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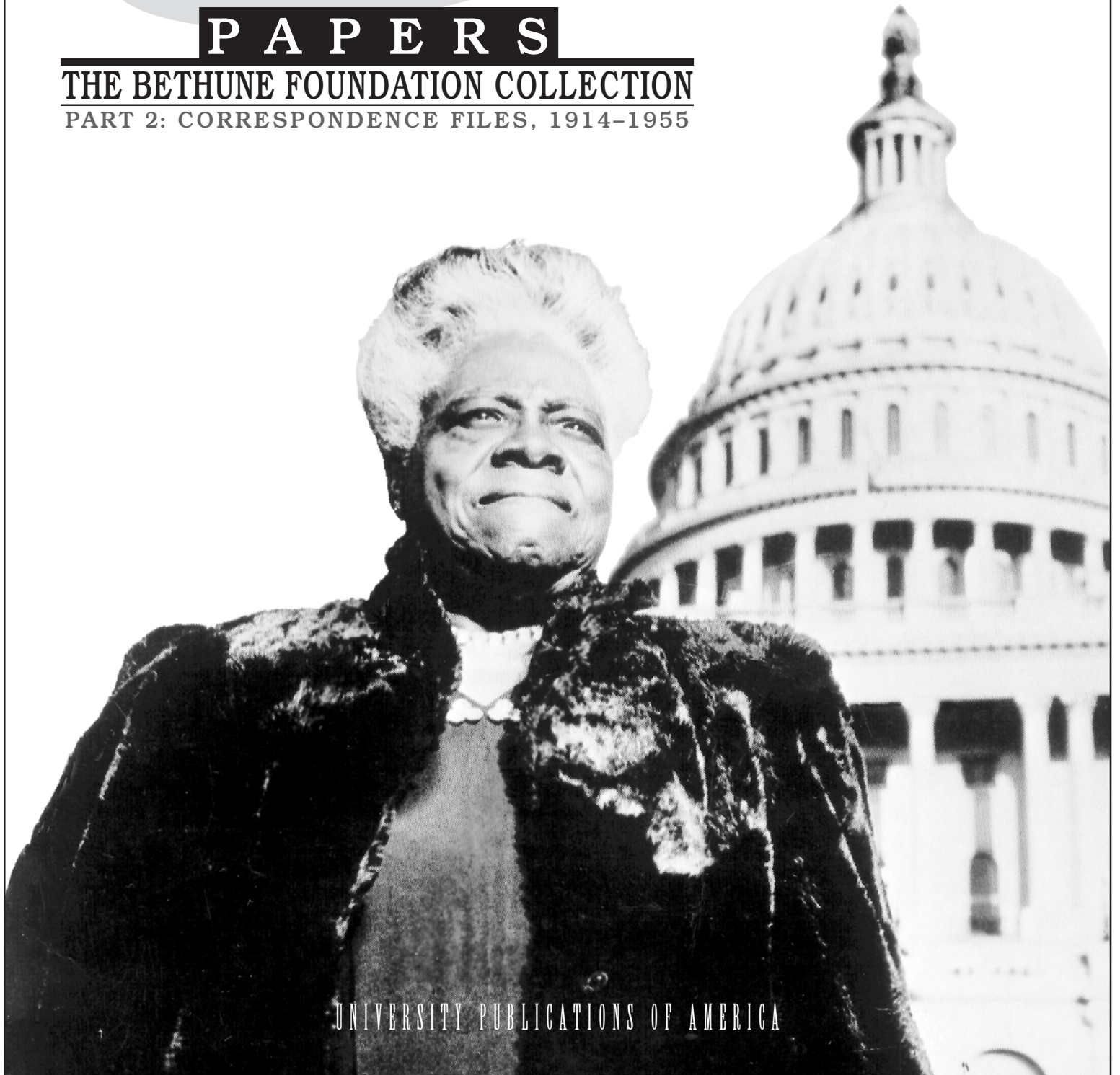
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INTRODUCTION

Mary McLeod Bethune and “So Many Varied Correspondents”

During four decades of the twentieth century, the short, stoutish, raven-colored Mary McLeod Bethune (1875–1955) was “exhibit No. 1 for all who have faith in America and the democratic process.” She occupied a dominant position in significant developments impacting the common welfare at the community, state, regional, and national levels. These included the evolution of the black college, the community social services of voluntary women’s associations, the anguished passage of ebony women to visibility in national affairs, the regeneration of a black political presence in the federal government, and interracialism. This multiple front activist once described herself as “a woman who has so many varied correspondents.”¹ Part 2 of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation Collection features her in relation to these individuals primarily from the beginning of her Washington career in the mid-1930s to the end of her life. It reveals both her responses and initiatives to them via the mail. Had the correspondence been organized thematically, most would have fallen under three categories: leader at large of black America, leader of women, and educator, especially with regard to her school, Bethune-Cookman College (BCC). Such a schema would have been an impossibility, however, because Bethune’s major roles were so closely interfaced that they melded together and supported one another. Sometimes, she assumed all of them in a single letter!

Bethune’s correspondents were indeed varied. They ranged from grade-schoolers to at least one virtual centenarian. They came from all income groups, all walks of life, and most shades of the political spectrum—although liberal democrats predominated. Seemingly, they were about equally divided between blacks and whites with a small fraction of “other.” They lived throughout the United States and in other parts of the world, particularly the Caribbean and West Africa.

While these correspondents and Bethune generated the bulk of the second part of the Foundation Collection, sprinkled throughout are letters neither to nor from Bethune but involving her or of interest to her. Some are signed by secretaries Arabella Denniston, Margaret Johnson-Bethune, Bessie F. Bailey, Mame Mason Higgins, Seniorita W. Crawford, and occasionally a few others who acted on Bethune’s behalf in acknowledging communications and relaying information. In 1939, Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, Veterans Administration Director Frank T. Hines, and other department and

agency chiefs wrote letters that wound up in Bethune's files, although they were responding to National Youth Administration (NYA) Director Aubrey Williams. He had transmitted to them the report of the NYA-sponsored and Bethune-chaired Second National Conference on the Problems of the Negro. In 1943, another such batch of letters came from President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters A. Philip Randolph, tenor extraordinaire Roland Hayes, former U.S. Senator from Connecticut F. C. Walcott, educator-activist Mary Church Terrell, and scores of other public luminaries. These letters were addressed to Congressman John H. Kerr and refuted communist charges leveled against Bethune by Congressman Martin Dies of Texas.

Some letters neither to nor from Bethune discussed Bethune's personal life, especially her health. From 1940 onward she regularly experienced bouts of illness, often triggered by exhaustion derived from attempting to exploit every potential opportunity for her causes. When Bethune suffered asthma attacks, for example, during November 1942 in Daytona Beach so severe that "four doctors hovered over and worked on her," with one sleeping in her room at night because of the frequency and severity of the attacks, daughter-in-law Margaret Bethune hastened to report the facts to loyal and dedicated foster son Edward Rodriguez—known as Rod—who at the time resided in Washington, D.C. Yet despite recurring illnesses, not all health bulletins set off alarms. In 1948, Dorothy B. Ferebee, Bethune's regular physician in Washington, reported to James Lowell Hall, her physician in Chicago, that their patient carried 164 pounds on her short frame because she had been "stealing sweets, cakes and little delicacies which some of her admirers have been smuggling to her."²

The vast majority of the correspondence files are directly between Bethune and her "so many varied correspondents" who collectively sent messages like flowing water. Sometimes added to them were one or more of the following enclosures: resumes, questionnaires, poems, editorials, obituaries, announcements, brochures, magazines, receipts, blueprints, book reviews, book covers, subscription forms, sheet music, essays, speeches, interviews, financial statements, newspaper clippings, newsletters, programs of events, minutes of meetings, and constitutions of organizations. Additionally, correspondents sent memoranda, telegrams, greeting cards, and assorted announcements and invitations.

Bethune's files sometimes yield information from her relatively unknown formative period, the time before she figuratively began life anew in 1904 with the founding of a permanent school in Daytona. Sometimes occasions elicited reflections about these "good old days," as when Bethune wrote Palatka Mayor J. H. Milligan Jr. in 1953, in recognition of the city's centennial. "When I came to Florida," she remembered, "the first city in which I lived was Palatka.... I rendered service in the churches, the jail and the wider community for that city. These rich experiences and the vision regarding

institutionalized education gave great strength and encouragement in the founding of Bethune-Cookman College.”³ Sometimes, seemingly from out of the blue, friends who went “way back” wrote Bethune, usually mentioning their common past. The letters between her and Irene Smallwood Bowen, Reverend Coyden H. Uggams, Jane Dudley Avanti, Mary E. Chapman, Estelle Harrison, and Cecilia Canty Smith reveal authoritative insights and corroborate some well-established perceptions, although their references from memory to long-ago events were sometimes flawed.

Bethune’s correspondents include not only personal friends from yesteryear, but also children, nieces—especially Jerona Coffey Miller—nephews, cousins, and other blood kin. Moreover, correspondents include those grafted into the family: foster children Sadie Mills Franklin and Edward Rodriguez; Julia Davis, a BCC employee and Bethune’s grandson’s early nanny; Cecilia Canty Smith, a Scotia friend whom the family called Aunt Teets; secretary Arabella Denniston; and BCC’s Bertha Loving Mitchell, or Lovey to intimates. Since Lovey presided over Bethune’s personal business, which extended into local real estate, and in her frequent absences kept watch over the college, an appreciative Bethune touted her patience, endurance, and “the able way” she handled her “big problems” and “little ones.”⁴ Based on the Correspondence Files, it appears that Lovey wrote Bethune rather infrequently. So did Bethune’s free-spending, would-be entrepreneur son Bert, or Albert McLeod Bethune Sr., and less flamboyant younger son Little Bert, or Albert McLeod Bethune Jr.—her biological grandson whom she had cared for since infancy and had legally adopted. Bert’s wife, Margaret, filled this communications void, especially when Bethune’s NYA position in Washington (1936–1942) required her to be in effect a part-time college president. Both a BCC graduate and employee, Margaret sometimes sent her beloved mother-in-law a daily bulletin mixing college and family news.

Often, however, much information about Bethune’s kin appears in letters to non-family members because Bethune routinely broadcasted their activities to a variety of individuals. But only to extremely close friends, like Philadelphia’s Judge Hobson Reynolds and his wife, Evelyn, would she confide her heartbreak in August 1953 over Bert’s adulterous “shacking up” right under her nose in Daytona. She understood that she could do little, especially since he had recently suffered a paralyzing stroke. But she mourned, “It [the situation] has become too public and bold for me to be able to face it without embarrassment.”⁵

Bethune’s family, however, constituted only a fraction of the interests her varied correspondents considered. Most were interested in her celebrity. Their number one reason for writing was to obtain Bethune’s inspiring, inimitable oratory to fire up special events. These included the dedication of buildings; the commemoration of institutional anniversaries; commencement exercises; testimonials; both professional and nonprofessional meetings; race

relations forums; international assemblies or those fostering internationalism; fund-raisers for exalted causes; and women's occasions such as Women's Day in local churches, observances of college sororities, and celebrations of community-based women's organizations. Closely related to asking this dramatic public figure to headline a program was soliciting her participation in functions of her numerous organizations. Some correspondents, however, did not request Bethune in the flesh but just a biographical profile often coupled with a photograph. A few asked only for her personal preferences: her most productive time of day, favorite wardrobe colors, and special flower and food. More opted for weightier fare; namely, her philosophy of education and of life, factors motivating her to excel, piercing experiences with prejudice, the status of the civil rights struggle, and the like.

Often influenced by the Great Depression, the Second World War, the cold war, the U.S. civil rights struggle, McCarthyism, or other overarching movements, writers exhibited other agendas as well. Many requested one of the following: letters of introduction; funds for worthy objectives; job recommendations and placement; advice in dealing with problems, including specific instances of racial discrimination; the use of her good name; and intercession in obtaining for an occasion a celebrity, usually First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Some simply passed on news and commentary about events, organizations, and institutions.

And, naturally, many wrote paeans. Every few months brought new reasons for doing so such as an honorary degree or membership, the official culmination of a given leadership role, or some type of testimonial. Some were generalized, such as that of sociologist St. Clair Drake, who declared, "I am one of the thousands of Mary M. Bethune admirers, those who sort of feel toward you as 'Mother of the Race.'" Others were more specific. In June 1942, for example, Selective Service administrator Campbell C. Johnson rhapsodized, "It is impossible to over estimate the value of the [NYA] program which you have projected throughout the country or the power of the influence of your personality over American youth." Six years later when the National Civilian Advisory Committee to the Women's Army Corps disbanded, Bethune received commendations from Generals Omar N. Bradley and Dwight D. Eisenhower. In part the latter wrote, "To assist the Army you have generously taken time from a life crowded with many activities in order to attend committee meetings, inspect WAC installations, and to study the work and life of WAC medical technicians at Army General Hospitals."⁶

Bethune attempted to respond to virtually all writers. Some she did not know, such as those in Mrs. Juanita Keffer's eighth grade class in Dacoma, Oklahoma. When she received their impressions of her biography by Catherine Owens Peare, she carefully acknowledged them in an inspiring reply that landed in their local newspaper. Bethune knew most correspondents, however, particularly if they wrote a series of letters. She had

been associated with some of them for years, such as her former NYA boss Aubrey Williams, a leading proponent of racial integration. After the demise of the NYA, the two had kept in touch especially through the Southern Conference Educational Fund. When Williams wrote her in March 1954 that he and mutual friend Jim Dowbrowski were being smeared as communist, Bethune replied that “to the end” she would do all that she could to help. True to her word, Bethune fulfilled that vow.⁷

Besides answering the incoming flow of mail, Bethune initiated dialogue with a great many correspondents. Her numerous public speeches and articles, weekly columns for the *Pittsburgh Courier* (January 23, 1937–June 18, 1938) and the *Chicago Defender* (October 16, 1948–June 4, 1955), first-person narratives on her life, and other statements required her to communicate with several ghost writers, among whom were Hazel T. Wilson in Claremont, California; Noble Payton in Nashville; and the analytical and independent-thinking Constance Daniel in Washington, D.C. Moreover, her commitments to the perennially strapped BCC and National Council of Negro Women particularly necessitated outreach. She engaged in practically nonstop financial campaigns for the council and did the same for the college until finishing the lackluster “Mine for a Day” drive during the spring of ’52. After that, she diverted her energies and some friends’ contributions from the college to the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation, a corporation she founded and to which she donated her home. Since none of her institutions snagged in her lifetime a “big” windfall worthy of their significance—by far, the largest single gift was a \$67,500 trust fund to her school in 1914—Bethune had to depend on thousands of people for typically minute sums. Therefore, she needed many varied correspondents, especially with the means and inclination to give.

Even so, the warm, curious, magnetic Bethune was inherently bent on making friends. Communicating usually in conversational, diplomatic tones, her deep belief in God and prayer surfaced in her letters, as suggested by her often repeated use of “love” and “blessings.” This was true even when she verbally assaulted correspondents. Typically, she urged them to write frequently and if they did not, she sometimes admonished them for silence. She invited most to visit her in Washington or come down to Daytona Beach. Having bonded with an individual, Bethune was staunchly loyal. When Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, was under attack in December 1952, for example, she encouraged him in such a way that he wired back, “No Christmas or other greeting ever received so comforting as your magnificent letter.” When her loyalty went unreciprocated, seemingly she was surprised. To Montez Harris, a resident of Sanford, Florida, she wrote, “You never come over to see me. You never attend anything we have.... I hate to think that a friend like you would feel that there is no use bothering any longer.”⁸

Bethune criticized correspondents relatively infrequently, however, because her natural style was upbeat and positive. Sometimes based merely on what she read in the morning newspaper, she sent congratulations or best wishes to prominent people such as physicist Albert Einstein. But she directed them to familiar associates as well. "All of us went through some anxious moments awaiting your confirmation," she confessed to U.S. Circuit Judge William H. Hastie in 1950. "But were quite relieved when the way had been cleared. We know what you are capable of doing and know you will do it well." Never forgetting the family of a fallen friend, her character shines through condolences, such as to the widow of attorney Charles Houston who died a few months before Hastie's judgeship. "A great giant in the field of Service has fallen...", she wrote. "His brilliant mind gave out so freely for us all that we cannot keep the tears back when we think that he is gone. But be brave, my dear. Our Father never places more upon us than He will give us strength to bear."⁹

Many correspondents' interests mirrored some aspects of Bethune's. As an African American leader at large, her interests had to be extensive for the role required that she, on the one hand, chip away at the underpinnings of a white supremacist society while winning concessions for blacks within it; and on the other, build upon that which was positive and productive in black group life and in America. As revealed in her Correspondence Files, particularly letterheads of organizational stationery, Bethune's affiliations were commensurate with at-large leadership. They included the following:

- American Association for the United Nations
- American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Harlem Division, Honorary Chairperson
- American Council on African Education
- American Teachers Association, Former President
- American Women's Voluntary Services
- Americans for Democratic Action
- Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, President
- Council on American-Soviet Friendship
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt Foundation
- Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association
- National Advisory Committee of the National Youth Administration
- National Advisory Committee on the Education of Negroes
- National Advisory Council of the Birth Control Federation of America, Division of Negro Service
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- National Association of Colored Women, Former President
- National Citizens Political Action Committee, Women's Division for New York (1944)
- National Civil Defense Advisory Committee

National Civilian Advisory Committee of the Women's Army Corps
 National Committee for Justice in Columbia, Tennessee (1946)
 National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax
 National Council of Negro Women, President
 National Council on Civil Rights
 National Issues Committee
 National Non-Partisan Committee for the Re-election of Roosevelt, Chair
 (1944)
 National Share Croppers Fund
 National Urban League
 Southern Conference Educational Fund
 Southern Conference for Human Welfare
 United Beauty School Owners and Teachers Association
 United Nations Children's Fund Committee
 United Negro College Fund
 Women's Army for National Defense

Since most of these organizations sought to influence federal policies, their leaders often valued Bethune's political acumen. During her government tenure (1936–1944), it had grown increasingly sharp as she became an unshakable Democrat, even though as late as the Herbert Hoover reelection campaign of 1932 she had been an ardent Republican. One thing for certain: never was she nonpartisan, despite assertions to the contrary. In the 1950s, based in part upon black participation in both major parties, she believed that civil rights victories were inevitable. Shortly before the 1952 presidential election, she told Republican Evelyn Reynolds, "Let come what will. If Eisenhower is elected, I am safe in you, and if Stevenson is elected, you are safe in me."¹⁰

Had her choices, Governor Adlai Stevenson of Illinois and running mate Senator John Sparkman of Alabama, won in '52, she would have coveted spoils for African Americans as in previous Democratic victories. Probably, she would have corresponded with prominent political contacts from earlier administrations even though some had lost their prestigious positions. Chief among them were President Harry Truman; First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt; Senators Claude Pepper (Florida) and Herbert Lehman (New York); Congressman William L. Dawson (Illinois); Congresswomen Frances P. Bolton (Ohio) and Helen Gahagan Douglas (California); and of course, a half-dozen talented federal administrators such as Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman and Dillard B. Lasseter, an NYA executive who was director of the Farmers Home Administration in the Eisenhower administration. But with the exception of Dawson, these were whites. Functioning at large also required Bethune to have strong African American underpinnings. Fortunately, in addition to support from the grassroots and the

organizational leaders of black America, Bethune could count on most blacks who, as she, entered federal administrative circles during the Roosevelt era. Among them were Black Cabinet members Robert Weaver, R. O'Hara Lanier, James A. Atkins, Dutton Ferguson, Frank Horne, William J. Trent, Constance Daniel, Lawrence Oxley, Ambrose Caliver, James P. Davis, and Robert Browning. Typically, they corresponded with her into the 1950s.

Whereas men mostly comprised the Black Cabinet, women seem to represent about half of Bethune's correspondents. Since Bethune was uniquely a leader of women, commonly deemed the "First Lady of Black America" based exclusively on her achievement since her late husband, Albertus Bethune, who died in 1918, had been beyond the media's purview, her correspondence with other women constitutes an important portal into their lives. While concerned about traditional women's and children's issues, most placed a high priority on participating in the general society as equals and promoting initiatives that transcended gender. Some of these correspondents were Eleanor Roosevelt, Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Stella Counselbaum, Lillian Smith, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Daisy Lampkin, Eartha M. M. White, Helen Wishard, Dorothy Ferebee, and Vivian Carter Mason. The last two, Ferebee and Mason, were Bethune's successors as presidents of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW).

Bethune treasured the NCNW's projection of black women as participants in the decision making of the body politic. Certainly the council facilitated her breaking free of numerous strictures historically imposed on black women, especially in the federal establishment. It pried ajar doors that may have remained closed for decades to ebony females. Without it, perhaps in the early 1950s, there would have been no Jane Morrow Spaulding as assistant to Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare Oveta Culp Hobby; or attorney Edith M. Sampson as a U.S. alternate delegate to the United Nations General Assembly; or black women in other such positions. "I do not know what organization we [black women] have that can take the place of the Council," Bethune once mused. "It holds a most important place in both national and international affairs."¹¹ Contributing to that status were NCNW's hard-working Bethune correspondents, including Elsie Austin, Jeanetta Welch Brown, Eleanor Curtis "Nona" Dailey, Arabella Denniston, Naomah Maise, Arenia Mallory, Eunice Hunton Carter, Sue Bailey Thurman, Ruth Scott, and Vada Sommerville. Moreover, from 1928 to 1952, as chair of the Headquarters Trustee Board of the National Association of Colored Women, Bethune promoted that organization's interests, too. This is reflected in correspondence with President Ada Belle DeMent and others, despite a perception among some that Bethune and the association were at odds.

