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**TITLE:** James Weldon Johnson Collection manuscript miscellany

**DATES:** 1900–2009

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Single manuscripts and small groups of manuscripts, including literary manuscripts, letters, and other documents. Materials are grouped under headings by author or corporate name.

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f. folder

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## Scope and Contents

This finding aid encompasses single manuscripts and small groups of manuscripts acquired by the Beinecke Library from various sources and at various times, which the Library has chosen to describe here rather than as separate entries in Yale University Library's on-line Public Access Catalog (Orbis). These materials include literary manuscripts, individual or small groups of letters, and single documents. Materials are grouped under headings for author or other personal or corporate name to which they most closely relate. Items of unidentified authorship are grouped separately under "Unidentified" at the end of the finding aid.

Items in this collection cataloged prior to 2021 were assigned group and item numbers (for example, Grp 115, Item F-1). This system was discontinued in 2021, with previously assigned group and item numbers retained as the folder number.

This list is ongoing, and it is subject to revision as new materials are acquired and, on occasion, as groups of manuscripts are removed and cataloged separately as artificial collections. When materials are removed and reclassified, a cross reference to the new call number is placed in the list.

In addition to newly received items which have been described using current cataloging standards, this finding aid contains previously cataloged material. Descriptions for the latter items have been transcribed from card sets in the Manuscript Catalog; these entries are identified by "rec," followed by the year of the conversion, e.g., (rec/97).

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**Collection Contents**
**B**

## BALDWIN, JAMES, 1924-1987

b. 1, f. GROUP 4, F-1	<p><i>"A propos de M. Wilson"</i> 1 item (2 p.); 30 cm. Baldwin, James, 1924-1987</p> <p>Essay, holograph, on Edmund Wilson, signed at Nice. With typed transcript.</p> <p>Accession: 19820108-a</p>	1971 May 29
b. 1, f. GROUP 4, F-2	<p><a href="#">[Malcolm X]</a> 1 item ([1], 146 p.); 28 cm. Baldwin, James, 1924-1987</p> <p>Draft, typescript mimeograph, of Baldwin's screenplay based on Alex Haley's <i>The Autobiography of Malcolm X</i>. Differs substantially from version published in 1973 as <i>One Day, When I Was Lost</i>; possibly an earlier draft.</p> <p>Inscribed "Background material for screenplay on Malcolm X. Calder Willingham."</p> <p>Accession: 20040401-o</p>	[ca. 1969]
b. 1, f. GROUP 4, F-3	<p><a href="#">"Notes for Project: Letter to My Younger Brother"</a> 1 item (2 leaves); 28 cm. Baldwin, James, 1924-1987</p> <p>Manuscript, typed and signed, discussing a book project.</p> <p>Accession: 20050712-c</p>	undated
b. 1, f. GROUP 4, F-4	<p><a href="#">"The Negro in Paris"</a> 1 item ([8] leaves); 25 cm. Baldwin, James, 1924-1987</p> <p>Draft, typescript, of article for <i>The Reporter</i>. Accompanied by three TLS, dating from 1952, to "Mr. Rodman" of <i>The Reporter</i>, all regarding the article, and one ANS to an unidentified recipient.</p> <p>Accession: 16025</p>	[ca. 1950-1952]
b. 1, f. GROUP 4, F-5	<p><a href="#">Letter: to Samuel L. Blumenfeld]</a> 2 items. Baldwin, James, 1924-1987</p> <p>One TLS in which Baldwin announces his intention to finish "Letter for My Younger Brother," describes his thoughts on newly begun novel ("Giovanni's Room"), and requests a loan of twenty dollars. The letter includes a clipping of an article on James Baldwin from the <i>Herald Tribune Book Review</i> (1953 May 31).</p> <p>Accession: 33780</p>	1953 May 31 and 1954 February 11

