCNW Region V; NCNW national headquarters administration; red-baiting of Vivian Carter Mason; NCNW finances; press attack on Bethune; NACW new headquarters building; NCNW constitution and bylaws.

- Principal Correspondents:* Arenia Mallory; Garnette Henderson; Vivian Carter Mason; Bethune; Bessie B. Garvin; Naomah W. Maise; Dorothy Ferebee; Irene McCoy Gaines.
- 0660 **Executive Committee, 1953.** 50pp.
Major Topics: Factional dispute and lawsuit in St. Louis Council of NCNW; NCNW finances; NCNW Region V report.
Major Correspondents: Bessie B. Garvin; Sybil Everett; Ruth D. Carter; Kitty Hall; Dorothy Ferebee; Heriene Ward Banks; Grace Wilson; Helen M. Meade; Naomah Maise.
- 0710 **Miscellaneous, 1953.** 12pp.
- 0722 **Board of Directors, 1954.** 54pp.
Major Topics: NCNW budget; NCNW finances; U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*; suggested name change for NCNW; Lane Bryant Foundation; Operation CARE; Edith Sampson loan to NCNW.
Principal Correspondents: Vivian Carter Mason.
- 0776 **Convention, 1954.** 64pp.
Major Topics: NCNW national headquarters administration; NCNW national program; integration of public schools; U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*; NCNW finances; desegregation of the armed services; NCNW support for NAACP and National Urban League; employment discrimination against African Americans and women; protest discrimination in federal housing programs; support for slum clearance and low income housing programs; UN; support for decolonization in Africa and West Indies.
- 0840 **Correspondence and Memoranda, 1954.** 91pp.
Major Topics: Bethune autobiography; NCNW Region I; Vivian Carter Mason trip to International Council of Women in Helsinki, Finland; NCNW financial difficulties; NCNW conference on U.S. Supreme Court decision desegregating public schools; NCNW constitutional amendments; Rockefeller family financial assistance to NCNW; decolonization in Kenya; Kenyan cultural exchange; United Negro College Fund radio interview with Bethune.
Principal Correspondents: Bebe Hyslop; Bethune; Vivian Carter Mason; Naomah Maise; Anne Beadenkopf; Marjorie Wickliffe; Charles S. Johnson.

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- 0001 **Executive Committee, 1954.** 38pp.
Major Topics: NCNW tea with Pat Nixon; administration of NCNW headquarters; NCNW finances; CARE program; NCNW constitutional amendments.
- 0039 **Miscellaneous, 1954.** 36pp.
Major Topics: UN Day; Myles Horton statement to Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Internal Security; International Union of Mine Mill and Smelter Workers protest Taft-Hartley law on non-Communist affidavits.
- 0075 **Press Releases, 1954.** 77pp.
Major Topics: NCNW tea with Pat Nixon; reorganization of NCNW; NCNW field work by Executive Director Naomah Maise; NCNW support for U.S. State Department International Exchange Program; discrimination in interstate transportation protested; Eartha Kitt benefit for NCNW; NCNW conference on implementation of *Brown v. Board of Education* decision; NCNW citation for Liberian President William Tubman; NCNW awards; desegregation of the armed services; NCNW support for NAACP and National Urban League.
- 0152 **Regions I, II, and III, 1954.** 60pp.
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