Just as Bethune was uniquely a leader of women, so was she an educator. While keeping channels open to black college presidents—Frederick D. Patterson, Rufus Clement, Albert W. Dent, William Gray, George Gore,

Benjamin E. Mays, and others—no educational concern generated the stream of correspondence that BCC did. She was constantly communicating with BCC supporters at all levels. These included employees who were alumni, notably Maxwell Saxon and Charlotte Ford; administrators, beginning with its second and third presidents, James C. Colston and Richard V. Moore, respectively; Matthew Davage and others in the educational hierarchy of the Methodist Episcopal Church, its sponsoring institution; members of the Ladies Advisory Board such as Elizabeth E. Wellington and Gertrude FiLondon; and naturally, friends she had planted on the trustee board like G. D. Rogers, Texas A. Adams, Herbert Davidson, and Louise Ferris Meigs. With regard to Meigs, Bethune appreciated her friendship and confidence in connection with BCC as nobody could. A Vassar graduate and the daughter of Sarah Lawrence, the benefactor of the college bearing her name, Meigs personified the northern tourist in Daytona who was indispensable to the initial success of Bethune's school. This resident of Bronxville, New York, however, combined several attributes that made her unique: her moral and financial support of the college over three decades; projection of the college to husband Ferris J. Meigs and other family, friends, and acquaintances through her Bethune-Cookman Association of New York; independence and aggressiveness in dealing with college issues; acceptance of Bethune as an admired equal; the extension of Bethune's contacts; and watchfulness over Bethune's personal welfare by providing a vacation here, medical treatment there, or whatever else she could. In a reflective mood, Bethune wrote Meigs in 1950, "[When] I think of you—I think of Eleanor Roosevelt—I think of Madame [Vijaya] Pandit [high-ranking diplomat from India]...—as a kind of trio, all moving in different areas, but [having] as one for me a peculiar affection and understanding."¹²

Like the revelations in letters between Bethune and Meigs and Bethune's correspondence with many others as an educator, women's leader, or leader at large, Part 2 of the Bethune Foundation Papers is filled with intriguing vistas and data that enable us to understand that Mary McLeod Bethune, although usually presented in an idealized, superficial, and uncritical manner, was not some highly overrated and fabricated individual created to satisfy a need for a mighty heroine among women of color. She was a multidimensional, flesh and blood personality who commanded resources that permitted her to contribute to American society as is usually accredited to her, although in ways that both academic and popular literature have generally failed to scrutinize. By presenting Bethune in tandem with her "so many varied correspondents," the Bethune Foundation Collection not only illuminates its subject's life, but also enriches African American history, particularly in its mosaic of life behind the color line; women's history, especially as it relates to the work of middle-class women's organizations;

and American history, specifically in relation to the sweep of seminal changes in the decades near the Second Reconstruction.

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Notes

1. For an overview of Bethune's life see Elaine M. Smith, "Introduction," *Guide to the Mary McLeod Bethune Papers: Bethune-Cookman College Collection*, pp. v-xvii, University Publications of America, 1995; quote from the *Black Dispatch* [Oklahoma City], reprinted in the *Jackson Advocate* [Mississippi], June 4, 1955, p. 4; Bethune to Margaret Bethune, July 11, 1941, Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation Collection, Part 2 (BF-2), Reel 17.

2. Margaret Bethune to Edward and Margaret Rodriguez, November 12, 1942, BF-2, Reel 17; Ferebee to Hall, October 15, 1948, BF-2, Reel 1.

3. Bethune to Milligan, May 20, 1953, BF-2, Reel 6.

4. Bethune to Margaret Bethune, July 11, 1941, BF-2, Reel 17.

5. Bethune to Hobson and Evelyn Reynolds, August 13, 1952, BF-2, Reel 9.

6. Drake to Bethune, April 9, 1949, BF-2, Reel 3; Johnson to Bethune, June 9, 1942, BF-2, Reel 7; Eisenhower to Bethune, February 2, 1948, BF-2, Reel 13.

7. "Dacoma Children Hear From Famed Woman," unnamed newspaper, no date, BF-2, Reel 16; Bethune to Williams, April 1, 1954, BF-2, Reel 12.

8. White to Bethune, December 24, 1952, BF-2, Reel 12; Bethune to Harris, September 8, 1950, BF-2, Reel 15.

9. Bethune to Hastie, August 21, 1950, and Bethune to Mrs. Charles Houston, April 28, 1950, BF-2, Reel 15.

10. Bethune to Reynolds, October 22, 1952, BF-2, Reel 9.

11. Bethune to Charlotte Hawkins Brown, March 31, 1949, BF-2, Reel 2.

12. Bethune to Meigs, August 22, 1950, BF-2, Reel 7.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Mary McLeod Bethune Papers: The Bethune Foundation Collection, Part 2, comprises voluminous correspondence files accumulated by Bethune, particularly during her later career. While letters date back to a 1914 exchange with Booker T. Washington, the bulk of the correspondence dates from the late 1930s to Bethune's death in 1955. The correspondence files are divided into three series: Alphabetical Correspondence, Chronological Correspondence, and Family Correspondence. The Alphabetical and Chronological Correspondence overlap significantly and should be used jointly. These overlapping series reflect the original arrangement of the papers and may suggest that two sets of correspondence were maintained by two personal secretaries, perhaps in two separate locations.

Series 1. Alphabetical Correspondence, 1914–1955.

The Alphabetical Correspondence is arranged by the last name of the correspondent or by the name of the organization represented by the correspondent. Prominent persons such as Eleanor Roosevelt, Nelson Rockefeller, Dwight Eisenhower, Albert Einstein, and others are given their own files. Persons with whom Bethune exchanged a sizable amount of correspondence are also given their own folders.

The Alphabetical Correspondence gives entrée to most aspects of Bethune's life after 1939. A substantial portion of this series addresses Bethune's public career, including her tenure on the National Youth Administration (NYA) and her work for Bethune-Cookman College and the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW). Bethune's involvement in national political affairs is documented in multiple files. In 1936 Bethune was appointed to the NYA, a New Deal agency created in 1935 to provide jobs and educational funding for people between the ages of sixteen and twenty-four. Initially appointed to the NYA National Advisory Committee, by 1939 Bethune had become director of the NYA Division of Negro Affairs. Correspondence directly relating to Bethune's years with the NYA spans from Frame 0567 of Reel 7 to the end of the reel.

Bethune's service with the NYA overlaps with her leading roles in the Federal Council of Negro Affairs and the NCNW. This range of activities produced an extensive network of prominent correspondents. The

correspondence files reveal Bethune's relationship with persons such as Helen Gahagan Douglas, W. E. B. Du Bois, Dwight Eisenhower, Herbert Lehman, Claude Pepper, John D. Rockefeller Jr., Nelson Rockefeller, Adlai Stevenson, Channing H. Tobias, Harry Truman, and Aubrey Williams. Researchers should also be aware that a substantial amount of Bethune's correspondence with Eleanor Roosevelt can be found in another UPA microform edition, *The Papers of Eleanor Roosevelt*, eds. Susan Ware and William H. Chafe.

During the New Deal, World War II, and post-World War II period, the efforts of Bethune and other civil rights leaders, such as A. Philip Randolph, Charles Hamilton Houston, Walter White, and Thurgood Marshall, propelled civil rights for African Americans into a national political issue. Correspondence on President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights, the integration of Major League baseball, the desegregation of the armed forces, and the importance of the African American vote in the 1944, 1948, and 1952 elections begins to illustrate some of the gains made by African Americans in the two decades before *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954). The political climate of this period is further revealed in files on the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) and the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) spanning from Frame 0643 of Reel 10 through Frame 0147 of Reel 11.

Despite the relative dominance of a liberal agenda and the Democratic Party from 1932 to 1952, the liberal left did not go unchallenged in this period. Beginning in 1938, the House Committee on Un-American Activities, led by Texas Congressman Martin Dies, began to conduct hearings in which witnesses made unsubstantiated allegations of communist activity. Bethune's dedication to equal rights for all Americans made her a target of the Dies Committee. Two files in the Alphabetical Correspondence (Reel 10, Frame 0894 and Reel 11, Frame 0001) indicate how Bethune and her supporters responded to the Dies Committee.

Bethune's involvement in national political affairs is only one aspect of her public life that is covered in this edition of *The Mary McLeod Bethune Papers*. Her career as an educator is also amply documented in the correspondence files. In 1904, Bethune started the Daytona Educational and Industrial Training School for Negro Girls. The school later changed its name to the Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute. In 1923, Bethune's school merged with the Cookman Institute and became Bethune-Cookman College (BCC). The Alphabetical Correspondence contains significant amounts of information on the administrative and business affairs of BCC between 1945 and 1955. BCC related correspondence can be found throughout the collection but is most concentrated in folders containing exchanges with Richard V. Moore (Reel 7, Frames 0249-0387) and Margaret Johnson-Bethune (in Series 3. Family Correspondence, Reel 17, Frame 0788). Other BCC-related materials can be found in two other UPA microfilm editions: *The Mary McLeod Bethune*

Papers: The Bethune-Cookman College Collection, 1922–1955 and The Mary McLeod Bethune Papers: The Bethune Foundation Collection, Part 4: Administration of Bethune-Cookman College and the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation. Bethune's influence as an educator is further illustrated by her correspondence with other prominent educators and scholars, including W. E. B. Du Bois, Carter G. Woodson, Charlotte Hawkins Brown, E. Franklin Frazier, Rayford W. Logan, Raphael O'Hara Lanier, Charles S. Johnson, and F. D. Patterson.

The Alphabetical Correspondence also reveals Bethune to be an entrepreneurial businesswoman. One of Bethune's most important projects was Bethune-Volusia Beach, a strip of beach near Daytona that Bethune planned to develop into a major vacation attraction. Correspondence relating to Bethune-Volusia Beach can be found at Frames 0779 and 0894 of Reel 1. Bethune's other major business interest was the Central Life Insurance Company, a company that she served as president. (See Reel 12, Frames 0456–0726.)

Bethune's far-ranging interests and influence and her status as one of the most powerful African Americans in the first half of the twentieth century made her a highly sought after speaker. In virtually every file, there are numerous requests for Bethune to make a speaking visit. These requests typically came from educational institutions, women's organizations, political organizations, and churches. Because of the sheer volume of requests, no term for requested visits exists in the subject index. Researchers will, however, note that those times when Bethune actually made a speaking appearance have been noted under **Bethune, Mary McLeod**, speaking engagements.

Series 2. Chronological Correspondence, 1927–1955 and Undated.

The Chronological Correspondence begins at Frame 0356 of Reel 13 and continues through Frame 0609 of Reel 17. This correspondence includes letters from 1927 to 1955, with most dating from the late 1930s to 1955. As with the Alphabetical Correspondence, this series also reveals Bethune's far-ranging influence and interests. Additional information on Bethune's major commitments, the NYA, the NCNW, and BCC can be found in the Chronological Correspondence. The correspondence dating from the early 1940s also begins to reveal the significant role that Bethune and other African Americans played in the mobilization for World War II. Notable correspondents in this series include Philip Murray, Palmer Weber, Frances Perkins, Henry A. Wallace, Jane E. Hunter, Rayford W. Logan, Oscar L.

Chapman, Harlow Shapley, Arthur Schlesinger Jr., Thurgood Marshall, and Anna Arnold Hedgeman.

Series 3. Family Correspondence, 1925–1955 and Undated.

The Family Correspondence rounds out Part 2 of *The Mary McLeod Bethune Papers*. Beginning at Frame 0610 of Reel 17 and continuing to the end of the collection, the Family Correspondence spans from 1925 to 1955, with the bulk dating from the late 1930s to 1955. This series contains exchanges between Bethune and her son, grandson, daughter-in-law, and adopted son. Some of this correspondence discusses Mary McLeod Bethune's personal health, a topic that is also addressed at some length in both the Alphabetical Correspondence and the Chronological Correspondence.

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 *The Mary McLeod Bethune Papers* is the second of four projected editions of Bethune papers held by the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation. The first edition consisted of writings, diaries, scrapbooks, biographical materials, and files on the National Youth Administration and women's organizations. Subsequent editions will consist of Subject Files and presidential administration records of Bethune-Cookman College and of the 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.

Researchers should also 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 be interested to know 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

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.

ADA	Americans for Democratic Action
ASNLH	Association for the Study of Negro Life and History
BCC	Bethune-Cookman College
CIO	Congress of Industrial Organizations
CRC	Civil Rights Congress
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FEPC	Fair Employment Practices Commission
HUAC	House Un-American Activities Committee
IBPOEW	Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of the World
ILO	International Labor Organization
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
NAACP	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
NACW	National Association of Colored Women
NCCJ	National Conference of Christians and Jews
NCNW	National Council of Negro Women
NEA	National Education Association
NYA	National Youth Administration
PWA	Public Works Administration
RFC	Reconstruction Finance Corporation
ROTC	Reserve Officers Training Corps
SCEF	Southern Conference Educational Fund
SCHW	Southern Conference for Human Welfare
SNYC	Southern Negro Youth Congress
UN	United Nations
UNCF	United Negro College Fund

UNRRA	United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
VA	Veterans Administration
WAAC	Women's Army Auxiliary Corps
WAND	Women's Army for National Defense
WCTU	Woman's Christian Temperance Union
YMCA	Young Men's Christian Association
YWCA	Young Women's Christian Association

REEL INDEX

The following is a listing of the folders comprising the *Mary McLeod Bethune Papers: The Bethune Foundation Collection, Part 2: Correspondence Files, 1914–1955*. 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 pages. Substantive issues are highlighted under the heading *Major Topics* as are prominent correspondents under the heading *Principal Correspondents*. Unless otherwise stated, all entries listed as Bethune refer to Mary McLeod Bethune.

Reel 1

File Folder
Frame No.

Series 1. Alphabetical Correspondence, 1914–1955

- 0001 **“A,” 1946–1950. 77 pp.**
Major Topics: Removal of African American VA training officers from schools in Florida; requests to Bethune to help arrange speaking visits of Eleanor Roosevelt; Bethune reaction to report of President Truman’s Committee on Civil Rights; statements by Bethune and Carter G. Woodson regarding Dies Committee and her relationship to the Communist Party; NCNW.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Walter G. Alexander; Arthur W. Allen Jr.; Julius J. Adams; Willard W. Allen; Alberta J. S. Allen; Maudelle Scarlett Ateca; Elsie Austin; Carter G. Woodson; Sister Annunciato; Vivian G. Alleyne; Ellen S. Alston; Gloria E. Abbott; J. C. Austin; W. Kent Alston; James A. Atkins; Polly Ascherl.
- 0078 **“A,” 1951–1953. 101 pp.**
Major Topics: Planning for a meeting on problems affecting African Americans in Florida; Bethune speaking engagements; insurance policy of BCC; formation of the Florida Negro Social Welfare Committee; NAACP campaign against discrimination in public facilities; red-baiting of Elizabeth P. Alexander; Atlanta Federation of Colored Women’s Clubs fund-raising; Bethune visit to British Guiana; poem about Bethune by Jane Dudley Avant.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Levin W. Armwood; William Wallace Andrews; L. I. Alexander; C. V. Adair; Dollie J. Alexander; W. M. Anderson; Willie Frank Alford; C. Blythe Andrews; Dalcina E. Armstrong; Jane Dudley Avant; H. H. Allen; Adolphus W. Anderson Sr.
- 0179 **Raymond and Sadie Alexander, 1943–1950. 22 pp.**
Major Topics: Meeting of the Women’s Action Committee for Victory and Lasting Peace; request by Raymond Pace Alexander for help in being appointed a federal judge; tax exemption for NCNW.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Sadie T. Mossell Alexander; Raymond Pace Alexander.

- 0201 **Catherine Alvarado, 1951–1953. 20 pp.**
Major Topics: Alvarado trip to Israel; facts sheet on the Intercultural Information and Trading Service; women in Israel; resume of Alvarado.
Principal Correspondent: Catherine Mauldin Alvarado.
- 0221 **Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, 1936–1951. 15 pp.**
Major Topics: ASNLH political involvement, life membership, agenda for the 1947 annual meeting and fund-raising; U.S. relations with Liberia; letter to Dean Acheson regarding non-self-governing territories.
Principal Correspondents: Carter G. Woodson; Mary McLeod Bethune; Albert N. D. Brooks.
- 0236 **“B,” 1945–1947. 78 pp.**
Major Topics: Plans for Bethune birthday tour; search for BCC dean of women; BCC fund-raising drive; refugees and resettlement in Europe after World War II.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Louis E. Burnham; Harold H. Burton; Samuel H. Bullock; Jesse E. Beard; Sara Johnson Bennett; W. S. Burke; Deton J. Brooks Jr.; Fannie P. Byrd; Amelie Willard Bodmer; Horace Mann Bond; Bessie Fitch Bailey; A. C. Braxton; Frances P. Bolton; Jack Bond.
- 0314 **“B,” 1948–1949. 122 pp.**
Major Topics: African American support for President Truman in 1948; Bethune attendance at wedding of Clarice Brown; J. Max Bond request to Bethune for assistance in securing appointment as ambassador to Haiti; Little, Brown and Company request to publish Bethune’s memoir; NCNW fund-raising; Human Rights Movement for Peace and Racial Unity campaign against discrimination and segregation; Ralph J. Bunche refusal of appointment as assistant secretary of state.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Beatrice Brown; Ina Bolton; Clarence B. Bernard; Ruby M., Burke; J. A. Bacoats; Edythe Barnes; Ruth Brall; Dora Brown; Frances Blackett; Herbert L. Bruce; Arabella L. Denniston; Roberta Bosley; J. Max Bond; Ned Bradford; Solomon Brookins; J. E. Beck.
- 0436 **“B,” 1950–1952. 81 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC fund-raising; request to have Bethune write introduction for *Negro Youth Fights Back* by Vincent Baker.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Arabella L. Denniston; Ruth C. Brown; Aaron Brown; William M. Belk; J. Max Bond; Vincent S. Baker; Anne Thomas Braxton; J. T. Brooks; Bessie Fitch Bailey; Theodore M. Berry; Richard V. Moore; S. W. Bryant; Judson Bemis; Rosabelle C. Bond; Anna Vivian Brown; W. L. Bentley; Harold H. Buckles; Edith C. Brooks; Pernella Byrd.
- 0517 **“B,” 1953. 62 pp.**
Major Topics: Plans for establishing the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; invitation to the 1953 annual meeting of the National Negro Insurance Association; praise for Bethune’s work; invitation to ADA sixth annual convention; membership recruitment for the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Joseph P. Bryant Sr.; A. P. Bentley; Florence C. Blakley; Francis Biddle; Samuel A. Boyea.
- 0579 **Bessie Bailey, 1947–1950 and undated. 38 pp.**
Major Topic: Bethune personal and business affairs.
Principal Correspondents: Bessie Fitch Bailey; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0617 **Claude Barnett, 1940–1951. 13 pp.**
Major Topics: Plans for women’s week at the American Negro Exposition; African American employees of the Federal Security Agency; Bethune’s intended resignation from the National Advisory Council of the Federal Defense Administration.
Principal Correspondents: Arabella L. Denniston; Claude A. Barnett; John H. Williams; Mary McLeod Bethune.

- 0630 **Bethune Financial Matters, 1942–1954. 67 pp.**
Principal Correspondents: Guichard Parris; George D. Levy; Mary McLeod Bethune; Paul W. Harvey; Vivian Carter Mason.
- 0697 **Bethune Medical Condition, 1948–1952 and undated. 36 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune's medical condition; plans for BCC endowment campaign; plans for visit to Haiti; Bethune comments on meeting with President Truman.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; James Lowell Hall; Dorothy B. Ferebee; Hinkle C. Hays; Elmer D. Gay.
- 0733 **Bethune Retirement as NCNW President, 1949. 46 pp.**
Major Topic: Praise for Bethune's career.
Principal Correspondents: Isabel E. Carter; Septima P. Clark; Eartha M. M. White; Lula Lowe Campbell; Gertrude Martin; Anna Arnold Hedgeman; Louella G. White; Henrine Banks; Meta Warrick Fuller; Ada M. Lee; Leonie Verhelle; Lizzie B. Fouse; Raymond Pace Alexander; Sadie T. Mossell Alexander; Julia West Hamilton; Alice L. Bell; L. S. Cozart; Gertrude E. Anderson; Ruby Stutts Lyells; Harper Sibley; Beulah Whitby; Bartell Collins Wright; Pauline Theodore; Gregory Coggs; Ida R. Cummings; Artemisia Bowden.
- 0779 **Bethune-Volusia Beach, 1944–1951. 115 pp.**
Major Topic: Business affairs, by-laws of, and publicity for Bethune-Volusia Beach, Inc.
Principal Correspondents: George W. Powell; Mary McLeod Bethune; J. Unis Pressley; Ernest E. Johnson; L. G. Hale; William H. Gray Jr.; J. W. Robinson; Andrew O. Wittreich; G. D. Rogers; Bettye M. Henderson; Nelson S. Chaplin; L. E. Thomas; Christina M. Fuqua; Bertha Loving Mitchell.
- 0894 **Bethune-Volusia Beach, 1952–1959 and undated. 120 pp.**
Major Topic: Annual report to the stockholders, list of purchasers and lots, finances, and publicity for Bethune-Volusia Beach.
Principal Correspondents: Andrew O. Wittreich; Mary McLeod Bethune; J. Leonard Lewis; Minnie L. Rogers; Julius C. Thomas Jr.; Bertha Loving Mitchell; Kent G. Chetlain; John H. Sengstacke; H. M. Honeycutt; Senorita W. Crawford; Julia Walker Brown; Vernon H. de Jones.

Reel 2

Series 1. Alphabetical Correspondence, 1914–1955 cont.

- 0001 **Margaret and Bishop J. W. E. Bowen, 1947–1954. 16 pp.**
Major Topics: Requests for Bethune speaking visit; family affairs.
Principal Correspondents: Margaret Davis Bowen; Mary McLeod Bethune; J. W. E. Bowen.
- 0017 **Charlotte Hawkins Brown, 1945–1954. 70 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune's offer to Brown of position as chairman of the International Committee of the NCNW; Bethune travel; BCC fund-raising; fund-raising for Palmer Memorial Institute; praise for Bethune's work; praise for Palmer Memorial Institute; resignation of Brown as president of Palmer Memorial Institute; establishment of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; accomplishments of Bethune, Brown, and Nannie Helen Burroughs; praise for Brown's work.
Principal Correspondents: Charlotte Hawkins Brown; Mary McLeod Bethune; Wilhelmina M. Crosson; Richard V. Moore.
- 0087 **Jeanetta Welch Brown, 1945–1951. 23 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune travel; campaign of Jeanetta Welch Brown for state representative in Michigan; praise for Bethune's work; Bethune speaking engagements.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Jeannetta Welch Brown.