## BALDWIN, JAMES, 1924-1987 (continued)

b. 1, f. GROUP 4, F-6	<p>Letter : to Sam[uel L. Blumenfeld] <i>1 item</i> Baldwin, James, 1924-1987</p> <p>One TLS to Samuel L. Blumenfeld written in Paris roughly one month after Baldwin's first book was published.</p> <p>Accession: 36974</p>	1953 June 6
b. 1, f. GROUP 4, F-7	<p><a href="#">Letter : to Sam[uel L. Blumenfeld]</a> <i>1 item</i> Baldwin, James, 1924-1987</p> <p>One TLS to Samuel L. Blumenfeld, written in Cannes, discussing various writing projects, including Baldwin's new work on a "primer" based on correspondence with his younger brother, completion of "The Amen Corner," and work towards his second novel, <i>Giovanni's Room</i>.</p> <p>Accession: 36971</p>	1954 January 11
b. 1, f. GROUP 4, F-8	<p>Letters : between Sam[uel L. Blumenfeld] and Baldwin <i>2 items</i> Baldwin, James, 1924-1987</p> <p>One TLS to Samuel L. Blumenfeld, written in Corsica, and one TL to Baldwin from Blumenfeld. Baldwin mentions a new novel (possibly "Another Country"), the reception of "Giovanni's Room," and discusses returning to New York in the Spring of 1957. In his letter Blumenfeld discusses reading "Giovanni's Room" and compliments Baldwin's writing.</p> <p>Accession: 36972</p>	1956 November 26 and n.y. December 5
b. 1, f. GROUP 4, F-9	<p>Letters : to [Edward] Parone <i>3 items</i> Baldwin, James, 1924-1987</p> <p>One ALS and two TLS to Edward Parone. Baldwin discusses his play "The Amen Corner" as well as his personal life (such as his financial situation and partner Lucien Happersberger). Includes letter written while Baldwin was at Yaddo and in New York and Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Accession: 38554</p>	1955 March 11, July 7, and 1959 January 29
b. 1, f. GROUP 4, F-10	<p>Correspondence with John C. Wilson <i>17 items</i> Baldwin, James, 1924-1987</p> <p>Correspondence regarding a proposed stage adaptation of Baldwin's novel, <i>Giovanni's Room</i> (New York: Dial Press, 1956). Correspondence includes one typescript letter, signed, from Baldwin to Wilson, and one typescript carbon letter from Wilson to Baldwin. Accompanied by 15 letters between between Wilson and others, including Albert I. Da Silva of Reinheimer &amp; Cohen, Frederick L. Keefe of <i>The New Yorker</i>, and representatives of the William Morris Agency.</p> <p>Purchased from William Reese Co. (Swann Galleries sale, New York, 2009 February 26, lot 257) on the James Weldon Johnson Memorial Collection of Negro Arts &amp; Letters Fund, 2009</p> <p>Accession: 2009-jwj-27997</p>	1957-1958