- 0110 **Julia Walker Brown, 1949–1952. 11 pp.**
Major Topics: Speaking visit of President Truman before the NCNW; activities at and praise for Walker's Commercial and Vocational College; Bethune travel.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Julia Walker Brown.
- 0121 **"C," 1946–1947. 87 pp.**
Major Topics: Conscientious objectors during World War II; letter to Attorney General Tom Clark regarding lynchings; fund-raising for BCC; Bethune travel.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Roy B. Chavis; Mildred Casey; Edward C. Carter; A. C. Curtright; Chester R. Cowart; Constance Agatha Cummings-John; Bartley C. Crum; A. Jean Clore; C. B. Campbell; Albert P. Cage; Winston Chamber.
- 0208 **"C," 1948–1949. 75 pp.**
Major Topics: Fund-raising for BCC; Bethune travel plans; praise for Bethune's work; NCNW membership recruitment; Florida State legislature passage of legislation requiring teachers to state their views on segregation.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; A. J. Coleman; Josephine Reynolds; C. E. Charleston; Ethelyn D. Clark; Marsden W. Cabell Sr.; Arabella L. Denniston; Marguerite Johnson Clayton; Ada G. Cooper; Marcus W. Collins; Estella L. Crosby; G. W. Conoly; Mary Cherry; Robert L. Stephens; Judah Cahn; William E. Cotter; Thomas T. Cobb.
- 0283 **"C," 1950. 55 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune health problems; praise for Bethune's work; formation of new NCNW branches.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Ambrose Caliver; Bessie Fitch Bailey; Marian F. Croson; Arabella L. Denniston; S. H. Crenshaw; Bertha C. Singleton; J. R. Cunningham; Dorothy B. Ferebee; Charlotte L. Ford Clark; Pauline Watkins Campbell; Beulah Carter; Lila A. Coleman.
- 0338 **"C," 1951. 66 pp.**
Major Topics: NCNW fund-raising; request for Bethune speaking visit; finances for Bethune-Volusia Beach; praise for Bethune's work; Bethune trip to Liberia.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Thomas T. Cobb; J. Campbell; Jesse M. Chiles; Charles B. Wilson; S. Sloan Colt; William E. Cotter; Mabel Cooper; Thena R. Crowder; Leon Claxton.
- 0404 **"C," 1952–1953. 18 pp.**
Major Topic: Plans for multicultural education.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Mary B. Kerr; Charles F. Rush; Clinton R. Coleman; Eloise Cozens.
- 0422 **Ambrose Caliver, 1951–1955. 13 pp.**
Major Topic: National Advisory Committee on the Education of Negroes of the Federal Security Agency goals, agendas for meetings, and cooperation with the American Association of School Administrators.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Ambrose Caliver; Worth McClure.
- 0435 **Eunice H. Carter, 1946–1949. 21 pp.**
Major Topic: NCNW administration.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Eunice H. Carter.
- 0456 **Central Life Insurance Company, 1933, 1943–1950. 128 pp.**
Major Topics: Central Life Insurance Company business affairs and finances; quarterly report of the Department of Christian Social Relations; civil rights and liberties; Japanese resettlement after World War II; FEPC; Farm Security Administration; findings and resolutions of the Conference on the Postwar Employment of Women; Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, "Postwar Housing Problems" (article); statement of Americans United for World Organization; BCC finances; constitution and by-laws of the Central Life Insurance Company.
Principal Correspondents: G. D. Rogers; Mary McLeod Bethune; N. H. Martin; George W. Powell; Thelma Stevens; Jesse M. Vann.

- 0584 **Central Life Insurance Company, 1951. 85 pp.**
Major Topics: Central Life Insurance Company plans for 1951; restrictive covenants; contributions to the UNCF; Bethune appointment to Civil Defense Advisory Committee by President Truman; housing for African Americans in Memphis, Tennessee; Central Life Insurance Company finances.
Principal Correspondents: R. W. Robinson; W. A. Morris; Levin W. Armwood; Emma Martin Lancaster; H. H. McKenzie; Lucy G. Tillman; Mary McLeod Bethune; Thomas T. Cobb; C. Udell Turpin; Bertha Loving Mitchell; Verna A. Hickman; L. I. Alexander; B. W. Horner; Dillard B. Lassetter; Nelson S. Chaplin.
- 0669 **Central Life Insurance Company, 1952–1955 and undated. 58 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune health problems; Central Life Insurance Company president's report and stockholders; resolutions of the Afro-American Life Insurance Company on death of Bethune.
Principal Correspondents: Lucy G. Tillman; Mary McLeod Bethune; J. Leonard Lewis; E. E. Broughton; Earl V. Hord.
- 0727 **Regina Chandler, 1952–1954. 7 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune health problems; donation by Chandler to the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation.
Principal Correspondent: Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0734 **Chicago Defender, 1943–1955. 81 pp.**
Major Topics: Appointment of John H. Sengstacke to BCC Board of Trustees; proposal for *Chicago Defender* "half-century of progress" edition; biographical sketch of Robert S. Abbott; presentation of Robert S. Abbott Memorial Award to President Truman; *Chicago Defender* gift to BCC; investing in Bethune-Volusia Beach; *Chicago Defender* scholarships to African American youth; presentation of the Robert S. Abbott Memorial Award to Bethune; Bethune health problems; Bethune travel plans.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; John H. Sengstacke; Charles P. Browning; Enoc P. Waters Jr.; Arabella L. Denniston; Catherine Owens Peare.
- 0815 **Civil Rights Congress, 1948–1949. 9 pp.**
Major Topics: Campaign against segregation in Washington, D.C.; William L. Patterson comments on speech by Paul Robeson in Paris; Bethune disavowal of Civil Rights Congress.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Thomas G. Buchanan Jr.; Cedric Belfrage.
- 0824 **Clara Claasen, 1951. 13 pp.**
Major Topic: Progress reports on Bethune biography by Rackham Holt.
Principal Correspondents: Clara Claasen; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0837 **Rufus Clement, 1951–1953. 5 pp.**
Major Topics: Meeting on civil rights policy with President Truman; letter of condolence to Clement.
Principal Correspondents: Rufus E. Clement; A. Philip Randolph; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0842 **James Colston, 1943–1955. 31 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC fund-raising; NYA aid for BCC; NYA student work program; administration of BCC.
Principal Correspondents: James A. Colston; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0873 **Mattie S. Coasey, 1948–1955. 28 pp.**
Major Topics: Letter of condolence to Mattie S. Coasey; Bethune travel plans.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Mattie S. Coasey.

0901 **Stella Counselbaum, 1948–1951. 56 pp.**

Major Topics: Stella Counselbaum, “A Woman of Valor: Mary McLeod Bethune” (typescript); Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith; praise for Bethune’s work; BCC honorary degree to Counselbaum for outstanding work in “race relations and human understanding”; Chicago Council against Racial and Religious Discrimination fund-raising; gift to BCC; appointment of Counselbaum to NCNW Human Relations Department.

Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Stella Counselbaum; Robert L. Stevens; Bessie Fitch Bailey.

Reel 3

Series 1. Alphabetical Correspondence, 1914–1955 cont.

0001 **“D,” 1946–1949. 61 pp.**

Major Topics: Southern Education Foundation activities; Bethune resignation from board of Council of American-Soviet Friendship; Congress of American Women resolutions; Bethune appearance on *This Is Your Life*; campaign to desegregate the University of Florida; Bethune appointed member of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Foundation; campaign to modernize Florida State constitution.

Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Walter T. Dixon; J. Curtis Dixon; Muriel Draper; Walter S. Davis; John P. Davis; Edward D. Davis; Robert P. Daniels; J. E. Dovell.

0062 **“D,” 1950. 69 pp.**

Major Topics: Report on success of African American farmers in the South and West; Florida voter registration campaign; ‘Round the World Town Meeting and Town Hall World Seminar; testimonial dinner in honor of Lawrence A. Davis; Bethune’s support for Senator Claude Pepper’s 1950 reelection campaign and for Helen Gahagan Douglas’s U.S. Senate campaign; contributions to BCC; campaign to modernize Florida State constitution; congratulatory messages on Bethune’s seventy-fifth birthday.

Principal Correspondents: James P. Davis; Mary McLeod Bethune; John A. Diaz; Lawrence A. Davis; Charles Dollard; J. E. Dovell; I. A. Derbigny; Richard V. Moore.

0131 **“D,” 1951. 79 pp.**

Major Topics: BCC activities; campaign to desegregate the University of Florida; complaints regarding segregation of African American military personnel in Miami, Florida; Bethune visit to Liberia; complaint regarding intimidation of African American motorist by police in New Smyrna, Florida; Bethune health condition; appointment of Monroe Dowling as collector of internal revenue for the Third District of New York; Central Life Insurance Company administration; NCNW National Convention; plans for Bethune’s autobiography.

Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Edward D. Davis; Millard Caldwell; John A. Diaz; John Dillingham; Monroe D. Dowling; Jesse W. Dees Jr.; Dorothy B. Ferebee.

0210 **“D,” 1952. 70 pp.**

Major Topics: Bethune sympathy messages on the death of friends; Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State; Earl Dickerson campaign for renomination to membership on the NAACP National Board of Directors; Bethune, “What the Year 1953 Means to Me” (typescript).

Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Herbert Davidson; Edward R. Dudley; Glenn L. Archer; Earl B. Dickerson; Hubert T. Delany; Dorothy A. Decheimer.

- 0280 **“D,” 1953–1954. 73 pp.**
Major Topics: Establishment of the National Council of Women of Liberia; praise for Bethune’s work; Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation establishment and contributions; plans for Bethune’s autobiography; women’s leadership conference at BCC; NCNW activities; dismissal of Frank Horne as assistant to the administrator on racial relations in the Housing and Home Finance Agency; election of Charles C. Diggs Jr. to Congress.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Rae Dudley; Ozelia J. Dixon; Julius Davidson; John H. Dickerson; Charles C. Diggs Sr.; Charles C. Diggs Jr.
- 0353 **Eleanor Curtis “Nona” Dailey, 1947–1952. 25 pp.**
Major Topics: NCNW meetings and activities of the Chicago Metropolitan Council; Bethune travel plans; proposals for establishment of National Councils of Women in foreign countries.
Principal Correspondents: Eleanor Curtis Dailey; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0378 **Pauline Dailey, 1947–1951. 7 pp.**
Major Topic: Personal correspondence.
Principal Correspondents: Pauline Dailey; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0385 **Constance Daniel, [1947–1954]. 130 pp.**
Major Topics: Daniel’s duties and resignation as editor of the NCNW’s *Journal*; dispute with Bethune over dismissal of employees in Bethune’s office for seeking union recognition; NCNW internal disputes; *Journal* operations and financial matters; Bethune visit to Haiti; integration of Freedman’s Hospital staff; job opportunities for African Americans in Washington, D.C.; collaboration between Daniel and Bethune on newspaper columns for the *Chicago Defender*; campaign to end segregation in Washington, D.C., and Washington, D.C., political situation; establishment of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; health condition of Bethune and her son, Albert.
Principal Correspondents: Constance E. H. Daniel; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0515 **Mary E. Davidson, 1945–1953. 104 pp.**
Major Topics: Health condition of Davidson and Bethune; NCNW activities; BCC fund-raising and search for a new president; plans for Bethune’s autobiography; Bethune speaking engagements; Davidson NCNW honorary life membership; Bethune becomes first African American woman to be awarded an honorary degree by a white southern college (Rollins College); meeting between Bethune and President Truman; dispute between Bethune and Mrs. Rackham Holt regarding completion of Bethune’s biography; Bethune appointed president of the Central Life Insurance Company; Bethune appointed U.S. representative to the inauguration of President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia; establishment of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; Moral Re-Armament.
Principal Correspondents: Mary E. Davidson; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0619 **John W. Davis, 1946–1951. 15 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune awarded honorary degree by West Virginia State College; Davis appointed chairman of the National Defense Commission of the NEA; campaign to get more African Americans appointed to high government positions by the Truman administration; Anna Rosenberg appointed assistant secretary of defense; American Association of School Administrators resolutions.
Principal Correspondents: John W. Davis; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0634 **Julia A. Davis, 1944–1954. 61 pp.**
Major Topics: Personal correspondence; BCC administration, advisory board meetings, and fund-raising activities; Bethune presented with award from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Cotillion Society; Bethune health condition; *Ebony* cover story on Bethune and Eleanor Roosevelt; Eleanor Roosevelt visit to BCC; establishment of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; health conditions of Bethune and her son, Albert Sr.
Principal Correspondents: Julia A. Davis; Mary McLeod Bethune; Matthew S. Davage.

- 0695 **Tabitha Davis, 1952. 15 pp.**
Major Topics: Request for Bethune speaking engagement; Englewood, New Jersey, American Legion Auxiliary activities; praise for Bethune's work.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Tabitha A. Davis; Lucy G. Tillman.
- 0710 **Congressman William L. Dawson, 1946–1952. 25 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune support for a diplomatic posting for Giles Hubert; Bethune and Dawson support for President Truman's reelection in 1948; Bethune request for construction of an all-African American staffed VA hospital in Daytona Beach, Florida; Dawson appointed vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee; Bethune support for appointment of J. A. Somerville as governor of the Virgin Islands; appointment of Edith S. Sampson to the UN Assembly and Anna Rosenberg as assistant secretary of defense; congratulatory message from Bethune on Dawson's reelection to Congress in 1950.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; William L. Dawson.
- 0735 **Hubert T. Delany, 1944, 1950–1952. 12 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune support for appointment of Dr. Oma Henry Price to medical post in New York City; red-baiting of NAACP; Bethune health condition; Bethune refused permission to speak at Englewood, New Jersey, school building due to charges of being a subversive; support for Earl Dickerson's renomination to the National Board of the NAACP.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Hubert T. Delany.
- 0747 **Arabella Denniston, 1941–1952. 65 pp.**
Major Topics: Denniston's duties as Bethune's secretary; Bethune's finances and expenses; BCC fund-raising; mental health of Georgia McLeod Zanders; Bethune health condition; Bethune participation in the UN World Security Conference in San Francisco, California; Bethune visit to Haiti; NCNW executive committee and board of directors' meetings, internal dissension, and finances.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Arabella L. Denniston; Dorothy B. Ferebee.
- 0812 **Arabella Denniston, 1953–1955 and undated. 67 pp.**
Major Topics: NCNW administration, executive committee meeting and board of directors' meeting, and finances; visits to BCC by Eleanor Roosevelt and Marian Anderson; Bethune health condition; red-baiting of Vivian Carter Mason; criticism of NCNW by Ann Hedgeman; benefit performance by Josephine Baker.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Arabella L. Denniston; Senorita W. Crawford.
- 0879 **Dr. Albert W. Dent, 1946–1952. 15 pp.**
Major Topics: Requests for Bethune speaking engagement at Dillard University; BCC fund-raising activities; appointments of Bethune as president of the Central Life Insurance Company and as member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council; FBI investigation of Bethune on suspicion of disloyalty to the United States; Central Life Insurance Company administration.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Albert W. Dent.

- 0894 **Dies Committee (1), 1943. 202 pp.**
Major Topics: Opposition of African American leaders to the Dies Committee; investigation of Bethune and William Pickens on charges of being a communist and subversive; letters to the committee in support of Bethune; Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for Negroes resolution on the postwar problems of African Americans.
Principal Correspondents: Francis D. Culkin; Franklin Delano Roosevelt; James A. Bray; John H. Kerr; Charles S. Johnson; J. H. Johnston; L. H. Foster; John W. Davis; Charles H. Houston; Harry H. Jones; Lorenzo H. King; Raphael O'Hara Lanier; J. R. E. Lee; Ira F. Lewis; Forrester B. Washington; Channing H. Tobias; Ludd M. Spivey; R. E. Hughes; D. O. W. Holmes; James A. Dombrowski; Edwin R. Embee; James E. Shepard; A. Philip Randolph; F. D. Patterson; Benjamin E. Mays; Carl Murphy; F. D. Bluford; William H. Bell; Horace Mann Bond; Claude A. Barnett; Charlotte Hawkins Brown; Charles H. Wesley; Stephen S. Wise; Arthur D. Wright; P. B. Young; W. J. Hale; Mary Church Terrell.

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- 0001 **Dies Committee (2), 1943. 66 pp.**
Major Topic: Investigation of Bethune on charges of being a communist, letters in support of Bethune, and statement by Bethune.
Principal Correspondents: John H. Kerr; Charles H. Houston; Daisy E. Lampkin; Martin Dies; Anson Phelps Stokes; John W. Davis; Hubert T. Delany; Mary L. Williams; Walter White.
- 0067 **Mary L. Divers, 1943–1949 and undated. 57 pp.**
Major Topic: Personal correspondence.
Principal Correspondents: Mary L. Divers; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0124 **Helen Gahagan Douglas, 1948–1950. 7 pp.**
Major Topics: 1948 Democratic Party civil rights plank; Douglas candidacy for U.S. Senate.
Principal Correspondents: Helen Gahagan Douglas; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0131 **W. E. B. Du Bois, [1945 and undated]. 6 pp.**
Major Topics: African American opportunities at UN Conference on a World Security Organization; meeting with Secretary of State Edward Stettinius.
Principal Correspondents: W. E. B. Du Bois; Mary McLeod Bethune; Walter White.
- 0137 **“E,” 1946–1954. 69 pp.**
Major Topics: Charles H. Houston candidacy for commissioner of the District of Columbia; proposed National Memorial to the Forward March of Women in Washington, D.C.; requests for information on BCC and the NCNW; appointment of Martha Eliot as head of the Children's Bureau; National Conference on Aging report.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Robert H. Estabrook; N. Corinne Lowry; Martha Eliot; Oscar R. Ewing; E. B. Evans; Syble Byrd Everett.
- 0206 **Albert Einstein, 1947. 11 pp.**
Major Topics: Statement by the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists on need for international control of atomic energy; Cord Meyer Jr., “What Price Preparedness” (article).
Principal Correspondents: Albert Einstein; Mary McLeod Bethune; Cord Meyer Jr.
- 0217 **President [Dwight D.] and Mamie Eisenhower, 1948–1953. 14 pp.**
Major Topics: L. K. Jackson suggestions to Eisenhower for federal civil rights legislation; Bethune congratulatory message to Eisenhower on his election as president; invitation to Mamie Eisenhower to become an honorary member of the NCNW; Eisenhower statement on atomic energy control.
Principal Correspondents: Dwight D. Eisenhower; Mary McLeod Bethune.

- 0231 **James C. Evans, 1950–1953. 45 pp.**
Major Topics: Report of the Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services; sales of stock in the Central Life Insurance Company formerly held by Evans's father; application of BCC for an Air Corps ROTC training unit; integration of U.S. Army units in Korea and the United States; racial conflict among U.S. soldiers stationed in Germany; proposal for establishment of defense training and production facilities in Florida.
Principal Correspondents: James C. Evans; Mary McLeod Bethune; G. D. Rogers; Clarence Mitchell.
- 0276 **"F," 1946–1947. 52 pp.**
Major Topics: Plans for establishment of a weekly international newspaper; BCC fund-raising activities.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Louis Finkelstein; Robert A. Fangmeier; Elizabeth White Frothingham.
- 0328 **"F," 1948–1953. 68 pp.**
Major Topics: Congratulatory message on James Forrestal's appointment as secretary of defense; report on the activities of the High Commission of Germany; Fisk University Race Relations Institute; contributions to BCC.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; James Forrestal; Herbert B. Frederick; Channing H. Tobias; Hilda G. Finney; Elizabeth White Frothingham; S. B. Fuller.
- 0396 **Dr. Dorothy Ferebee, [1948–1952]. 14 pp.**
Major Topics: Contributions to NCNW; Bethune named "Woman of the Mid-Century" by NCNW; proposed visit to British Guiana by Bethune.
Principal Correspondents: Dorothy B. Ferebee; Mary McLeod Bethune; Beatrice R. Hall.
- 0410 **Foreign Correspondence, 1946–1955 and undated. 172 pp.**
Major Topics: Nomination of Bethune to the UN Commission on the Rights of Man; letters from people in various Asian, African, and Latin American nations praising Bethune's work and/or requesting assistance; complaints regarding misinformation about and stereotypes of African Americans in Europe; celebration of the centennial of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.
Principal Correspondents: Henri Laugier; Eleanor Roosevelt; Rana S. Singh; Mary McLeod Bethune; Oswaldo Andrean Burnello; Enith McLaine Spence; Arabella L. Denniston; Lamar E. Fort; Jose Valencia Contreras.
- 0582 **Viva [Veva, Vera] Friend, 1946–1955. 23 pp.**
Major Topics: Death of Mrs. Forrest Luther Smith; veterans' housing project; contributions to NCNW and UNCF; scholarships for African students at BCC; Friend's activities as trustee of BCC.
Principal Correspondents: Viva [Veva, Vera] Friend; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0605 **"G," 1945–1949. 87 pp.**
Major Topics: Deaths of Robert Gadlin and John M. Gandy; concert tour by Oscar Griffin; praise for Bethune's work; Henry Wallace 1948 presidential campaign; Bethune visit to Haiti in 1949.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Oscar Griffin; Buell G. Gallagher; Wilhelmina J. Gilbert; Lester B. Granger; Elinor S. Gimbel; Alverta B. Gray; C. E. Griffin; A. G. Gaston; Ralph Bunche.
- 0692 **"G," 1950. 30 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC activities; E. William Gautier's campaign for a Florida State senate seat; retirement of James Weldon Johnson as executive secretary of the NAACP; praise for Bethune's work.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; E. William Gautier; Elsie Graham; Richard V. Moore.

- 0722 **“G,” 1951. 102 pp.**
Major Topics: Praise for Bethune’s work; BCC activities; Bethune statement in support of W. E. B. Du Bois; Robert Hungerford School situation; Bethune’s appointment to the Civil Defense Advisory Council and as president of the Central Life Insurance Company; allocation for Federal Housing Administration housing for African Americans in southern California; Bethune appointed U.S. representative to the inauguration of President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Ida Nance Givens; Edwin O. Grover; A. G. Gaston; G. James Gilliam; Harold Goodwin.
- 0824 **“G,” 1952–1953. 69 pp.**
Major Topics: Proposal for interracial Methodist student work; Women’s 1952 Leadership Conference for Dedication and Action at BCC; Bethune visit to Liberia; contributions to BCC; campaign to improve standard of living and moral standards for African Americans; establishment of Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation.
Principal Correspondents: Eulalie Ginn; Mary McLeod Bethune; Richard V. Moore; Daisy S. George; Louella H. Goff.
- 0893 **Ruth Mouzon Gant, 1951–1952. 12 pp.**
Major Topics: Gant’s appointment as chairman of the Founders Day Program of the NCNW; Bethune-Volusia Beach.
Principal Correspondents: Ruth Mouzon Gant; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0905 **George Gore, 1950–1953. 16 pp.**
Major Topics: Gore appointed president of Florida A&M College; Gore elected vice president of the NEA; recommendations by Bethune for faculty appointments at Florida A&M College.
Principal Correspondents: George W. Gore Jr.; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0921 **Rosa Gragg, [1949–1952]. 9 pp.**
Major Topic: Personal correspondence relating to Gragg’s health.
Principal Correspondents: Rosa Gragg; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0930 **William Gray, [1946–1953]. 30 pp.**
Major Topics: Proposal for establishment of VA advisement centers and educational and training programs at BCC and Florida A&M College; BCC fund-raising activities; Florida State legislative investigation of communist activities in state colleges; NCNW testimonial dinner in honor of Bethune; Gray’s appointment as editor-manager of the *Philadelphia Afro-American* and installation as pastor of the Bright Hope Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Principal Correspondents: William H. Gray Jr.; Mary McLeod Bethune; Marvin Webb; William T. Comer.
- 0960 **S. Henry Grillo, 1946–1949. 9 pp.**
Major Topics: Proposed meeting between Bethune and Cuban women’s leader Dr. Anna H. Echegoyen de Canizarez; racial discrimination complaints against the Washington, D.C., Post Office; National Alliance of Postal Employees’ support for UNCF.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; S. Henry Grillo.

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- 0001 **“H,” 1943–1946. 70 pp.**
Major Topics: Appointments to BCC advisory board; meeting on effects of venereal disease on African Americans; appointments of American women to positions on UN commissions and councils; invitations; BCC and NCNW activities.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Emily Hickman; John A. Hall; Merrill J. Holmes.

- 0071 **“H,” 1947. 50 pp.**
Major Topics: Election of Richard V. Moore as president of BCC; Methodist Federation for Social Action; BCC activities; Bethune sympathy messages on death of friends; Bethune accepts honorary membership in the New York Chapter of Hadassah.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Lewis O. Hartman; Alice Hartley; Hamilton Holt; Dwight Holmes; Jewel House.
- 0121 **“H,” 1948–1949. 83 pp.**
Major Topics: NCNW program; Dorothy Height elected grand president of the Delta Sorority; invitations; high school named in honor of Bethune; Bethune invited to serve on the Committee for the Inaugural Ball for President Truman; National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers Convention; Katherine Hyndman deportation case.
Principal Correspondents: Jane E. Hunter; Mary McLeod Bethune; Dorothy I. Height; Dwight Holmes; T. Frank Hobson; Melvin D. Hildreth; William E. Henry; Florence Madison Hill; Lillian M. Holland Harvey; Cecie Henry; Katherine Hyndman; Gilbert A. Harrison.
- 0204 **“H,” 1950–1951. 118 pp.**
Major Topics: Workers Defense League report on peonage in central Florida; award presented to Bethune by NCCJ; Bethune sympathy messages on the death of friends; Bethune appointed president of Central Life Insurance Company; Central Life Insurance Company operations; Bethune-Volusia Beach; Highlander Folk School to direct United Packinghouse Workers of America educational program; campaign by the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church to prohibit advertisements for alcoholic beverages; invitations; establishment of George Washington Carver Day Celebration; Bethune appointed U.S. representative to inauguration of President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia; *The Christian Century* magazine request for article by Bethune.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Donald Harrington; Nora Holt; Eric G. Hoyer; Perry W. Howard; William H. Hastie; Myles Horton; T. R. Hartsfield; Wilbur E. Hammaker; Robert D. Hobday; Paul Hutchinson.
- 0322 **“H,” 1952–1954 and undated. 103 pp.**
Major Topics: Campaign by the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church to prohibit advertisements for alcoholic beverages; invitations; letters of condolence from Bethune on the death of friends; proposal for 1952 Women’s Crusade for Dedication and Action; Bethune-Volusia Beach; New York area mass meeting in honor of Bethune; petition to RFC for loan for new waterworks for all-African American town of Eatonville, Florida; BCC and NCNW activities; Oveta Culp Hobby appointed to head the Federal Security Agency; statement by Bethune for use during Japan’s annual Women’s Week; Highlander Folk School program to support school desegregation; Bethune health concerns; proposal for phonograph record album on African American history; activities of W. C. Handy.
Principal Correspondents: Paul Hutchinson; Mary McLeod Bethune; Richard V. Moore; Wilbur E. Hammaker; Reba Harden; W. W. Hines; Lilian Sharpe Hunter; Lester Harris; Claude Pepper; Oveta Culp Hobby; Langston Hughes; Spessard L. Holland; James Hagan; W. C. Handy.
- 0425 **Haiti, 1947–1951 and undated. 31 pp.**
Major Topics: Invitations to Bethune to attend Haitian Embassy events, visit to Haiti in 1949, and views on Haiti’s assets and needs; visit to United States by Madame Lucienne H. Estime, the first lady of Haiti.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Joseph D. Charles; Dumarsais Estime; Jean F. Briere; Lucienne H. Estime.
- 0456 **Miriam [Mame] Mason Higgins, 1942–1947. 30 pp.**
Major Topics: Program suggestions for the NCNW; Bethune’s dedication address for Dillard University; BCC and NCNW activities.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Miriam [Mame] Mason Higgins.

- 0486 **Rackham Holt, [1948–1954]. 11 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune travel plans; plans for biography of Bethune.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Rackham Holt; Clark Foreman; George Miller; L. S. Cozart.
- 0497 **“I,” 1946. 3 pp.**
Major Topic: Request for assistance.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Inez Irving.
- 0500 **“J,” 1943–1949. 117 pp.**
Major Topics: Resignation of Bethune as BCC president; BCC and NCNW activities; testimonial in honor of Mordecai Johnson’s service as Howard University president; invitations; requests for interviews; Bethune elected honorary president of the International Longfellow Society; letters of recommendation by Bethune for various students; National Progressive Voters League report on African American political leaders; publication of *The Dark Race in the Dawn* by Kathryn Johnson; awards given to Bethune; Bethune sympathy messages on the death of friends; recommendations of the Hoover Commission on Reorganization of the Government.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Mordecai W. Johnson; Bernard Jackson; Arthur Charles Jackson; Maynard H. Jackson; Kathryn M. Johnson; Eloise B. Johnson; Freeman Jones; Robert L. Johnson; J. H. Johnson.
- 0617 **“J,” 1950. 83 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC and NCNW activities; Bethune’s retirement as president of NCNW and BCC; Bethune health condition; Ashton Jones’s World Brotherhood Trek; proposal for a national committee of African American business executives.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Marjorie S. Joyner; Ashton Jones; Kathryn M. Johnson; Ernest E. Johnson; Eloise B. Johnson; David D. Jones.
- 0700 **“J,” 1951–1952. 93 pp.**
Major Topics: Florida State Federation of Colored Women’s Clubs program; study on discrimination in housing; Bethune appointed president of the Central Life Insurance Company; invitations; Bethune-Volusia Beach; proposal for creation of a Liberian Air Force by retired African American U.S. Air Force personnel; Ashton Jones’s World Brotherhood Trek.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Mrs. L. J. Johnson; Mordecai Johnson; Dallas Johnson; Ernest E. Johnson; M. L. Jewell; Marjorie S. Joyner; Ashton Jones; Eloise B. Johnson.
- 0793 **“J,” 1953. 78 pp.**
Major Topics: Invitations; creation of Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; scholarships for professional librarians at Atlanta University School of Library Service; opening of BCC to all students; Bethune health condition; Bethune sympathy messages on the death of friends.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Marjorie S. Joyner; Virginia Lacy Jones; Cordelia Greene Johnson; Iola Jones; Otelia L. Jackson; Bertha L. Johnson; Lyndon B. Johnson.
- 0871 **Eva Jessye, 1952–1953. 13 pp.**
Major Topics: Proposed budget for the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation for FY 1953–1954; proposed stage production of *Paradise Lost*; activities of the Eva Jessye Choir.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Eva Jessye.
- 0884 **Charles Johnson, 1929–1955. 41 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC twenty-fifth anniversary; proposed biography of Bethune; Birth Control Federation of America meetings; recommendations for new president of BCC (1946); appointment of Charles Johnson as Fisk University president; Fisk University Race Relations Institute; BCC fund-raising; Bethune’s support for Moral Re-Armament and recommendation of an honorary degree for Frank N. D. Buchman.
Principal Correspondents: Charles S. Johnson; Mary McLeod Bethune.

- 0925 **“K,” 1946–1953. 81 pp.**
Major Topics: UNRRA developments; inclusion of African Americans under the Children’s Service Bureau program of St. Petersburg, Florida; invitations; Bethune sympathy messages on the death of friends.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Arthur Kidd; Virginia J. Kitzmiller; Dorothy Kenyon; Henry H. Kessler.
- 1006 **Estes Kefauver, 1951–1953. 5 pp.**
Major Topics: Passage of Atlantic Union Resolution; contribution by Kefauver to the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation.
Principal Correspondents: Estes Kefauver; Mary McLeod Bethune.

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- 0001 **“L,” 1943–1947. 46 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC activities, contributions, and Bethune resignation as president; speech by Bethune during National Radio Week.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Ira F. Lewis; Alfred Baker Lewis; George D. Levy; Frank S. Loescher; Roger D. Lapham; Edgar A. Love; Hardy Liston; William Langer; James H. Lewis; Dorothy Lewis.
- 0047 **“L,” 1948–1951. 78 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC activities; Bethune sympathy messages on the death of friends, honorary degree from Rollins College, biographical sketch, health condition, and praise for work.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Katherine Laux; James H. Lewis; Charles D. B. King; L. D. Land; Audrey Love; Emmett Lampkin.
- 0125 **“L,” 1952–1953. 92 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune support for Easter Seals Campaign; Alexander Lake, “Fruitful Valley” (article); praise for Bethune’s work; Bethune-Volusia Beach; World Health Organization establishes planned parenthood centers in India; United Packinghouse Workers of America campaign against segregation and discrimination; Bethune assistance to Anna Laura Lee with college admission; proposal for introduction of courses on the Far East in African American colleges; invitations; construction of housing development in Miami, Florida, for African Americans displaced by slum clearance; resignation of Dillard B. Lasseter from the Farmers Home Administration.
Principal Correspondents: Lawrence J. Linck; Alexander Lake; Mary McLeod Bethune; Russell R. Lashley; Edgar A. Love; Johnnie V. Lee; Alexander Lesser; Camilla R. Lockwood; Dillard B. Lasseter; David L. Lawrence.
- 0217 **Daisy Lampkin, [1943–1954]. 14 pp.**
Major Topics: Activities of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Metropolitan Council of the NCNW; NAACP activities.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Daisy E. Lampkin.
- 0231 **Dr. R. O’Hara Lanier, 1946–1954. 31 pp.**
Major Topics: Lanier’s activities with the American Legation in Liberia; Bethune’s visit to Liberia and health condition; Lanier appointed president of Texas State University for Negroes and Texas Southern University; invitation to Ralph Bunche to be commencement speaker at Texas State University for Negroes; state investigation of Lanier’s administration of Texas Southern University.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Raphael O’Hara Lanier; Garriette Lanier; Ralph J. Bunche.

- 0262 **Ada Lee, 1946–1952. 30 pp.**
Major Topics: NCNW and Mary McLeod Bethune Circle No. 1 activities and purpose; requests for contributions to Jacksonville, Florida, Community Center; Bethune, “Our Goal is Full Integration, Mr. McCarran!” (typescript).
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Ada M. Lee.
- 0292 **Senator Herbert Lehman, 1948–1953. 25 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune invited to be sponsor of the National Committee for Roosevelt Day; radio broadcasts in support of Lehman’s U.S. Senate campaign; letters of recommendation to Lehman in support of employment of various friends; BCC fund-raising and Lehman contribution; testimonial dinner in honor of Lehman.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Herbert H. Lehman; Helen Sachs Straus; Lucile W. Heming; Carolin A. Flexner; Edward M. Murray; Wayne Morse; Hubert H. Humphrey.
- 0317 **Joe Louis, 1946–1951. 10 pp.**
Major Topic: Invitations to Louis to attend various benefits, praise of career, contribution to BCC, and defeat by Rocky Marciano.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Joe Louis.
- 0327 **“M,” 1943–1947. 45 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune resignation as BCC president, invitations, and praise for work; North Carolina voter registration campaign; BCC plans for expansion; Bethune signs amnesty appeal for war objectors.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; O. Clay Maxwell; Billy Martin; A. V. Mundy; Arthur J. Moore; Emma Guffey Miller; A. J. Muste.
- 0372 **“M,” 1948. 34 pp.**
Major Topics: Implementation of the civil rights bill of 1948; opening of interracial hospital in Los Angeles, California; NCNW program; praise for Bethune’s work; Bethune health condition; First National Negro Exposition; Bethune loss of diaries of her European trip.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Arthur M. Mitchell; Spyros P. Skouras; Roger E. Montgomery; Clara Miller.
- 0406 **“M,” 1949. 50 pp.**
Major Topics: Radio interview with Eleanor Roosevelt; inauguration of J. Hillis Miller as president of the University of Florida and Alonzo Moron as president of the Hampton Institute; Bethune appointed to the advisory board of the National Committee for Education on Alcoholism; invitations; BCC fund-raising activities; mob violence in Lake County, Florida; request for Bethune’s endorsement of Newbold Morris’s campaign for mayor of New York City; praise for Bethune’s work; Bethune sympathy messages on the death of friends; Bethune meeting with Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; J. Hillis Miller; Marty Mann; Newbold Morris; Robert L. Stephens; F. W. Mueller; Henry Morgenthau Jr.; Alonzo G. Moron; Ella H. Meyer.
- 0456 **“M,” 1950. 46 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC fund-raising; nomination of Burnita Shelton Matthews to a federal judgeship; formation of the Charles Hamilton Houston Memorial Fund; publication of *In Person: Lena Horne* (book).
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; James W. Miller; Burnita Shelton Matthews; Donald Gaines Murray; F. W. Mueller; Carlton Moss.

- 0502 **“M,” 1951–1952. 73 pp.**
Major Topics: Living conditions for children of migrant workers; Walter White visit to Daytona Beach, Florida; eleventh annual meeting of the Florida State Conference, NAACP; praise for Bethune’s work; Bethune urged to write President Truman regarding veto of immigration bill, invitations, health condition, and support for Adlai Stevenson’s presidential campaign; Friendship Among Children and Youth Around the World, Inc.; award of BCC honorary degree to Branch Rickey; letters of recommendation from Bethune requesting employment for various friends; appointment of Stephen Mitchell as chairman of the Democratic National Committee.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Juanita Jackson Mitchell; James Myers; George Murray; Ruth C. Mueller; Harry T. Moore; George Ingram; Carlton Moss; Murray J. Marvin Jr.; William R. Ming Jr.; Ernest O. Melby; Stephen Mitchell; Will Maslow; Roger L. Main.
- 0575 **“M,” 1953–1955. 122 pp.**
Major Topics: Establishment of, by-laws of, and contributions to the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; Bethune letters of recommendation requesting employment for friends; plans for Bethune autobiography; testimonial dinner in honor of Senator Herbert Lehman; Bethune sympathy messages on the death of friends, interview with Sam Maqbul-Masih of India and the Reverend Glen Murdock, invitations, and health condition; NAACP Fighting Fund for Freedom; repeal of Birmingham, Alabama, city ordinance banning interracial ball games; Bethune-Volusia Beach; proposal for creation of an all-African American city in Florida.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Lucille V. Miller; Burnita Shelton Matthews; Wayne Morse; N. H. Martin; J. H. Milligan Jr.; Henry Lee Moon; James W. Morgan; F. W. Mueller; James Myers; Charles C. Moore.
- 0697 **Mme. C. J. Walker Co., 1939, 1950–1952. 10 pp.**
Major Topics: Second National Youth Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth; New York City mass meeting at the Abyssinian Baptist Church on W. 138th Street; Bethune invited to be principal speaker at memorial service for Madame C. J. Walker.
Principal Correspondents: F. B. Ransom; Mary McLeod Bethune; Marjorie S. Joyner; Robert Lee Brokenburr; Roberta D. Aikens.
- 0707 **Naomah Maise, [1953]. 6 pp.**
Major Topics: Maise appointed executive director of the NCNW; NCNW activities.
Principal Correspondents: Naomah W. Maise; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0713 **Arenia Mallory, 1947–1955 and undated. 54 pp.**
Major Topics: Saints Industrial and Literary School operations; Mallory health condition; NCNW activities; Saints Industrial and Literary School Improvement Program contributions, Bethune invited to give 1950 commencement address, and Mallory’s twenty-fifth anniversary as president; Bethune’s proposal to appoint Mallory executive secretary of the NCNW; establishment of Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; BCC fiftieth anniversary; Mallory marriage to John Bunyan Davis.
Principal Correspondents: Arenia Mallory; Mary McLeod Bethune; Eva R. Archer.
- 0767 **Vivian Carter Mason, 1949–1956 and undated. 92 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune visit to Haiti, concern regarding documentary record of term as NCNW president, health condition, and charity work for children of Haiti; deposition of President Dumarsais Estime of Haiti; NCNW activities; Bethune appointed Central Life Insurance Company president; Daughters of Elks Golden Jubilee Convention; rivalry between Mason and Arenia Mallory for NCNW presidency; Mason’s concern over inclusion of her name in a HUAC publication; biographical sketch of Mason.
Principal Correspondents: Vivian Carter Mason; Mary McLeod Bethune; Harold H. Velde.

- 0859 **Benjamin E. Mays, 1947–1952. 10 pp.**
Major Topics: Memorial service for Mrs. John Hope Sr.; visit to South Africa by a delegation from the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches; Mays invited to preach at Chautauqua, New York.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Benjamin E. Mays.
- 0869 **“Mc,” 1946–1949. 50 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC public relations and fund-raising; invitations; Bethune health condition.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Richard I. McKinney; Pearl McIver; Hattie McDaniel.
- 0919 **“Mc,” 1950. 26 pp.**
Major Topics: Committee on National Affairs activities; search for new president of Spelman College; requests for interviews with Bethune.
Principal Correspondents: Frederick C. McKee; Mary McLeod Bethune; Lawrence MacGregor.
- 0945 **“Mc,” 1951. 63 pp.**
Major Topics: NCCJ Annual Brotherhood Dinner; Bethune appointed Central Life Insurance Company president; FBI investigation of Bethune; BCC fund-raising; tenth anniversary of Freedom House; Trenton Six defense fund.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; J. Howard McGrath; Harry S. McAlpin; Georgia McLeod; Mary Todd McKenzie; B. F. McLaurin; Archibald McLeish; Francis J. McConnell; Lulu McAlister.

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- 0001 **“Mc,” 1952–1955 and undated. 62 pp.**
Major Topics: Praise for Bethune’s work; Bethune family correspondence; NCNW activities; establishment of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; meeting between Bethune and President Harry S. Truman.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Lulu McAlister; Egbert McLeod; Rudolph A. McLeod; Mary Todd McKenzie; Marguerite McCleary.
- 0063 **Roberta McGuire, 1950 and undated. 8 pp.**
Major Topics: Personal correspondence; NCNW meetings; McGuire visit to Haiti.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Roberta McGuire.
- 0071 **Louise L. Meigs, 1941–1954 and undated. 100 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC fund-raising and administration; UNCF; NCNW meetings; contributions to BCC; establishment of and contributions to the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; Bethune health condition.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Louise L. Meigs; Robert L. Stephens.
- 0171 **Jerona Miller, 1952–1953. 21 pp.**
Major Topics: Family correspondence; Bethune complaints regarding repayment of debts owed to local businessmen.
Principal Correspondents: Jerona Coffey Miller; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0192 **Margo [Margot] Mills, 1950–1954. 12 pp.**
Major Topic: Personal correspondence regarding home repairs and travel plans.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Margo [Margot] Mills.
- 0204 **Milwaukee Springs, 1941–1942. 34 pp.**
Major Topic: Proposal for acquisition of Milwaukee Springs property by the U.S. Housing Authority to provide a recreation and health center for African American servicemen in Florida.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Samuel W. Getzer; Paul V. McNutt; Walter White; Charles S. Chesnut; Mark A. McCloskey.