## BALDWIN, JAMES, 1924-1987 (continued)

b. 1, f. GROUP 4, F-11	<p><a href="#">Letters : to Shawn Henderson, 1977 Park Blvd., Camden, New Jersey 08103</a> 6 items Baldwin, James, 1924-1987</p> <p>Correspondence, with accompanying envelopes, includes three autograph letters, signed, two autograph notes, signed, and one page with notes and sketches. Letters discuss writing, books, travel, and other engagements.</p> <p>Purchased from William Reese Co. (Swann sale 2342, New York, 2014 March 27, lot 341) on the American Literature Fund, 2014</p> <p>Accession: 2014-jwj-10</p>	1985-1986
b. 1, f. GROUP 4, F-12	<p><a href="#">"An Open Letter to My Sister, Angela Y. Davis"</a> 1 item (6 p.); 28 cm. Baldwin, James, 1924-1987</p> <p>Draft, typescript, corrected, of essay. Differs from version published in <i>The New York Review of Books</i> (January 7, 1971 issue). Signed "Brother James".</p> <p>Purchased from Elysium Press on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2015.</p> <p>Accession: 2016-jwj-0001</p>	1970 November 19
BARAKA, AMIRI, 1934-2014		
b. 3, f. GROUP 48, F-1	<p><i>Junkies Are Full of (SHH...)</i></p> <p>Drafts, typescript, corrected, signed and dated 1995 (16 l.), and photocopy of typescript, corrected, signed and dated July 30, 1969 (18 l.).</p> <p>Purchased from Between the Covers on the Donald Windham-Sandy Campbell Collection Endowment Fund, 2011.</p> <p>2 items (34 leaves).</p> <p>Accession: 47131</p>	1969, 1995
BERG, RICHARD.		
b. 4, f. GROUP 55, F-1	<p>"Shelia" 1 item (126 p.); 28.5 cm. Berg, Dick</p> <p>Draft, typescript mimeograph, corrected, of Berg's screenplay for the film <i>Honky</i>. "Shelia" was the working title and source novel title.</p> <p>Purchased from Royal Books on The Bradford F. and Lila L. Swan Fund, 2016.</p> <p>Accession: 2016-jwj-0035</p>	undated
BLOSSOM, LAUREL		
b. 3, f. GROUP 35, F-1	<p>Letter : to Mr. Barreio 1 item Blossom, Laurel</p> <p>One TLS regarding Tenth Birthday Party for the Poets and Writers organization.</p> <p>Removed from Poets &amp; Writers, Inc.: Tenth Birthday Party. New York: Poets &amp; Writers, Inc., 1980.</p> <p>Accession: 33176</p>	1980 October 27



## BONTEMPS, ARNA, 1902-1973

## Names:

Bontemps, Arna, 1902-1973

- b. 6, f. 7                      Photographs of Arna Bontemps receiving an honorary LL.D. degree from Berea College  
*2 items ; 25 x 20 cm.*  
English  
Two black and white photographs showing Arna Bontemps receiving an honorary LL.D. degree from Berea College, presented by President Willis D. Weatherford, Dean William F. Stolte, and Dr. Thomas Kreider.  
Gift of Berea College.
- Names:  
Bontemps, Arna, 1902-1973
- 1973 May 27

## BRAITHWAITE, WILLIAM STANLEY, 1878-1962

- b. 5, f. GROUP 67,              Letter : Cambridge, Massachusetts, to Robert Underwood Johnson, New York, New York  
F-1                                      *1 item : (1 p.) ; 22 cm.*  
Autograph letter, signed, regarding submission of verses for The Century Magazine, and the death of Richard Watson Gilder.  
Removed from the Carl Van Vechten Papers, 2017.
- 1910 January 20

## BRASEL, J.

- b. 2, f. GROUP                      Photographs of African-American men and women by J. Brasel, Muskogee, Indian Territory  
20, F-1                                      *6 items ; 10.5 x 6.4 cm.*  
Brasel, J.  
Six carte de visite size photographs of young African- American men and women. Three show women, and three show men; two are bust portraits, while four are full-length portraits with studio props. Probably photographed in the 1870s-80s.  
Accession: 20001011-r
- undated

## BROOKS, GWENDOLYN, 1917-2000

- b. 1, f. GROUP 5,                      Letters and inscriptions : to James E. Kelly  
F-1                                      *4 items.*  
Brooks, Gwendolyn, 1917-2000  
ANS in holiday card thanking Kelly for sharing the "Sheltered Man," in enveloped postmarked 1985 Dec 16; ALS dated 1986 Jan 4, regarding Kelly's artwork; a printed 1979 Chicago Public Library bookmark containing "To Young Readers," a poem by Brooks, inscribed to Kelly and signed by Brooks; and an undated card inscribed to Kelly and signed by Brooks.  
Accession: 19920916-a
- 1985-1986