- 0238 **John Clover Monsma, 1953. 11 pp.**
Major Topics: Proposed publication of *What I Believe About Jesus Christ* with statements by leading Americans as a deterrent to communism; submission of article by Bethune for book.
Principal Correspondents: John Clover Monsma; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0249 **Richard V. Moore, 1947–1949. 65 pp.**
Major Topic: BCC fund-raising, administration, dismissal of teacher for pregnancy out of wedlock, UNCF financial assistance, and Bethune opposition to BCC dance featuring Lionel Hampton.
Principal Correspondents: Richard V. Moore; Maxwell W. Saxon; Mary McLeod Bethune; Florence Small.
- 0314 **Richard V. Moore, 1950–1955 and undated. 73 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC fund-raising, administration, visit by Madame Pandit, Indian ambassador to the United States, and contributions; Bethune's appointment to the National Civilian Defense Committee and visit to Liberia; UNCF financial assistance to BCC; resignation of Moore from the board of trustees of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation.
Principal Correspondents: Richard V. Moore; Mary McLeod Bethune; Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit; Bessie Fitch Bailey; Charles R. Hale; L. F. Kemble.
- 0387 **Referrals to Richard Moore, 1948–1955. 32 pp.**
Major Topic: Requests for information regarding BCC and requests for scholarships.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Richard V. Moore.
- 0419 **Ruth Morrison [Morison], 1946–1948. 16 pp.**
Major Topics: Requests for Bethune speaking engagements; Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship Fund activities and award presentations.
Principal Correspondents: Ruth L. Morison; Miriam [Mame] Mason Higgins; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0435 **Carl Murphy, 1947–1953. 9 pp.**
Major Topics: Dispute between NAACP national headquarters and local branch over showing of the film *The Well*; arrangements for meeting of African American newspaper publishers at BCC.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Carl Murphy; Louis T. Wright.
- 0444 **"N," 1943–1950. 55 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune retirement as BCC president; NCNW meetings; contributions to BCC; Tuskegee Institute School of Education seminar on the South; Bethune participation in leadership study conducted by Nejelski & Company, Inc.
Principal Correspondents: N. C. Newbold; Mary McLeod Bethune; Charles C. Noble; Ernest E. Neal; Leo Neljelsky.
- 0499 **"N," 1951–1955. 68 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune appointed Central Life Insurance Company president; praise for Bethune's work; Bethune appointed to represent the United States at inauguration of President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia; letters of recommendation by Bethune for various friends; Bethune sympathy messages on the death of friends; Bethune agrees to serve as sponsor for the David K. Niles Fund; contributions to BCC; invitations to serve on the advisory committee of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Queenie Nailon; Louis P. Smith; Ellwood C. Nance; Thomasina W. Norford; John W. Nixon.

- 0567 **NYA Conferences on Problems of Negroes and Negro Youth, 1936 and 1939. 126 pp.**
Major Topics: Conference invitations, planning, agenda, list of participants, recommendations, and reports; U.S. Commission on Interracial Problems.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Eugene Kinckle Jones; J. Finley Wilson; Jessie Daniel Ames; Carl Murphy; W. Ellis Stewart; W. J. Kennedy Jr.; Roscoe C. Giles; B. C. Gardner; Richard R. Brown; Reverdy C. Ransom; T. Arnold Hill; Louise P. Cochran; William L. Houston; Aubrey Williams; Thomas Parran; Robert Fechner; F. F. Hill; Frances Perkins; Cordell Hull; Harry B. Mitchell; Clinton M. Hester; Frank Murphy; Harold L. Ickes; Stewart McDonald; F. C. Harrington; Harry H. Woodring; Claude A. Swanson; Henry A. Wallace; Oscar M. Powell; John B. Blandford Jr.; John W. Davis.
- 0693 **NYA Correspondence, 1936–1939. 57 pp.**
Major Topics: Meeting to discuss full integration and participation of African Americans; Bethune travel plans and speaking engagements; request for a PWA project to aid African American women in Palatka, Florida; racial discrimination complaints against the U.S. Civil Service Commission; Second Conference on the Problems of Negroes and Negro Youth; complaints regarding conditions for African American farmers in the South; NYA programs; Federal Council of Negro Affairs activities.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Sarah H. Bard; Bruce Barton; John W. Davis; Robert L. Vann; Arthur W. Mitchell; E. S. Adams; D. J. Seals; J. P. Bond Jr.; Gerald L. Ash.
- 0750 **NYA Correspondence, 1940–1944. 116 pp.**
Major Topics: National Negro Insurance Association annual convention; Second Conference on the Problems of Negroes and Negro Youth; proposal to integrate African Americans into the national defense program; report on NYA activities in Alabama and Kentucky; allegations of discrimination in NYA programs in the South; training programs for African Americans in various fields; NYA travel authorizations, statements on services rendered by various NYA employees and consultants, and information on expenses and salaries; National Negro Congress activities; campaign to dismantle federal trust fund established in 1863 for the education and training of African American youth; changes in NYA program to accommodate the national defense program; complaints regarding failures of government officials to appoint African Americans to responsible positions and the failure of private industry to provide employment opportunities for African Americans; Federal Council on Negro Affairs policy meeting; Dies Committee attack on Bethune and other members of the Roosevelt administration; Southern Conference on Race Relations statement of purpose; Paul McNutt appointed director of the War Manpower Commission; proposal for inclusion of NYA under the War Manpower Commission; Bethune resignation as BCC president, participation in WAND, and NYA retirement rights.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Willard W. Allen; Edwin M. Watson; William J. Tompkins; Robert L. Vann; Raphael O'Hara Lanier; R. E. Atwood; Ward Stewart; Arabella L. Denniston; Malvina C. Thompson; John P. Davis; John W. Davis; Adam Clayton Powell Jr.; R. R. Wright Jr.; T. Arnold Hill; J. Finley Wilson; Aubrey Williams; William Pickens; Lucy R. Mason; Gordon B. Hancock; Forrester B. Washington; Alice T. McLean; Arthur S. Spingarn.
- 0866 **NYA—Employment of African Americans in Government Service, 1938–1942. 116 pp.**
Major Topics: Proposals for federal housing developments for African Americans; amendment of the District of Columbia Alley Dwelling Act of 1934; racial discrimination complaints against the U.S. Civil Service Commission; information on African Americans employed by government agencies; Federal Council of Negro Affairs meetings and activities; Federal Defense Program Special Protection Section program.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Albert I. Cassell; Harry B. Mitchell; Campbell Johnson; Arabella L. Denniston; Edgar G. Brown; Lyman J. Briggs; Dutton Ferguson; L. K. Downing; Howard D. Woodson; William J. Trent Jr.; Robert C. Weaver; Alfred E. Smith; Eliot Ness; Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

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- 0001 **“O,” 1945–1955. 63 pp.**
Major Topics: Recruitment of African American women by the Women’s Army Corps; Bethune invitations to President’s Advisory Commission on Universal Training, to Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Birthday Committee, and to the I Am An American Day Committee; Virginia Odom appointed chair of Department for National Headquarters for the State Federation of Colored Women’s Clubs.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Jo Davidson; Mildred Osby; E. M. O’Byrne; John H. Ohly; Basil O’Connor; Virginia C. Odom; William O’Dwyer; Mary Oxholm; B. Clare Overton.
- 0064 **“P,” 1943–1950. 117 pp.**
Major Topics: Retirement of Bethune as BCC president; invitations; U.S. Treasury Department citation for Bethune for her work with the Peacetime Savings Bond Program; racial discrimination complaints against the U.S. Civil Service Commission; Bethune sympathy messages on the death of friends; contributions to BCC; Bethune appearance on *This Is Your Life*; praise for Bethune’s work; NCNW presents award to F. D. Patterson, president of the Tuskegee Institute; Bethune invited to be sponsor for the 1950 UNCF appeal.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Branson Price; William Pickens; Frances Perkins; Bertha Keith Payne; Justine Polier; Al Paschall; Roy Wilkins; Robert S. Pious; C. B. Powell; F. D. Patterson; Jacob S. Potofsky; R.W. Puryear; P. L. Prattis.
- 0181 **“P,” 1951–1954 and undated. 99 pp.**
Major Topics: Contributions to the NCNW; invitations; development of the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial; letters of recommendation by Bethune for friends; National Sharecroppers Fund board of directors’ meeting; Bethune support for Adam Clayton Powell Jr. congressional campaign; forum series on race relations in Florida since World War II; Bethune sympathy messages on the death of friends; establishment of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; Moral Re-Armament.
Principal Correspondents: C. B. Powell; Mary McLeod Bethune; S. J. Phillips; Lillian D. Poling; Frank Pace Jr.; Robert Ogden Purves; Maggie W. Patton; Eliot D. Pratt; B. M. Phillips; Adam Clayton Powell Jr.; Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit; Otto M. Pharr; Richard I. Porter; Kelsey Pharr.
- 0280 **Dr. F. D. Patterson, 1936–1952. 27 pp.**
Major Topics: Proposal for establishment of federal programs to deal with the problems confronting African Americans; fund-raising activities by private African American colleges; SNYC meetings; racial discrimination complaints against the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Civil Service Commission; Bethune speaking engagements at Tuskegee Institute; award for Patterson by the NCNW; UNCF activities.
Principal Correspondents: F. D. Patterson; Mary McLeod Bethune; John Williams.
- 0307 **Noble Payton, 1953–1955. 63 pp.**
Major Topics: Payton appointed special assistant to Meharry Medical College president; articles by Payton and Bethune in the *Chicago Defender*; United Packinghouse Workers of America and the Quakers campaign against segregation and discrimination; Bethune health condition; BCC activities and fiftieth anniversary celebration; Bethune speaking engagements; Moral Re-Armament; NCNW luncheon in honor of Bethune.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Noble F. Payton.

- 0370 **Senator Claude Pepper, 1944–1949. 15 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune health condition, rights and status under the Civil Service Retirement Act; West Miami Housing Project for African American veterans; Bethune support for Pepper's 1950 reelection campaign and endorsement of Joseph S. White for appointment to federal judgeship in Florida.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Claude Pepper; William C. Hull.
- 0385 **J. Edward and Ora Perry, 1948–1955. 26 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune travel plans; NCNW fund-raising; plans for Bethune's autobiography; establishment of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; Johannesburg, South Africa, Interracial Assembly.
Principal Correspondents: Ora Perry; Mary McLeod Bethune; J. Edward Perry; Senorita W. Crawford.
- 0411 **Fannie Ayer Ponder, 1946–1954. 19 pp.**
Major Topics: NCNW activities; Bethune and Ponder visit to Africa; BCC fund-raising and plans to set up a local council in Daytona Beach, Florida; Bethune health condition.
Principal Correspondents: Fannie Ayer Ponder; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0430 **Mamie Anderson Pratt, 1943–1951. 66 pp.**
Major Topics: Contributions to BCC; Bethune appointed consultant to UN Conference in San Francisco in 1945; death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt; Bethune attendance at NAACP meetings; African American support for President Harry Truman in 1948 election; Bethune health condition; settlement of the Pratt estate; Bethune appointed Central life Insurance Company president; NCNW award to Josephine Baker.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Mamie Anderson Pratt.
- 0496 **Ruth Brown Price, 1947–1955. 30 pp.**
Major Topics: NCNW activities; plans for Bethune's autobiography; invitations; Bethune travel plans; Bethune sponsorship of the 1952 Roosevelt Day Dinner; Bethune-Volusia Beach; Bethune health condition; establishment of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; World Assembly for Brotherhood in Switzerland.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Ruth Brown Price.
- 0526 **"Q," [1949–1950]. 5 pp.**
Major Topic: Requests for assistance.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Carrie Robinson Quander.
- 0531 **"R," 1943–1947. 42 pp.**
Major Topics: Property purchased by Bethune; BCC finances, administration, and inauguration of Richard V. Moore as president; Central Life Insurance Company operations; decision by E. C. Russell to leave his teaching position at BCC; NCNW activities.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; F. B. Ransom; G. D. Rogers; E. C. Russell; William H. Hale; Josie W. Roberts.
- 0573 **"R," 1948–1949. 67 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC honorary degree to Dr. Carl Roberts; BCC activities and inauguration of Richard V. Moore as president; testimonial dinner for Bethune in New York City; Bethune membership in the Florida State Conference of Social Work; Rollins College honorary degree awarded to Bethune; Bethune appearance on *This Is Your Life*; inauguration of Harry Richardson as Gammon Theological Seminary president.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Carl Glennis Roberts; Theodore L. Redding; O. R. Reuben; Constance Pringle Rudd; Anna Roosevelt; Frances Day Rogers; Dorothy Medders Robinson; Harry B. Richardson.

- 0640 **“R,” 1950–1951. 93 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune demands removal of her name from list of sponsors of National Cancer Hospital of America; Bethune contribution to ADA; Bethune sympathy messages on deaths of friends; election of Emory Ross as Phelps-Stokes Fund president; invitations; plans for Bethune’s autobiography; NCNW’s Mid-Century Register Project and Headquarters Committee meeting; Bethune as Central Life Insurance Company president; congratulatory message to “Sugar” Ray Robinson on winning middleweight boxing championship; NACW meeting minutes.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; D. Paul Reed; Joseph L. Rauh Jr.; James Roosevelt; Emory Ross; Robert L. Reynolds; King D. Reddick Jr.; Ruth Redd; Homer P. Rainey; George N. Redd; Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings; Lillian Robinson; “Sugar” Ray Robinson; Anna Rosenberg.
- 0733 **“R,” 1952. 42 pp.**
Major Topics: Praise for Bethune’s work; Bethune travel plans; requests to portray Bethune in television series, *Women Who Believed*; invitations; contributions to the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; Bethune support for Adlai Stevenson’s presidential campaign; establishment of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. election to Congress.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; A. A. Lester; George N. Redd; James M. Reid; King D. Reddick Sr.; Anna Roosevelt; Frieda Reicher; Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr.
- 0775 **“R,” 1953. 82 pp.**
Major Topics: School desegregation in Arizona; Bethune sympathy messages on deaths of friends; Bethune-Volusia Beach; establishment of *Our Sports* magazine devoted to coverage of African American athletes; NCNW activities; YWCA Centennial Celebration; Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation goals; integration of BCC; praise for Bethune’s work; National Issues Committee activities; Joseph Ray Sr. appointed Housing and Home Finance Agency race relations adviser.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Ernest R. Rather; Jackie Robinson; Mary F. Rockefeller; Frieda Reicher; Nelson A. Rockefeller; Eleanor Roosevelt; Isador Lubin; Joseph R. Ray Sr.
- 0857 **“R,” 1954–1955 and undated. 25 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune sympathy messages on death of friends; BCC activities; selection of first African American child as page in U.S. Supreme Court; Moral Re-Armament.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Ellen A. Robinson; Ernest R. Rather.
- 0882 **A. Philip Randolph, 1939–1953. 34 pp.**
Major Topics: Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth (1939); Bethune invited to attend testimonial dinners in honor of A. Philip Randolph and Frank Crosswaith; presidential order eliminating segregation in the U.S. armed forces; BCC fund-raising; International Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Silver Anniversary Celebration; proposed policy conference of African American leaders to promote the interests of African Americans; Negro Labor Assembly resolution calling for issuance of an executive order prohibiting discrimination based on color, religion, or sex; conferences between African American leaders and President Harry S. Truman, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, and Director of Defense Mobilization Charles E. Wilson.
Principal Correspondents: A. Philip Randolph; Mary McLeod Bethune; Leon Henderson; Robert L. Stephens; Frank R. Crosswaith.
- 0916 **Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, 1951–1953. 24 pp.**
Major Topics: Speaking engagement by Rawlings at BCC; proposal to ban sororities and fraternities at BCC; proposed meeting between Rawlings, Bethune, and Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit; discussions between Bethune and Rawlings concerning the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; plans for Bethune’s autobiography.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings.

- 0940 **Ruth Reed, 1942–1947. 31 pp.**
Major Topics: Program for 1942, 1944, and 1947 annual graduation exercises of Rowland's School of Scientific Beauty Culture; Bethune invited to attend 1947 graduation exercises; BCC fund-raising.
Principal Correspondents: Marjorie S. Joyner; Ruth R. Reed; Mary McLeod Bethune; Bessie Fitch Bailey; Eloise Thompson.
- 0971 **References/Letters of Recommendation, 1946–1954 and undated. 72 pp.**
Major Topic: Letters of reference and recommendation written by Bethune for various friends.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Claude Pepper; Renah F. Camalier; Maynard I. Wishner; William Langer; W. J. Walls; Walter Davis; Frances P. Bolton.

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- 0001 **Requests for Aid, 1945, 1949–1952. 70 pp.**
Major Topic: Requests for assistance from Bethune.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; King D. Reddick Jr.
- 0071 **Requests for Aid, 1953–1955 and undated. 116 pp.**
Major Topic: Request for assistance from Bethune.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Eleanor Roosevelt; Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit; Fuller Warren; J. Hillis Miller; George W. Gore; L. S. Cozart.
- 0187 **Hobson and Evelyn Reynolds, 1948–1954. 26 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC operations; praise for Bethune's work; Bethune health condition; Hobson Reynolds attendance at BCC board of trustees' meetings; Bethune writes introduction to book of poetry by Evelyn Reynolds.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Hobson R. Reynolds; Evelyn Reynolds.
- 0213 **Margaret Rhodes, 1937–1954. 29 pp.**
Major Topic: BCC fund-raising, financial contributions, and donations of books from Rhodes for the college library.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Margaret Rhodes.
- 0242 **Dr. M. A. F. Ritchie, 1954. 14 pp.**
Major Topics: Ritchie inauguration as Hartwick College president; Hartwick College administrative reports; Moral Re-Armament.
Principal Correspondents: M. A. F. Ritchie; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0256 **James Roberts, 1954. 33 pp.**
Major Topics: Roberts' arrest and imprisonment; request for Bethune's assistance and efforts by Bethune to find employment for Roberts.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; James Roberts; Brilla Braswell; C. M. Greene; Francis R. Bridges Jr.; Joseph Y. Cheney; Raymond B. Marsh; Senorita W. Crawford.
- 0289 **Paul Robeson, 1943–1954. 10 pp.**
Major Topics: Proposed painting of Robeson by Betsy Graves Reyneau; Robeson appeal in Raissa Browder immigration case; meeting of African American leaders to discuss program for achieving democratic rights; congratulatory message from Bethune on birth of Robeson's granddaughter.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Paul Robeson; Franklin Delano Roosevelt; Essie Robeson.
- 0299 **Edward G. Robinson, 1945–1946. 8 pp.**
Major Topics: Support for civil rights for African Americans; newspaper clippings on Robinson's career and his support for a California State FEPC.
Principal Correspondents: Edward G. Robinson; Charles D. Wherry.

- 0307 **John D. Rockefeller Jr., 1946–1953. 40 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune resumes presidency of BCC; BCC fund-raising; sympathy message from Bethune on death of Mrs. Rockefeller and memorial service for Abby Rockefeller; contribution by Rockefeller for Bethune's seventy-fifth birthday; Bethune appointed U.S. representative at the inauguration of President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia.
Principal Correspondents: John D. Rockefeller Jr.; Mary McLeod Bethune; Richard V. Moore.
- 0347 **Nelson A. Rockefeller, 1943, 1953. 13 pp.**
Major Topics: Radio address by Rockefeller on Mexico's Independence Day celebrations and Mexican–U.S. relations; Rockefeller appointed undersecretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; appearance by Rockefeller at the NCNW biennial convention in 1953; Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation fund-raising.
Principal Correspondents: Nelson A. Rockefeller; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0360 **Eleanor Roosevelt, 1943–1955 and undated. 66 pp.**
Major Topics: Dies Committee attack on Bethune; termination of the NYA; Eleanor Roosevelt speaking engagements, meeting with Bethune, and testimonial dinner; BCC fund-raising; Bethune retirement as NCNW president; 1951 conference of presidents of African American land grant colleges; Franklin D. Roosevelt Foundation board of directors' meetings; Eleanor Roosevelt visit to BCC; sympathy message from Bethune on death of Malvina Thompson; establishment of the National Issues Committee and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library; contributions by Eleanor Roosevelt to the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; American Association for the United Nations; Suez crisis.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Eleanor Roosevelt; John W. Davis; William H. Kilpatrick; C. V. Troup; Albert W. Dent; Grace G. Tully; Julius Davidson; Channing H. Tobias.
- 0426 **Julius Rosenwald Fund, [1936]. 12 pp.**
Major Topics: Invitation to Bethune to attend conference on race relations in Chicago, Illinois; Julius Rosenwald Fund Fellowships; Bethune request for funding to write her autobiography.
Principal Correspondents: M. O. Bousfield; Mary McLeod Bethune; Edwin R. Embee; Marshall Field; Charles R. Johnson.
- 0438 **"S," 1944–1945. 30 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC fund-raising; confirmation of Henry A. Wallace as secretary of commerce; requests to War Department to approve shipment of *The Negro Sporting News* to U.S. servicemen overseas; Bethune attends UN Conference on International Organization in San Francisco, California; praise for Bethune's work; U.S. Office of Education plans for educational improvement.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Henry L. Stimson; James T. Shotwell; John W. Studebaker; James E. Shephard.
- 0468 **"S," 1946. 85 pp.**
Major Topics: Plans for Bethune's autobiography; racial discrimination complaints regarding the Farm Security Administration; invitations; search for new BCC president; Ku Klux Klan activities in Georgia and South Carolina; National Maritime Union opposition to white violence against African Americans in the South; *Color-Line* magazine; recommendation that women be included in U.S. delegation to the ILO meeting in Montreal, Canada; BCC fund-raising; Negro Organization Society of Virginia, Inc.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; William H. Shell; Rex Stout; Portia Smiley; Alexander P. Shaw; Ferdinand C. Smith; Paul R. Simon; Stephen G. Spottswood; Marion J. Sands; Sam B. Solomon.
- 0553 **"S," 1947. 22 pp.**
Major Topics: National Committee to Win the Peace activities and policy statement; Bethune sympathy messages on deaths of friends; contributions to BCC; NCNW opposition to lynching and support for African American rights.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Abbott Simon; Edward R. Stettinius Jr.

- 0575 **"S," 1948. 89 pp.**
Major Topics: Invitations; praise for Bethune's work; inauguration of Richard Moore as BCC president; Bethune sponsorship of the Harry T. Burleigh Music Festival; letters of recommendation by Bethune for various friends; National Advisory Committee on the Education of Negroes; Ethel Storey appointed executive secretary of the Phillis Wheatley Association.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Christine Smith; Noble Sissle; Portia Smiley; J. Luther Sylvan; Neil Scott; Arthur B. Spingarn; John C. Shover; Ethel S. Storey; John W. Studebaker; Marjorie S. Joyner; Dorothy L. Sutton; William H. Shell.
- 0664 **"S," 1949. 96 pp.**
Major Topics: Support for congressional civil rights legislation; Bethune selection as one of the Fifty Greatest Living Americans; Rollins College honorary degree to Bethune; Bethune visit to Haiti; U.S. government housing programs; Bethune appearance on *This Is Your Life*; list of NACW National Headquarters Board Committee members.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Lasker Smith; William H. Shell; Edith S. Sampson; Franklin H. Williams; H. B. Lewis.
- 0760 **"S," 1950. 79 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC fund-raising and donation of medical books to the college library; plans for Bethune's autobiography; NCNW meetings; Bethune sympathy messages on the death of friends; praise for Bethune's work.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Walter H. Sammons; Enith McLaine Spence; Channing H. Tobias; Edward J. Sparling; L. Corrin Strong; Katherine Southworth; Wesley W. Stout.
- 0839 **"S," 1951. 136 pp.**
Major Topics: Campaign to modernize the Florida State constitution; American Veterans Committee fifth annual convention; BCC and NCNW fund-raising; Bethune sympathy messages on the death of friends; Edith S. Sampson awarded the Mary McLeod Bethune Medal; Barber-Scotia College Alumnae Association activities; Bethune accepts position on the Advisory Council for World Friendship; Central Life Insurance Company administration; National Negro Insurance Association meeting; Bethune proposal to construct housing development for African Americans in Daytona Beach, Florida; testimonial dinner in honor of W. C. Handy; Bethune-Volusia Beach; Bethune appointed to represent United States at inauguration of President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia.
Principal Correspondents: George L. Sexton; Mary McLeod Bethune; Michael Straight; Edith S. Sampson; Walter H. Sammons; Charles Clinton Spaulding; William H. Shell; Mary Hunter Stuart; L. S. Cozart; Gerda Schairer; John R. Steelman; Frank Horne; Wesley W. Stout; Charles A. Shaw; W. Stuart Symington; Ruth C. Mueller; Noble Sissle; Horace S. Sudduth.
- 0975 **"S," 1952. 90 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune health condition; Bethune appointed to represent United States at inauguration of President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia; invitations; Bethune proposal to construct housing development for African Americans in Daytona Beach, Florida; refusal of the School of Theology of the University of the South to admit African American applicants; nomination of Senator John J. Sparkman of Alabama as Democratic Party candidate for vice president; Bethune sympathy messages on deaths of friends; testimonial dinner in honor of W. C. Handy; NCNW activities; *Ebony* magazine cover story on Bethune and Eleanor Roosevelt; request for article by Bethune on minority rights for the *American Peoples Encyclopedia Yearbook*.
Principal Correspondents: Shelby B. Smith; Mary McLeod Bethune; Florence D. Shreve; J. J. Seabrook; Aubrey Williams; R. Bland Mitchell; Edith S. Sampson; John J. Sparkman; David Sholtz; Noble Sissle; Dorothy B. Ferebee; Charles A. Shaw; Dorothy Schiff; Ethel S. Storey.

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- 0001 **“S,” January–March 1953. 84 pp.**
Major Topics: Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation establishment and contributions; letters of recommendation by Bethune for various friends; Marian Anderson benefit concert at BCC; Bethune-Volusia Beach; invitations; red-baiting of Bethune; Bethune health condition; establishment of the David K. Niles Fund; NCNW activities.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Mary B. Sumner; P. M. H. Savory; Cecelia C. Smith; William R. Strassner; Kenneth B. Sanders; Edith S. Sampson; Louis P. Smith; Jane Morrow Spaulding; Sylvester B. Smith.
- 0085 **“S,” June–December 1953. 79 pp.**
Major Topics: Reorganization of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Bethune sympathy messages on deaths of friends; American Tennis Association tournament at BCC; praise for Bethune’s work; Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation establishment and contributions; Bethune health condition; Bethune efforts to increase the influence of women in the Democratic and Republican parties; IRS inquiry regarding Richard V. Moore for 1951 and 1952.
Principal Correspondents: Jane Morrow Spaulding; Mary McLeod Bethune; Marie Smallwood; Cecelia C. Smith; Grace F. Smith; George Smathers; C. A. Scott; L. L. Shannon.
- 0164 **“S,” 1954–1955 and undated. 56 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC fiftieth anniversary celebrations; Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation establishment; biographical sketch of Bethune; NCNW activities; International Assembly of Women.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Ruth Sloan; Ed Sullivan; Benjamin F. Seldon; Alexander P. Shaw.
- 0220 **Walter Sammons, 1950. 13 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune health condition; BCC fund-raising.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Walter H. Sammons; Arabella L. Denniston.
- 0233 **Margaret Sanger, 1952–1955. 8 pp.**
Major Topic: International Committee on Planned Parenthood World Conferences in Bombay, India, and Tokyo, Japan.
Principal Correspondents: Margaret Sanger; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0241 **Maxwell Saxon, 1943–1955. 80 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC public relations and administration; United Beauty School Owners and Teachers Association Convention at BCC; Saxon request for financial assistance; letter of recommendation by Bethune for Saxon; Bethune sympathy messages on the deaths of Saxon’s mother and father; Bethune-Volusia Beach; Saxon appointed Florida State commissioner of education.
Principal Correspondents: James A. Colston; Maxwell W. Saxon; Mary McLeod Bethune; L. H. Foster Jr.; Richard V. Moore; A. J. White; Albert McLeod Bethune Sr.; William V. S. Tubman; Ernest J. Yancy.
- 0321 **Ruth Scott, 1951–1955. 108 pp.**
Major Topics: Dorothy B. Ferebee selected as U.S. delegate to the International Council of Women meeting in Athens, Greece; NCNW fund-raising activities and regional conferences; Josephine Baker benefit concert; Bethune-Volusia Beach; Bethune and Scott support for Adlai Stevenson’s 1952 presidential campaign; sales of Bethune biography by Catherine Owens Peare; Bethune health condition; BCC fiftieth anniversary celebration; Bethune attends Eleanor Roosevelt’s seventieth birthday dinner; “Mother of the Century” award to Bethune; African American juvenile delinquency; memorial service for Bethune.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Ruth A. Scott; Catherine Owens Peare; Senorita W. Crawford.

- 0429 **Haile Selassie, [1952]. 7 pp.**
Major Topics: Praise for Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia; invitation to reception given by Haile Selassie.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Haile Selassie.
- 0436 **Rev. Glynn T. Settle, 1954. 7 pp.**
Major Topics: Request for Bethune and Eleanor Roosevelt to serve as councilors in Wings Over Jordan; involvement of Bethune in Moral Re-Armament.
Principal Correspondents: Glynn T. Settle; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0443 **Cecilia Smith, 1950–1955. 66 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune health condition; personal correspondence.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Cecilia Smith; Senorita W. Crawford.
- 0509 **Lillian Smith, 1945–1954. 21 pp.**
Major Topics: Praise for Bethune's work; reaction to and reviews of *Killers of the Dream*; Smith's campaign against segregation and for civil rights; plans for town hall meeting on civil rights.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Lillian Smith.
- 0530 **John and Vada Somerville, 1946–1954. 77 pp.**
Major Topics: Invitation to NCNW Bethune birthday party; reaction to report of President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights; BCC fund-raising; election of John Somerville to BCC board of trustees; sales of *Man of Color* by John Somerville; letters of recommendation for John Somerville; comments on *Man of Color*; appointment of John Somerville to Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners; Eleanor Roosevelt visit to Los Angeles; request to President Truman to appoint John Somerville governor of the Virgin Islands; plans for the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; John Somerville; Vada J. Somerville; Titus Alexander; B. B. Bratton; G. Raymond Booth; Glenn W. Moore; Mira Gavrilovitch; Lili Stagen; George L. Thomas; Lloyd C. Griffith; Tom Gaddis.
- 0607 **Sororities, 1944–1955. 36 pp.**
Major Topics: Lambda Kappa Mu service of tribute for deceased members; Bethune speaking engagements; praise for Bethune's work; Delta Sigma Theta fortieth anniversary meeting.
Principal Correspondents: Corinne D. Maybuce; Zenobia E. Allen; Olivia S. Henry; Ellen Fisher; Arabella L. Denniston; Mary McLeod Bethune; Hilda G. Bryant; Dorothy I. Height; Patricia Roberts; Mary J. Mosby; Elizabeth Lawrence; M. J. Acklin; Mrs. Charlie M. Jones; Hazel M. Saint Clair.
- 0643 **Southern Conference Educational Fund, 1947–1953. 155 pp.**
Major Topics: SCEF campaign against segregation and discrimination in education and public accommodations; planning for conference on discrimination in education; E. Franklin Frazier, "The Crisis in the Education of the Negro" (speech); filing of *amicus curiae* brief in *Sweatt v. Painter*; Bethune travel plans; speech of Ira Harkey to the Mississippi Press Association; SCEF banquet honoring Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit; fund-raising; summaries of speeches from the Atlanta conference on discrimination in education; minutes of meetings of SCEF board of directors; SCEF campaign against police brutality; SCEF finances; planning for conference on youth and racial discrimination; Bethune health problems; SCEF achievements in 1952; conference on "Youth and Racial Unity through Educational Opportunity"; praise for SCEF's work.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; James A. Dombrowski; Arabella L. Denniston; Alva W. Taylor; Lewis W. Jones; Rudolph Moses.

- 0798 **Southern Conference Educational Fund, 1954–1955. 159 pp.**
Major Topics: SCEF replies to allegations of communist activities; Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, “Probe of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.” (transcripts); SCEF board of directors’ meetings minutes; list of board members; reaction to *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954); SCEF policy statement on *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954); finances; “Uphold Integration” (advertisement placed by SCEF in New Orleans *Times-Picayune*); letter to Senator William Langer protesting the investigation of SCEF; William Peters, “The Schools that Broke the Color Line” (article); minutes of meeting on compliance with *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954); list of sponsors of southern conference on school desegregation; observation of Negro History Week.
Principal Correspondents: Aubrey Williams; James A. Dombrowski; Mary McLeod Bethune; Howard L. Parson; Lulu B. White; Charles G. Gomillion; Julian Feibelman; Hobart T. Taylor; Senorita W. Crawford; Rudolph Moses; Ethel Clyde.
- 0957 **Southern Conference for Human Welfare, 1941–1944. 61 pp.**
Major Topics: Minutes of meetings of SCHW board; SCHW by-laws; SCHW statement on “The South and National Defense”; Planned Parenthood Federation of America newsletter; SCHW officers and board members; SCHW finances; campaign for anti-poll tax legislation and for FEPC legislation.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Alton Lawrence; John B. Thompson; James A. Dombrowski; Florence Rose; Clark Foreman; Alva W. Taylor; Frank P. Graham; Arabella L. Denniston.

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- 0001 **Southern Conference for Human Welfare, 1945. 78 pp.**
Major Topics: Minutes of meetings of SCHW board; report of the executive secretary for 1944; resolutions adopted by the SCHW committee for Georgia; campaign for anti-poll tax legislation; Southern School for Workers adult literacy project; criticism of SCHW by Lillian Smith; SCHW finances; SCHW officers and board members; campaign for FEPC legislation.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; James A. Dombrowski; Naomi S. Cohen; Mrs. John Hammond Jr.; Channing H. Tobias; Lillian Smith; Alva W. Taylor; Harry S. Truman; Clark Foreman.
- 0079 **Southern Conference for Human Welfare, 1946–1949 and undated. 69 pp.**
Major Topics: Minutes of meetings of SCHW board; CIO Operation Dixie; Bethune statement on Claude Pepper; SCHW finances; SCHW “Declaration of Franchise”; comments on Columbia, Tennessee, race riot; SCHW by-laws.
Principal Correspondents: Alva W. Taylor; Clark Foreman; James A. Dombrowski; Mary McLeod Bethune; Myles Horton; John B. Thompson; Tarleton Collier; Eugenie Schwartz; Frank C. Bancroft; Virginia Shull; Frank Spencer; Edmonia W. Grant; Branson Price.
- 0148 **Ada Stecher, 1947–1955 and undated. 43 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune speaking visit to the American Association of University Women; Bethune health condition.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Ada E. Stecher; Bessie Fitch Bailey.
- 0191 **James Steele, 1943–1944. 23 pp.**
Major Topics: Steele’s plea to Governor Thomas E. Dewey for executive clemency; affidavits of William Harris Thomas, Thomas Smith, Austin Hastings, James Henry Mason, and Frank Williams.
Principal Correspondents: William F. Bleakley; James Steele; Sarah S. Washington.

- 0214 **Stevenson Presidential Campaign, 1952. 66 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune appointment as vice-chairman of National Volunteers for Stevenson; Bethune support for the Stevenson/Sparkman ticket; letter to the editor on Republican civil rights record; criticism of Bethune for her support of Sparkman; Bill Cunningham, "An Independent Settles on Ike" (article); Joseph McCarthy charges against Stevenson.
Principal Correspondents: John W. Sparkman; Hermon D. Smith; William R. Ming Jr.; Channing H. Tobias; Verne Wilson Moss; Roger William Riis; William Ross; Mary McLeod Bethune; Adlai E. Stevenson; Florence G. Long; Lula Locke.
- 0280 **Mrs. Lou Swarz, 1950–1955. 60 pp.**
Major Topics: "Teen-Town"; Bethune plans to visit to Liberia.
Principal Correspondents: Lou Swarz; Mary McLeod Bethune; Richard V. Moore.
- 0340 **"T," 1943–1945. 73 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune health problems; rally of American Youth for Democracy; praise for Bethune and BCC; activities of the International Workers Order.
Principal Correspondents: Frances P. Taylor; Mary McLeod Bethune; C. Novella Trotter; Lauren Taylor; Earl D. Thomas; Ann Tanneyhill; A. L. Thomas Sr.; Archibald J. Carey Jr.; Louise Thompson; Miriam [Mame] Mason Higgins; Georgia J. Taylor; Serena G. Lewis Thompson.
- 0413 **"T," 1946–1947. 48 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune travel plans and speaking visits; appointment of Randall L. Tyus as UNCF field secretary; antidiscrimination policy at the University of Wisconsin.
Principal Correspondents: Miriam [Mame] Mason Higgins; A. L. Thompson; Helene Tuttle; Mary McLeod Bethune; Elbert D. Thomas; Randall L. Tyus; Charles R. Taylor; Rebecca Stiles Taylor; Grace G. Tully; Thelma C. Toms; Louise Traxell; Charlotte DeBerry Tracy.
- 0461 **"T," 1948–1949. 73 pp.**
Major Topics: Thomas Tolbert request for Bethune's assistance in securing position as president of Samuel Huston College; request for Bethune speaking visit at Riverside Church.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Charles P. Taft; Beatrice Inez Tuck; Ida S. Taylor; Mary E. White; Portia C. Bullock; Till B. Toms; Thomas Tolbert; H. Council Trenholm; Arabella L. Denniston; Marvin Taylor; William A. Taylor; O. C. W. Taylor; Norris L. Tibbetts; Frank N. Trager; Ellen Tarry; Carrie L. Taylor; Henry D. Tyus; Philip Murray; Joseph T. Taylor; Willard S. Townsend.
- 0534 **"T," 1950. 44 pp.**
Major Topics: Election of William L. Dawson to Congress; requests to Bethune to help arrange speaking visit of Eleanor Roosevelt.
Principal Correspondents: Kitty V. Taylor; Mary McLeod Bethune; Norman T. Thomas; Mabel Taggart; Willard S. Townsend; Ruby Allen Trimble; Melvin B. Tolson; H. Theodore Tatum; Donald E. Trump; Charlotte DeBerry Tracy; John B. Thompson.
- 0578 **"T," 1951. 63 pp.**
Major Topics: Requests to Bethune to help arrange speaking visit of Eleanor Roosevelt; career of Remington Rand salesman C. Udell Turpin; plans of Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Company to do business in Florida; Bethune speaking engagement.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Preston L. Tollman; Edward D. Davis; L. E. Thomas; C. V. Troup; Russell V. Tinney; C. Udell Turpin; Clarence L. Thomas; Mattie R. Trammell; S. B. Thomas; Alma S. Taylor; Jesse O. Thomas; Ann Tanneyhill; Dorothy Thompson.
- 0641 **"T," 1952. 56 pp.**
Major Topics: Letter of condolence to Mary Church Terrell; letter of recommendation for Annie Laura Lee; Bethune health problems.
Principal Correspondents: Bertha Loving Mitchell; Bruce J. Tucker; Mary McLeod Bethune; Sally Tomkins; Dora B. Thomson; Helen Truman; Prince A. Taylor Jr.; Don D. Tullis; Till B. Toms; Dave Travis; Joy Du Trieuille.

- 0697 **"T," 1953. 69 pp.**
Major Topics: African Americans in Europe; Bethune speaking engagements; formation of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; Bethune-Volusia Beach finances; Bethune health problems; legal activities of the Workers Defense League.
Principal Correspondents: Edna Thomas; A. Merle Hooper; Mary McLeod Bethune; Helen B. Thies; Dave Travis; Halley B. Taylor; John R. Tamm; Katie Thompson; Ora Brown Terry; Malvina C. Thompson; J. Herbert Touchstone; Nellie L. Elmore; Till B. Toms; Thelma C. Toms; Norman T. Thomas; Robert T. Taylor; H. Councill Trenholm; Barbara B. Toliver.
- 0766 **"T," 1954–1955 and undated. 9 pp.**
Major Topics: Funeral and obituary for Mary Church Terrell; personal correspondence.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Thomas W. Turner; Sally Tomkins.
- 0775 **Frances P. Taylor, 1943–1955. 23 pp.**
Major Topics: Taylor health condition; personal correspondence.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Frances P. Taylor; Alfred M. Stanley; Arabella L. Denniston.
- 0798 **Sue Bailey and Howard Thurman, 1947–1955. 80 pp.**
Major Topics: Invitation to the opening of the S. E. Bailey Community Library; request for Howard Thurman speaking visit; Bethune travel plans; Fellowship Church of All Peoples fund-raising; formation of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; activities and travel of Howard Thurman; activities and travel of Sue Bailey Thurman.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Sue Bailey Thurman; Joseph Johnette; Elza Robinzine; Mrs. Homer Myles; Howard Thurman; Katherine Laux.
- 0878 **Dr. Channing H. Tobias, 1938–1954 and undated. 71 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC fund-raising; appointment of Tobias to Phelps-Stokes Fund; appointment of Tobias to President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights; Bethune travel plans; Fellowship Church of All Peoples brochure; Channing H. Tobias, "Not for the Negro Alone" (speech); NAACP activities.
Principal Correspondents: Channing H. Tobias; Mary McLeod Bethune; Robert L. Stephens; William H. A. Carr; Eunice W. Cook; Howard C. McKinney; J. Philip Waring.
- 0949 **William J. Trent Jr., 1946–1951. 10 pp.**
Major Topics: Contributions to UNCF; request for Bethune speaking visit.
Principal Correspondents: William J. Trent Jr.; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0959 **President Harry Truman, 1946–1953. 34 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune recommendation of delegates to the ILO; Bethune letters congratulating Truman for his victory in 1948 election; BCC fund-raising; NAACP campaign against segregation; praise for Truman speech on civil rights.
Principal Correspondents: Harry S. Truman; William D. Hassett; Mary McLeod Bethune; David K. Niles; Rhobia Taylor; Theresa I. Lynch; Matthew J. Connelly; L. K. Jackson.
- 0993 **"U," 1944–1953. 14 pp.**
Major Topics: National Advisory Council on Negro Problems of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.; condolence letter to Mrs. C. H. Uggams; discrimination at the Veterans Administration; praise for Bethune's work.
Principal Correspondents: J. H. J. Upham; Mary McLeod Bethune; Howard N. Ury; Christine Upshur.

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- 0001 **“V,” 1943–1955. 56 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune stock in the *Pittsburgh Courier*; National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Clubs award of honorary life membership to Bethune.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; John G. Van Deusen; Jessie M. Vann; Laura Valdes; Helen Gill Viljoen; Natalie S. Vaughn; Mary F. Valentine; W. R. Valentine; Geneva K. Valentine; Roscoe Brunstetter; Margaret Valiant; Lavinia Vinson.
- 0057 **“W,” 1943–1944. 83 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC fund-raising; accomplishments of William J. Thompkins as recorder of deeds for Washington, D.C.; gift to NCNW; California Council of Negro Women request to join NCNW; meeting in support of Republican Spain; celebration of National Freedom Day.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Frederick S. Weaver; Love B. Woods; Patricia Williams; Joshua O. Williams; Maude Esther White; Ethna Beulah Winston; Albert F. Washington; Richard H. Walker; Ethel Winfield; Albert M. White; D. E. Williams; Mary Whelan Warburg; Hattie A. White; Mildred A. Burrill; Alice Holdship Ware; Mattie L. Ward; Ethyl Wise; Lillie Wilkerson; Gertrude Barnes; Phyllis Warburg; Garnet C. Wilkerson; R. R. Wright Sr.; Millie White.
- 0140 **“W,” 1945. 59 pp.**
Major Topics: Personal correspondence; support for public schools.
Principal Correspondents: R. R. Wright Sr.; Mary McLeod Bethune; Dorothy W. Forte; D. E. Williams; L. L. White; Ethna Beulah Winston; Edith Wilkins; S. B. Wakesburg; W. J. Walls; Miriam [Mame] Mason Higgins; Marjorie M. Jackson; Sue Cowan Williams; Marjorie D. Wickliffe; Edward White; Charl Ormond Williams.
- 0199 **“W,” 1946. 91 pp.**
Major Topics: Procedures of the Florida Department of Education for the certification of graduates; personal correspondence; South Carolina State Agricultural and Mechanical College presentation of honorary degree to Bethune; creating a hospitable atmosphere for UN meeting; Bethune philosophy of education; presentation of honorary degree to Bethune from West Virginia State College.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Mary E. Williams; Frank M. West; D. E. Williams; Miriam [Mame] Mason Higgins; M. F. Whittaker; Mamie E. Williams; Edna Watson; Walter L. Winkenwerder; A. C. Warrington; R. L. Walker; Frederick P. Wall; Fannie C. Williams; W. W. Woolfolk; Mary Willoughby; Bernice H. White; D. O. Walker; Sumner Welles; Ethna Beulah Winston; Halena Wilson; W. J. Walls; W. T. Wallace Jr.; Thomas E. Williams.
- 0290 **“W,” 1947–1948. 79 pp.**
Major Topics: Request to Bethune to help arrange speaking visit of Eleanor Roosevelt; personal correspondence.
Principal Correspondents: Jocelyn Wagner; Mary McLeod Bethune; Sally Woodward; L. Hollingsworth Wood; Amos J. White; John B. Walthour; Oliver Walker; Elizabeth Wellington; Laura A. West; Pauline V. Young; Fay B. Karpf; Richard W. Ervin; Aubrey L. Waff; Frances P. Whitehair; Robert C. Weaver; Estelle B. Wells; Clarence C. Walker; Arabella L. Denniston; Henry A. Wallace.

- 0369 **“W,” 1949. 69 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune health problems; planning for the formation of a national commission for the public schools; praise for Bethune’s work.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; H. J. Waters; Ethna Beulah Winston; Frank S. Horne; Rosa L. Blocker; Thelma R. White; Benjamin Zucker; Clarence Cameron White; Forrester B. Washington; Arabella L. Denniston; Matthew J. Whitehead; William Watson; Sloan Wilson; Carter G. Woodson; Simon Williamson; Chester S. Williams; Harry S. Wender; Robert F. Wagner Jr.; Robert M. Williams.
- 0438 **“W,” 1950–1951. 42 pp.**
Major Topic: Bethune speaking engagements, health problems, and personal correspondence.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Johnetta K. Williams; Minnie M. Walden; Marjorie D. Wickliffe; Constance E. H. Daniel; Halena Wilson; Arabella L. Denniston; Robert F. Wagner Jr.; Forrester B. Washington; Bessie Fitch Bailey; C. J. Wood.
- 0480 **“W,” 1952. 85 pp.**
Major Topics: Request for Bethune to endorse Alpha Phi Alpha’s education campaign; proposal for establishment of a commission to study racial violence and race relations in Florida; J. Waties Waring view of NAACP legal strategy; results of the 1952 election in Georgia; Fortuna Augustin Guery, “Haiti’s Illustrious Women: Victoria Montou” (typescript); Bethune health problems.
Principal Correspondents: Dorothy B. Ferebee; Arabella L. Denniston; Marjorie McKenzie Lawson; Milton S. J. Wright; Fred G. Minnis; Mary McLeod Bethune; Lillie J. Johnson; J. Waties Waring; Richard V. Moore; Forrester B. Washington.
- 0565 **“W,” 1953, January–June. 80 pp.**
Major Topics: Plans for establishment of Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; personal correspondence; letter of recommendation by Bethune for Elmer Brown; plans for opening of the Harriet Tubman Shrine; Bethune health condition; invitation to meeting of the World Fellowship.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Ella Mae Washington; Herbert E. Woodward; Helen B. Williams; W. J. Walls; H. Garrick Williams; Charles F. Weller; Eugenia W. Weller; Ernest R. Welch.
- 0645 **“W,” 1953, July–December. 83 pp.**
Major Topics: Program for the dedication of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; personal correspondence; poems and song lyrics; Bethune health condition; accomplishments of Helen Whitmore and Viva Whitmore Friend; request for Bethune’s assistance to secure release of Henry M. Leake from prison.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Charles H. Wesley; Ernest R. Welch; Enoc P. Waters Jr.; Halena Wilson; Charles I. West; George L-P Weaver; Audrey M. Woodson.
- 0728 **“W,” 1954–1955. 33 pp.**
Major Topics: Housing in Florida; letter of recommendation for Wilma Williams.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Alberta B. Wilson; W. J. Walls; W. W. Wachtel.
- 0761 **Booker T. Washington, 1914. 2 pp.**
Major Topic: Request for Washington speaking visit.
Principal Correspondent: Booker T. Washington.
- 0763 **Eartha M. M. White, 1945–1954. 27 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune donations to the Clara White Mission Building Fund; list of leaders of the Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks, Ministerial Alliances, and Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Bethune’s praise for work of Eartha M. M. White.
Principal Correspondents: Eartha M. M. White; Elbert Daniel Koelman; Mary McLeod Bethune; Fannie Ayer Ponder; Hattie I. James.

- 0790 **Walter White, 1936–1954. 80 pp.**
Major Topics: List of NAACP goals for 1936–1940; NCNW plans for statement on discrimination in the civil service; plans for conference on problems facing African American youth; nomination of William H. Hastie as recipient of 1942 Spingarn Medal Award; praise for White's work; minutes of meeting of the National Committee for Justice in Columbia, Tennessee; BCC fund-raising; campaign in support of Lillian Smith's *Killers of the Dream*; memorandum for meeting with President Truman on civil rights policy and segregation in Washington, D.C.; text of Executive Order 10193 for creation of Office of Defense Mobilization; invitation to Bethune to serve on Spingarn Medal Award Committee; winners of the Spingarn Medal; notes on experiences with prejudice and discrimination.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Mary McLeod Bethune; John Haynes Holmes; Frank Murphy; A. Philip Randolph; Arthur B. Spingarn; John S. Dickey; William H. A. Carr; Robert C. Weaver; Harry S. Truman.
- 0870 **Doxey Wilkerson, 1944–1947. 22 pp.**
Major Topics: Plans for symposium on what World War II means for African Americans; African American support for Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944; Doxey Wilkerson, "Labor and the Negro" (typescript); African American workers and labor unions in the immediate aftermath of World War II.
Principal Correspondents: Doxey A. Wilkerson; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0892 **Roy Wilkins, 1944–1948. 7 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune health condition; calling of emergency meeting of the NAACP board of directors; proposal for purchasing a house for the American Council on African Education.
Principal Correspondents: Roy Wilkins; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0899 **Aubrey Williams, 1939–1954. 40 pp.**
Major Topics: Activities of the NYA National Conference on Problems of Negro and Negro Youth; opposition to proposal to desegregate Civilian Conservation Corps camps; opposition to proposal to increase facilities for African American veterans; support for appointment of Williams as Rural Electrification administrator; personal correspondence; Williams support for civil rights.
Principal Correspondents: Marion M. Caskie; M. R. Young; G. Howland Shaw; Henry A. Wallace; Robert Fechner; Frank T. Hines; Brian McMahan; Oscar M. Powell; J. E. T. Camper; Juanita Jackson Mitchell; Lillie M. Jackson; Mary McLeod Bethune; Aubrey Williams.
- 0939 **Rev. Robert Williams, 1944–1954. 35 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune gifts to Asbury Methodist Church; Asbury Methodist Church newsletters.
Principal Correspondents: Robert W. Williams; Mary McLeod Bethune; Arabella L. Denniston.
- 0974 **Hazel and George Wilson, 1945–1952. 85 pp.**
Major Topics: Personal correspondence; BCC fund-raising; UNCF campaign; Bethune health condition; Bethune travel plans; plans for the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation.
Principal Correspondents: Hazel T. Wilson; Mary McLeod Bethune; Vada J. Somerville; Lowry G. Wright; Sadie Mills Franklin.

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- 0001 **Hazel and George Wilson, 1953–1955 and undated. 89 pp.**
Major Topics: UNCF campaign; BCC fund-raising; Bethune health condition; plans for the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; personal correspondence; reaction to *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954); Bethune attendance at Moral Re-Armament conference.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Hazel T. Wilson; George A. Wilson.
- 0090 **Ruth (Mrs. A. F.) Wilson, 1944–1955 and undated. 62 pp.**
Major Topics: Comments on Wilson's book, *Jim Crow Joins Up*; voting rights; Bethune travel plans; discriminatory laws in Daytona Beach, Florida; personal correspondence; reaction to Ralph Bunche's refusal to accept appointment as assistant secretary of state; Bethune health condition.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Ruth Danenhower Wilson; Paul E. Raymond.
- 0152 **Helen Wishard, 1954–1955. 45 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune praise for the work of Moral Re-Armament and the work of Frank Buchman; personal correspondence; Bethune health condition.
Principal Correspondents: Helen R. Wishard; Mary McLeod Bethune.
- 0197 **Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, 1942–1950. 37 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune travel plans to Des Moines, Iowa, for business with WAAC; investigation of living conditions for African American women at Fort Des Moines; Bethune's praise for work of Oveta Culp Hobby; praise for Bethune's work with the National Civilian Advisory Committee of the Women's Army Corps.
Principal Correspondents: Aubrey Williams; William F. Pearson; John W. Martyn; Charles P. Howard; Oveta Culp Hobby; W. W. Vaughan; Mary McLeod Bethune; Westray Battle Boyce; Patricia M. Chance; Dwight D. Eisenhower; Omar N. Bradley; H. W. Tarkington.
- 0234 **Women's Army for National Defense, 1943–1946. 43 pp.**
Major Topic: Bethune selected chair of WAND advisory board, WAND chapters, and annual conference programs.
Principal Correspondents: Lota M. Parker; Marjorie D. Wickliffe; Lovonia H. Brown; Mary McLeod Bethune; Arabella L. Denniston; Miriam [Mame] Mason Higgins.
- 0277 **Lowry Wright, 1948–1955. 24 pp.**
Major Topics: Employment opportunities for African Americans; African American support for Truman in 1948 election; operation of Veterans Guidance Center in Daytona Beach; BCC business affairs.
Principal Correspondents: Lowry G. Wright; Mary McLeod Bethune; Lindsay C. Warren.
- 0301 **"Y," 1944–1955. 14 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune health condition; request for Bethune to join the International Workers Order; reaction to *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954); garbage collection in Daytona Beach.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Max Yergan; Jack Young.
- 0315 **YWCA, 1944–1952. 28 pp.**
Major Topics: YWCA fund-raising; fifth annual report of the Parkside Community Branch YMCA; request for Bethune speaking visit.
Principal Correspondents: Florence J. Dixon; Mary McLeod Bethune; Constance W. Anderson; Josephine L. Emerson; Sylvia Slater.
- 0343 **"Z," 1949–1953. 13 pp.**
Major Topics: Request for list of NCNW chapters and officers; praise for Bethune's work.
Principal Correspondents: Arabella L. Denniston; Benjamin Zucker; Clarence D. Zillgitt; Ethel W. Hoffmaster.

Series 2. Chronological Correspondence, 1927–1955 and Undated

- 0356 **1927. 18 pp.**
Major Topics: BCC business; charitable organizations in Daytona Beach, Florida.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Bertha N. Loving; R. B. Eleazer; Mary McLeod Bethune; T. L. Smith; Lodosca Adams.
- 0374 **1931–1939. 50 pp.**
Major Topics: Appointment of Bethune to the NYA National Advisory Committee; Georgia Federation of Colored Women's Clubs involvement in establishment of training school for African American girls.
Principal Correspondents: Leila L. Morse; Mary McLeod Bethune; Jane E. Hunter; A. L. Lewis; Eugene Kinckle Jones; Florence J. Hunt; Armond W. Scott.
- 0424 **1940–1941. 27 pp.**
Major Topics: Planning for Marian Anderson concert at the Lincoln Memorial; praise for Bethune's work; NCNW cooperation with the Birth Control Federation of America, Inc.; organization of NCNW branches and appointment of officers.
Principal Correspondents: J. R. E. Lee; Mary McLeod Bethune; Edward Bruce; Florence Rose; R. R. Wright Jr.; Charles Clinton Spaulding; W. J. Walls.
- 0451 **1942. 18 pp.**
Major Topics: Agenda for the twenty-third NACW convention; investing in Bethune-Volusia Beach; nomination of Bethune to board of the United Council of Church Women.
Principal Correspondents: W. J. Walls; Ada Belle DeMent; Mary McLeod Bethune; Elinor K. Purdes.
- 0469 **January–October 1943. 71 pp.**
Major Topics: Questions for the postwar world; contribution to NACW; agricultural work at BCC; White House discussion of BCC; General Education Board contributions to BCC; donations to BCC; reaction to 1943 Detroit riot.
Principal Correspondents: Frances P. Bolton; Thomas T. Cobb; Mary McLeod Bethune; Ada Belle DeMent; Pearl S. Buck; Lamar E. Fort; Frank H. West; Arabella L. Denniston; Jackson Davis; Augustine A. Austin; George W. Goodman; J. Finley Wilson; John P. Whittaker; Grace Wilson Evans; Thomas Jesse Jones; Matthew S. Davage; William A. Neilson; John P. Burgess.
- 0540 **November 1943. 62 pp.**
Major Topics: United Council of Church Women fund-raising; Bethune travel plans.
Principal Correspondents: William F. Snow; Mary McLeod Bethune; Carl A. Hansberry; Ruth S. Peale; Marie B. Poston; Hilda V. Grayson; C. Wesley Gordon; Catherine E. Hayre; A. N. Jackson; John Louis Clarke; Horace R. Cayton.
- 0602 **December 1943. 46 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune concern for Lillian Smith; request for support for the National Health Circle for Colored People; Ezion Methodist Church anniversary program.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; W. Kent Alston; Richard H. Hungerford; Frank G. Boudreau; R. R. Wright Jr.; Leslie Pinckney Hill; Paul Robeson; Earl H. Crampton; George W. Coleman.

0648 **January–June 1944. 80 pp.**

Major Topics: BCC fund-raising; Bethune health condition; praise for Bethune's work; planning for testimonial dinner for Paul Robeson; notice of first WAND meeting; American Youth for Democracy campaign against segregation in the armed forces; campaign to abolish the poll tax; housing for African American defense workers; naming of Bethune Elementary school in Miami, Florida.

Principal Correspondents: Ada Belle DeMent; Charles B. Prettyman Jr.; Mary McLeod Bethune; Ethel H. Bliss; Helen Angela; Max Yergan; Marjorie D. Wickliffe; Carl Ross; J. A. Gregg; Naomi Ellison; Ethna Beulah Winston; J. B. Glennon; Chester I. Barnard; Thena R. Curlin; Roy Wilkins; James L. Hall; Guy Emery Shipler; William Van Til.

0728 **July–December 1944. 101 pp.**

Major Topics: Bethune health condition; campaign for desegregation of the armed forces; American Negro Theatre subscription campaign; invitation to Bethune for forum on "What the Negro Thinks"; objectives of the Office of Price Administration in the reconversion period; invitation to "Everybody for Roosevelt" luncheon; educational facilities for African American nurses; requests for Bethune speaking visits.

Principal Correspondents: Max Yergan; Vito Marcantonio; Louis Colman; Thelma M. Dale; J. W. Yancy II; Abran Hill; Mary Whelan Warburg; Eleanor Wheeler; Chester Bowles; Ruth Field; Estelle Massey Riddle; Miriam [Mame] Mason Higgins; George V. Denny Jr.; Ethna Beulah Winston; Frances P. Bolton.

0829 **January–March 1945. 81 pp.**

Major Topics: Invitation to anti-poll tax conference; request for article by Bethune on African American history; Bethune essay on peace and international relations; desegregation of the armed forces; objectives of the Office of Price Administration in the reconversion period; Bethune health condition; NAACP campaign for antilynching legislation; establishment of local chapters of the United National Clothing Collection for War Relief.

Principal Correspondents: Andrew F. Jackson; Katherine Shryver; W. J. Walls; Mary McLeod Bethune; R. R. Wright Sr.; Mary L. Foster; J. A. Ulio; L. Jeanne Young; Eleanor Mitchel; Virginia J. Kiah; Lillie M. Jackson; Ada Belle DeMent; George Marshall; George F. Lull; W. J. C. Agnew; Frances H. Williams; L. L. White; Arthur Huff Fauset; Willis R. Clark; Miriam [Mame] Mason Higgins; Ethna Beulah Winston; O. Wilson Winters; R. R. Wright Jr.; Dan A. West.

0910 **April–June 1945. 139 pp.**

Major Topics: United Urban League Service Fund campaign; elections in Brazil; Bethune statement on African American voters and the Democratic Party; U.S. relations with the Soviet Union; establishment of Labor Canteen in Washington, D.C., by CIO; Bethune attendance at the UN conference in San Francisco; request for Bethune to serve as chairman of the Negro Freedom Rally; program of the National Citizens Political Action Committee; letters of condolence to Bethune regarding death of her sister; Bureau for Intercultural Education.

Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Elmo Roper; Hugo L. Black; Richard H. Walker; Katherine West; W. Kent Alston; Miriam [Mame] Mason Higgins; Mattie M. Wallace; Elizabeth Moos; Mary-Jane Grunsfeld; Mary Marshall; Aron S. Gilmartin; C. B. Walker; Arabella L. Denniston; Betty Hays; Abram Flaxer; G. B. Lloyd; Stephen S. Wise; P. Bernard Young Jr.; Elmer A. Benson; C. Novella Trotter; Charles J. Child; Sadie T. Mossell Alexander; Raymond Pace Alexander; H. H. Giles; Margaret Davis Bowen; Marshall L. Shepard; Edith Willkie.

1049 **July–September 1945. 72 pp.**

Major Topics: Harold Preece, “The Negro in Latin America” (typescript); request for Bethune speaking visit; letters of condolence to Bethune regarding death of her sister; BCC fund-raising; Carnegie Endowment for International Peace statement on the UN Conference in San Francisco; list of employees of Tuskegee Institute.

Principal Correspondents: Harold Preece; Mary McLeod Bethune; Harold E. Stassen; R. R. Wright Jr.; William H. Sharpe; Miriam [Mame] Mason Higgins; Arabella L. Denniston; James T. Shotwell; R. R. Wright Sr.

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Series 2. Chronological Correspondence, 1927–1955 and Undated cont.

0001 **October–December 1945. 65 pp.**

Major Topics: Proposal for the formation of a Veterans League of America; activities of Democratic National Committee women’s division; plans of the American Ethical Movement; Mabel Staupers and the campaign for desegregation of the nursing profession.

Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; James E. Huger; Mary H. Blanshard; P. Bernard Young Jr.; Gladys A. Tillett; Algernon D. Black; Herbert A. Wolff; Myrta Ross.

0066 **January–June 1946. 114 pp.**

Major Topics: Invitation to SCHW dinner honoring Channing Tobias; CIO support for UNCF; plans for book about Bethune by Hampton Institute; invitation to meeting of the National Negro Congress; National Committee to Win the Peace statement on Spain; campaign to defeat McKellar and Tennessee Governor Jim McCord; Bethune statement on tuberculosis; appointment of Bethune as honorary vice president of the Canadian Society for the Advancement of Colored People.

Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Barbara Hagen; Margaret Fisher; Ruth S. Meeks; Basil O’Connor; Harold L. Ickes; Margaret Davis Bowen; Louis Weiss; Philip Murray; Ben Burns; Edward L. Russell; Max Yergan; Revels Cayton; Roy McCorkel; Miriam [Mame] Mason Higgins; W. W. Woolfolk; Will W. Alexander; Paul E. Baker; Abbott Simon; Allan P. Bradley; M. S. Davage; Palmer Weber; C. L. Newcomb; Velmer I. Coward.

0180 **July–December 1946. 115 pp.**

Major Topics: Invitation to Philip Murray to address Southern Negro Youth Congress; praise for Bethune’s work; proposal for fund-raising in Harlem to assist Yugoslav children; selection of Bethune as honorary chairman of the Harlem Division of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief; invitation to Bethune for Conference on the Far East; Bethune’s praise for article on Franklin D. Roosevelt by Frances Perkins; UN Emergency Food Collection campaign; African American personnel in the Farm Security Administration; nomination of Bethune to National Public Housing Conference; goals of NCNW.

Principal Correspondents: Louis E. Burnham; Esther V. Cooper; Miriam [Mame] Mason Higgins; Mary McLeod Bethune; Leslie V. Warren; Joanna M. Shields; Susie Pierce; Grace Tabor; Harold M. Kingsley; Jessica Feingold; Mable Lee; Zlatko Balokovic; C. B. Baldwin; Evans F. Carlson; Milton N. Kemnitz; Frances Perkins; Jo Davidson; Henry A. Wallace; Van Buren Dodson; Evelyn Sharpe; John H. Williams; William P. Grayson; A. A. Liveright; Susan B. Anthony; Sally Woodward; Leslie S. Perry.

0295 **January–June 1947. 88 pp.**

Major Topics: American League for Puerto Rico's Independence; protest regarding handling of hearings for nomination of David Lilienthal to the Atomic Energy Commission; expulsion from NCNW of Marian Smith Williams; Marian Smith Williams criticism of NCNW and Miriam [Mame] Mason Higgins; Bethune endorsement of the National Association of Jeanes Teachers; request for Bethune to serve on an advisory board of the Washington chapter of United World Federalists; Cord Meyer Jr., "The Search for Security" (address at forum sponsored by United World Federalists and Federation of American Scientists); goals of United World Federalists.

Principal Correspondents: Donald Harrington; Mary McLeod Bethune; C. B. Baldwin; W. Edwin Collier; C. B. Walker; John W. Halyard; Marylynn G. Pierce; Helen Spaulding; Miriam [Mame] Mason Higgins; W. M. Hoffler; Luella H. Goff; Carrie A. Hackley; Annette Harris Officer; Marian Smith Williams; Annie Tarleton; Frances Hayes Jones; Mary L. Garrett; Moss H. Kendrix; J. F. Pierce; Lucy J. Dickinson; Olive E. Clapper.

0383 **July–December 1947. 158 pp.**

Major Topics: Bethune statement on American Beach; Bethune suggestions to Edward Waters College; Washington Workers' Education Committee; announcement of United Good Will League of Americans rally; request for Bethune to serve as adviser to the Interracial Workshop; incorporation of the National Phyllis Wheatley Foundation; request for Bethune to serve as member of the President's Committee on National Employ the Handicapped Week; Bethune statement on receiving award from Hadassah; Bethune letter to editor of *Washington Post* on President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights; activities of National Council of Women of the United States.

Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Frank A. Scott; H. Council Trenholm; Lillian H. McLaurin; Hilda W. Smith; Bessie Fitch Bailey; Lucy R. Milligan; Georgiana Sibley; Lillian D. Poling; E. W. Palmer; Emily Josif; L. E. Thomas; E. C. Goodwin; Jane E. Hunter; Annabel Sawyer; T. E. McKinney; Nellie F. Francis; Royal Wilbur France; W. W. Stewart; Fred R. Joseph; Olivia S. Henry; Constance A. Sporborg.

0541 **January–February 1948. 97 pp.**

Major Topics: Request for *Ebony* reporter to join Bethune on trip to Africa; Bethune speaking engagements; praise for Bethune's work; biographical sketch of Mahatma Gandhi; Victor Riesel, "Wallace Challenged on Record as Liberal" (news clipping); request for Bethune to join the American section of the Women's International Committee.

Principal Correspondents: Gussie T. Wright; Mary McLeod Bethune; John H. Johnson; Robert R. Taylor; R. W. Brown; Samuel M. Carter; D. W. Hoggard; H. N. Robinson; Mrs. Hortence C. White; Robert M. Williams; Jane E. Hunter; Anup Singh; James E. Huger; David M. Thomas; Muriel Draper; Marcus M. Rambo; Arthur V. Haynes.

0638 **March–June 1948. 138 pp.**

Major Topics: Establishment of NCNW archives; praise for Bethune's tribute to Gandhi; request for Bethune to become member of Citizen's Committee for Reciprocal World Trade; brochure for Elcla Acres Vacation Paradise.

Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Margaret S. Grierson; Sue Weddell; Mildred White Wells; Elaine F. Frederick; Fannie S. Ivey; Paul W. Harvey; Emmer H. Booker; Lillian White; J. Finley Wilson; Gerard Swope; Raymond E. Jackson; Rayford W. Logan; Olive C. Drummond; Helen White; T. Frank Hobson; Jesse O. Thomas; Josephine Jones; Alice H. Thompson; Robert A. Smithey; Lethia C. Fleming; Viola T. Hill.

0776 **July–December 1948. 148 pp.**

Major Topics: Meeting of WAAC National Civilian Advisory Committee; WCTU seventy-fifth anniversary; allegation of communist involvement in CRC and Bethune's plan to withdraw from CRC; African American support for Truman in 1948; Bethune health condition; invitation to Bethune to 130th anniversary celebration of Mount Zion Methodist Church; request for Bethune to become member of James E. Shephard Memorial Foundation Committee.

Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Viola L. Dickinson; Edwin L. Clarke; Rayford W. Logan; Owen J. Roberts; Marjorie D. Wickliffe; Charles P. Browning; J. W. Wade; Thomas H. Watkins; Rheable M. Edwards; Victoria Efferson; Oscar R. Ewing; Charles H. Wesley; Anna Arnold Hedgeman; Mordecai W. Johnson; James V. Herring; J. Max Bond; Joseph D. Lohman; Oscar L. Chapman; Trigant Burrow; Rosetta B. Jones; M. S. Johnson; Hollis F. Price.

0924 **January 1949. 54 pp.**

Major Topic: Integration of Major League Baseball.

Principal Correspondents: Effa Manley; M. S. Johnson; Harlow Shapley; Madge Hughes Washington; Ethel P. Harper; Effie Myers; Margaret C. Bristol; India Edwards; Mrs. Charles C. Currin; Jacob Billikopf.

0978 **February 1949. 54 pp.**

Major Topics: Requests for Bethune speaking visits; personal correspondence.

Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Madie J. Funchess; Josephine Jones; Annie F. Ellerson; Raymond E. Jackson; Arthur Larschan; Jerome W. MacNair; Thomas F. Freeman; Wilhelmena Bowles; Ruth Brall; Lenore E. Porter; Lucy R. Milligan; Mamie E. Davis; Emma W. Johnson; J. M. Ellison; Thomas A. Huger.

1032 **March 1949. 61 pp.**

Major Topics: Praise for Bethune article in *Ebony*; Bethune speaking engagement; invitation to Eleanor Roosevelt Testimonial Dinner; fourth anniversary of Mary McLeod Bethune YWCA Branch; praise for Bethune's work.

Principal Correspondents: Carl Glennis Roberts; Jeanetta Welch Brown; Mary McLeod Bethune; Ruby Williams; Charity W. Porter; C. S. Fairclough; William H. Kilpatrick; Edith L. Allen; Adelaide S. Turner; David D. Jones; Edith S. Sampson; Edmonia W. Grant.

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Series 2. Chronological Correspondence, 1927–1955 and Undated cont.

0001 **April 1949. 66 pp.**

Major Topics: Praise for Bethune's work; request to Bethune to serve as member of the National Committee for Education on Alcoholism; African American political involvement.

Principal Correspondents: Marion B. Seymour; Minnie E. Chambliss; Mary McLeod Bethune; Jeanetta Welch Brown; Irma E. Covington; Marinda B. Robinson; John T. Frazer; Elizabeth H. Spicer; Louise Mosby; L. E. Thomas; Marguerite Johnson Clayton; H. W. Hurt; Thomas C. Wheatley; Lillian Flynn Bryant.

0067 **May–June 1949. 65 pp.**

Major Topics: Requests for Bethune speaking visits; question regarding segregation in Washington, D.C., and Bethune's reply; Bethune health condition.

Principal Correspondents: Pauline Warwick; Mary McLeod Bethune; C. A. Franklin; Lillian H. Dantley; G. J. Garnett; Mumzelle Lamarza Green-ee; La Ursa Snelson Hedrick; Wilson Woodbeck; Dee Patton; Edith J. Goode; Arthur Prevost; James F. Cunningham; Al Feeney; A. A. Banks Jr.; Arabella L. Denniston; F. S. Ivey; Lucille Norman; Bernard L. White; A. G. Gaston; Freda Anderson; Charles G. Lavin.

- 0132 **July–August 1949. 67 pp.**
Major Topics: Contributions to BCC; personal correspondence.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Bertha L. Johnson; Saul Krieg; A. Kent Alston; Arthur W. Crosby; J. Quinton Jackson; Basil O'Connor; Rayford W. Logan; Artemisia Bowden; Arabella L. Denniston; Margaret Haywood Hawthorne; William R. Castle; Mary S. Williams; Katharine Lehman; Louis Wirth.
- 0199 **September 1949. 45 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune travel plans; BCC fund-raising; marketing of commercial products by NCNW; Bethune statement on civil rights; Bethune praise for work of Lillian Smith; debut of radio station WERD.
Principal Correspondents: Julia West Hamilton; Mary E. C. Gregory; Ella P. Stewart; Mary McLeod Bethune; Robert L. Stephens; Joseph S. White; James C. Gilliam; William H. Gray Jr.; Laura F. Fulton; Benjamin A. Brown.
- 0244 **October 1949. 109 pp.**
Major Topics: Campaign against segregation at Daytona Beach and the Peabody auditorium; NCNW archives; invitation to Bethune to become honorary member of Hadassah; fund-raising report of the National Fund for Medical Education; NCNW fund-raising; contributions to BCC; Bethune speaking engagement at Riverside Church.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; E. B. LeBailly; Arthur Fletcher Elmes; Robert L. Stephens; Bertha Slack; Joyce Ingram; Margaret S. Banister; William K. Bell; Bertha L. Douglass; Mary F. Valentine; Pauline Mack; Ann V. Boyd; Chase Mellen Jr.; P. A. Stephens; Philip B. Perlman; Bertie L. Derrick; Dorothy Parker; W. F. Loggins; Phyllis Williams; Catherine Banks; Eleanor Shenehon; Henry Rago; Mary E. C. Gregory; R. W. Anderson; S. B. Thomas; Elizabeth A. Smart; Charles A. Levy; Robert Kirby Taylor; Norris L. Tibbetts.
- 0353 **November–December 1949. 66 pp.**
Major Topics: Request for Bethune speaking visits; NCNW activities of Ethna Beulah Winston; praise for Bethune speech at Riverside Church; BCC fund-raising; desegregation of Minnesota National Guard; discrimination in the merchant marine.
Principal Correspondents: Etta Versa Frye; Mary McLeod Bethune; Bernard Milton Jones; Nettie O. Wiggs; Ann Dodge Goodbee; Florence Kibble; Bessie Holland; Ruth E. Crouch; Dorothy S. MacLeod; Josie B. Greer; Annie E. Carter; Ethna Beulah Winston; Bernice Dickinson; Roger N. Baldwin; James B. Borders; Anne F. O'Ferrall; Justine Turner; Annabelle Alston; Mary P. Lord.
- 0419 **January–February 1950. 64 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune speaking engagement; contributions to BCC; Atlantic Union Committee; request for Bethune speaking visit; speech of James A. Farley at the Crotched Mountain Restoration Hospital fund-raising dinner.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Anne F. O'Ferrall; Willard S. Townsend; R. H. Southworth; Owen J. Roberts; Genevieve Forbes Herrick; Edith J. Goode; Nelson J. Smith; Mary E. Pierce; Viola T. Hill.
- 0483 **March–April 1950. 56 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune health condition; BCC fund-raising; plans for Freedom Fair sponsored by the National Council on Civil Rights; Bethune comments on race relations and interracial marriage; announcement of seventh annual Institute of Race Relations at Fisk University; Bethune letter of condolence to Mrs. Charles Houston.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Richard V. Moore; George Field; Herman H. Long; Edward S. Lewis.

- 0539 **May–June 1950. 82 pp.**
Major Topics: Booklet on National Baptist Missionary Training School; activities of National Teachers' Research Association; African Methodist Episcopal Church fund-raising; Bethune disavowal of communism; observance of Religious Education Week.
Principal Correspondents: Ralph W. Brady; Mary McLeod Bethune; L. D. Edwards; Hortense H. Levisohn; Gertrude J. Davis; Katherine E. Barker; Arabella L. Denniston; R. R. Wright Jr.; Lou Swarz; Sandra Whelan Hittson; Nora R. Booth; Donald Gaines Murray; Lemuel Petersen.
- 0621 **July–August 1950. 32 pp.**
Major Topic: Personal correspondence.
Principal Correspondents: Frederick T. Keeney; Mary McLeod Bethune; Arabella L. Denniston; Vincent S. Baker; J. Finley Wilson; Bessie Fitch Bailey; Richard V. Moore; William C. Johnstone Jr.
- 0653 **September–October 1950. 73 pp.**
Major Topics: African Americans in Bedford Stuyvesant; Bethune health condition; praise for Bethune's work; commentary on Genevieve Forbes article about Bethune in *Collier's*; request for Bethune to become patron of the Albert Schweitzer Festival; carrying on the work of Carter G. Woodson and the ASNLH; contribution to BCC; plans for observance of Negro History Week.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; W. A. Rush; F. D. Bluford; Thomas S. Jones; Ida H. Goode; Olivia Hampton Baldwin; Tomas R. Towns; Jerome Bengis; Genevieve Forbes Herrick; John D. Swain; Miriam B. Rogers; Walter E. Hager; Merze Tate; Butler T. Henderson; John Langdon; Bob Randolph; W. D. Combs.
- 0726 **November–December 1950. 41 pp.**
Major Topics: Contribution to BCC; newsletter of the Earl C. Noyes advertising agency.
Principal Correspondents: Edward M. Murray; Bessie Fitch Bailey; Mary McLeod Bethune; Saint Clair Drake; Edna C. Jackson; Charles F. Rush; Mrs. Horace Cross.
- 0767 **January–February 1951. 57 pp.**
Major Topics: Announcement of meeting of Protestant and Other Americans United for Church and State; Bethune contribution to the National Council of Women; activities of the Westfield Community Center.
Principal Correspondents: Violet M. Gunther; Glenn L. Archer; Mary McLeod Bethune; Lillian S. Tingle; Ernestine Crump; Mary K. Best; Anna Lord Strauss; Thomas B. Jones; Elaine J. Griffin; Leroy Scurry; Charles M. Sexton; L. K. Bishop; Phillip N. Reed; A. Philip Randolph.
- 0824 **March–April 1951. 79 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune speaking engagement at the NCCJ; request to Bethune by *Color* magazine to help identify both conservative and communist leaders not helpful to the fight for equality; NCNW tour of the Caribbean; Bethune statements on the need for an African American press; praise for Bethune's work; Bethune travel plans; plans to organize domestic workers; announcement of American Teachers Association conference.
Principal Correspondents: Leroy Scurry; Mary McLeod Bethune; Willard S. Townsend; L. K. Bishop; L. Masco Young; Bessie Fitch Bailey; Audrey L. Jones; Emma Martin Lancaster; Lucy G. Tillman; Jeannetta Welch Brown; Russell Cox; Earl Bunting; Marie Gray Bryan; Geneva McDonald.
- 0903 **May–June 1951. 38 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune contribution to the legal defense of Walter Irvin and Samuel Shepherd (Groveland, Florida, rape case); appointment of Bethune to the Civil Defense Advisory Council; Bethune travel plans.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Harry L. Burney Jr.; James R. Dixon; Bessie Fitch Bailey; Lola Jean Bibbs; C. Henry Mack; Donald Harrington; Hattie I. James.

- 0941 **July–September 1951. 41 pp.**
Major Topic: Requests for Bethune speaking visits.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Blanche B. Jackson; Ann Robinson; Siebolt H. Frieswyk; Mae Thornton Muldrow; John Dillingham; John B. Duncan; Pearl Brown; Oscar R. Ewing; Spessard L. Holland; W. Stuart Symington; India Edwards.
- 0982 **October–December 1951. 79 pp.**
Major Topics: Bethune recommendation of G. D. Rogers for Tampa, Florida, Board of Representatives; request to name school in South Carolina after Bethune; BCC fund-raising; plans for digest of magazine articles on African Americans.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Annie E. Butler; Millard Caldwell; Warren Freeman; J. R. Bonds; Mary McGriff Bell; Hazel T. Wilson; Tranny P. Arnold; Cleavant Derricks; Edwin C. Grover; Bernice Hammond Lewis; Theresa D. Banks.

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Series 2. Chronological Correspondence, 1927–1955 and Undated cont.

- 0001 **January–February 1952. 60 pp.**
Major Topics: Request to Bethune to help arrange speaking visit of Eleanor Roosevelt; letter to Governor Fuller Warren regarding bombing murder of Harry T. Moore; Bethune contribution to the Fellowship Church; Bethune resignation from the Civil Defense Advisory Council; statement regarding potential candidacy of Harry Truman in 1952.
Principal Correspondents: Henry M. Marbly; Aminda Badeau Wilkins; Cornelius J. Drew; Fred S. A. Johnson; Lillian B. Gilkes; Errett M. McCleary; Mary McLeod Bethune; Thomas Frazier; Cecil E. Goode; Ethna Beulah Winston; Elijah J. Crump; G. J. Eisgrou; E. Harold Mohn; Stroud McKenzie; Samuel L. Chisholm.
- 0061 **March 1952. 51 pp.**
Major Topics: Farm labor in New Hampshire; contribution to BCC; request to Bethune to attend meeting of Planned Parenthood Federation of America; NAACP relations with Florida Governor Fuller Warren regarding murder of Harry T. Moore; praise for Bethune's work; projects of The Forgotten Generation, Inc.; invitation to conference on "The Courts and Racial Integation in Education."
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Sterling Colby; Audrey S. Boykin; Edward Morgan; Eleanor B. Pillsbury; Loyal Compton; Fuller Warren; Thurgood Marshall; Dale Oldham; Helen Voit; C. R. Morey; Newbold Morris; Charles H. Thompson.
- 0112 **April 1952. 93 pp.**
Major Topics: Invitation to Harold L. Ickes memorial concert; Atlantic Union Committee; praise for Bethune's work; Bethune on leadership; meeting of the New Homemakers of America; request for Bethune speaking visit.
Principal Correspondents: Oscar L. Chapman; Mary McLeod Bethune; James Myers; Lena Martin; Owen J. Roberts; Lena B. Mayo; Jessee M. Fears; Elizabeth Donovan; Evanel Renfrow Terrell; Russell Thomas.
- 0205 **May 1952. 85 pp.**
Major Topic: Request for Bethune speaking visit to meeting of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee; request for Bethune to address UNCF drive; request for Bethune to address YWCA Convention at BCC; pamphlet on Annie Waterhouse Carter scholarship at Radcliffe College; fund-raising for the *Guardian*; Bethune disavowal of communism; contribution to BCC.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Clark Foreman; Edward James Dyson Jr.; Lucy M. Mitchell; Sadie Belle Barrow; Russell Thomas; Buena V. Kelley; Bertha Hutchings; Charles W. Stewart; Sara O. Brown; Maude Trotter Stewart; Ashton Jones; O. Alton Murphy; Lucille E. Chance; Bertha L. Perry; Dorothy Dolbey; L. J. Shipman.

- 0290 **June 1952. 61 pp.**
Major Topic: Proposed meeting of women's organizations to plan future activities.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; A. L. Thompson; Juliette V. Phifer; Eunice H. Carter; Twile Lytton Cavert; Harold Taylor; Paula Nelson; Pearl V. Palmer; Dorothy Kenyon; Ruth Lockett; Edith C. Brooks; Olura Layton; Sadie Belle Barrow.
- 0351 **July 1952. 82 pp.**
Major Topics: Plans for "Afro-American Day"; Bethune membership in the Laymen's Committee of Religion in American Life; fund-raising letter for Bethune-Volusia Beach; BCC students from Africa; contributions to BCC; Bethune biography entry in *The New Funk & Wagnalls Encyclopedia*; Rebecca Stiles Taylor candidacy for presidency of NACW; American League of Conscience and opposition to segregation; Bethune religious philosophy for inclusion in *The Upper Room*.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; C. Anderson Davis; Daniel Brown; John Branscomb; Dorothy Kenyon; Lillian Brooks Coffey; Earle B. Pleasant; Murray J. Marvin Jr.; Mrs. Hobart P. Brown; A. Maceo Walker Sr.; A. G. Gaston; Edgar A. Love; Hamilton T. Boswell; Alton A. Davis; Richard M. Gordon; Rebecca Stiles Taylor; Harold L. Hermann.
- 0433 **August 1952. 126 pp.**
Major Topics: Praise for Bethune article in *Reader's Digest*; questions for newspaper article on African American voters and the Democratic Party; proposal to include Bethune in television film on outstanding American women; will of Laura A. West; National Housing Authority project for African Americans in San Antonio; proposal to include Bethune in television show on men and women serving humanity; Saint Louis NCNW birthday congratulations to Bethune; plans for establishment of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; Bethune health condition; Bethune praise for work of Jane Hunter.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Milton D. Magenheim; Robert H. Johnson; John E. Culmer; Marjorie Brown; A. R. Howard; Simeon Booker; Jo B. Regan; J. Clifford Clarkson; Marie C. Maguire; Wilhelmenia Johnson; Rosezella Simmons; Frederick Kohner; Pernella Byrd; Syble Byrd Everett; William P. Heyne; Eulalie Ginn; Freida Reicher; Ruth Gainous Hazelwood; Geneva B. Williams; Cyril Clemens.
- 0559 **September–October 1952. 93 pp.**
Major Topics: Interracial families; Bethune praise for 1952 convention of the National Negro Insurance Association; plans for establishment of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; Bethune letter on the founding of NCNW and BCC; Bethune speaking engagement for Volunteers-for-Stevenson.
Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Ali Sastroamidjojo; Pernella Byrd; Edward Burks; Lottie R. Edenfield; Wittie Anna Biggins; Mary Harris; Ella Mae Younger; Le Roy F. Harlow; Charles H. Long Jr.
- 0652 **November–December 1952. 76 pp.**
Major Topics: African American voters in 1952 election; praise for Bethune and Eleanor Roosevelt; Bethune speech; Bethune letter on importance of schooling; Bethune condolence letter regarding Philip Murray; plans for desegregation of theater in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; questions about political situation following the election of Eisenhower in 1952.
Principal Correspondents: Otelia L. Jackson; Mary McLeod Bethune; Mabel Carney; Dorothy Rodgers; Edward Burks; Harry J. W. Belvin; Marcella Dumas Huggins; Ann Vivian Brown; Blanche Lowe; Thelma Harris Livingston; Doris Fleischman Bernays; Margaret C. Bess; Mary E. Chapman; Demeter Zachareff; Arthur M. Carter; Buena V. Kelley.

0728 **January–June 1953. 96 pp.**

Major Topics: Bethune support for the rights of Native Americans; Native Americans fight for equal rights; Bethune letter to eighth grade students in Dacoma, Oklahoma; advertisements for Catherine Owens Peare's biography of Bethune; announcement of meeting of the National Advisory Committee on the Education of Negroes; Bethune visit to Minneapolis, Minnesota, for UNCF campaign; plans for establishment of Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation.

Principal Correspondents: Mary McLeod Bethune; Oliver La Farge; Earl J. McGrath; Clarisse Young; Bennie D. Brown; Norman A. Durfee; Henry Okolica; Okoli Onyekwena; Hilda G. Finney; Ella Mae Washington; Betty Mitchell; Hattie N. F. Walker; Charles D. Brooks; Harold L. Hermann; Russell Q. Chilcote; Eulalie Ginn; J. L. Bell; T. Nelson O'Rourke; John H. Johnson.

0824 **July–December 1953. 117 pp.**

Major Topics: Contributions to Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation; National Issues Committee fund-raising; Bethune speaking engagement at the United Packinghouse Workers of America Anti-Discrimination Conference; NACW fund-raising; W. C. Handy Foundation for the Blind fund-raising; query about Bethune's role in the 1948 Henry Wallace presidential campaign; William Smith Jr. "Preserve Freedom This Time Forever" (musical score); Aid Refugee Chinese Intellectuals, Inc.

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