## BROOKS, GWENDOLYN, 1917-2000 (continued)

b. 1, f. GROUP 5, F-2	<p>"Charles" 1 item (2 p.); 18 cm. Brooks, Gwendolyn, 1917-2000</p> <p>Poem, four lines, holograph, signed, with "From "Bronzeville Boys and Girls"" written by Brooks on verso.</p> <p>Accession: 19940131-d</p>	undated
b. 1, f. GROUP 5, F-3	<p>Letters : to Ely Liebon 3 items Brooks, Gwendolyn, 1917-2000</p> <p>Two ALS and an annotated typescript of a syllabus for the "Chicago Teachers College North Poetry Workshop."</p> <p>Accession: 43122</p>	1966 September 2 and undated
b. 1, f. GROUP 5, F-4	<p><a href="#">Review of "Collected Poems of Langston Hughes."</a> 1 item Brooks, Gwendolyn, 1917-2000</p> <p>Autograph manuscript of Brooks' review of "Collected Poems of Langston Hughes" edited by Arnold Rampersad. Brooks provides an overview of the collection and then critiques particular poems. The manuscript is accompanied by a copy of Brooks' letter to the editor regarding the review.</p> <p>Accession: 43121</p>	1994 October 25
b. 1, f. GROUP 5, F-5	<p>Children Coming Home, autograph manuscript 1 item Brooks, Gwendolyn, 1917-2000</p> <p>Autograph manuscript of a title page and drafts of three poems for Children Coming Home: "Superbe/A Something of My Own," "God is a White Gorilla," and "Richardine: White Girls are Particular People." The manuscript also includes a table of contents for In Montgomery and Other Poems. The manuscript is titled Blacks volume II.</p> <p>Accession: 43123</p>	1990-1991
b. 1, f. GROUP 5, F-6	<p>Photograph of Gwendolyn Brooks at the 1973 Fourth Annual Illinois Poet Laureate Awards 1 item.</p> <p>Gelatin silver black and white photographic print [by Frank Giamboy?] of Gwendolyn Brooks at the Fourth Annual Illinois Poet Laureate Awards held at the University of Chicago in 1973 in Chicago, Illinois. Brooks is shown reading a copy of MAJI: A Journal of the Black Arts, the quarterly publication of MAJI-MAJI Collective at Temple University in Philadelphia, while an unidentified African American man looks on. Also pictured are three other unidentified individuals.</p> <p>Purchased from Waiting for Godot Books on the James Weldon Johnson Memorial Collection of Negro Arts &amp; Letters Fund, 2009.</p> <p>Accession: 2009-jwj-33119</p>	[1973]

BROWN, HENRY A.

## BROWN, HENRY A. (continued)

- b. 6, f. 5                      Letter : from the committee in charge of Henry Brown's case, to President Warren G. Harding                      1921 August 24  
*1 item (6 pages)*  
 English
- Typescript copy, corrected, of a signed letter concerning the 1921 conviction of Harry A. Brown, a Black mess attendant at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, for the murder of Harriet Kavanaugh, a white Naval Academy nurse. The letter highlights problems with the investigation into Kavanaugh's murder and Brown's arrest and is signed "by the committee in charge of Henry Brown's case - Mrs. E. J. Wheatley, Mrs. E. J. Truxon, Rev. Boston Allen." The letter includes six pages that are numbered 1-4, 6-7.
- Gift of Grace Nail Johnson, 1947.
- Former call number: Uncat JWJ Files
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## BYRNE, MARGARET C.

- b. 5, f. GROUP                      "About Post-War Jobs for Negroes"                      circa 1944  
 68, F-1                      *1 item (3 p.)*
- Typescript draft of article written for *Interracial Review*
- Gift of Dorothy Peterson through Carl Van Vechten, 1953
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## CARVER, GEORGE WASHINGTON, 1864?-1943

b. 3, f. GROUP  
46, F-1

Letter : The Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, to Ms. Rebecca Caudill 1926-1927

One ALS (December 6, 1926), with TLCS enclosed, comprised of responses to three questions: 1. Does truth exist only in the abstract?; 2. What is necessary to have a knowledge of things, as you spoke of in your informal talk?; 3. Do you believe that God, Truth, beauty, music, nature and science are interchangeable terms, and a worship -- worship in the sense of study and self devotion -- of any particular one of these, is equivalent to a worship of any one of the others?. Accompanied by original envelope (postmarked January 13, 1927).

Purchased from James Cummins Bookseller on the George B. Alvord Fund, 2011.

4 items.

Accession: 45452

## CHESTNUTT, CHARLES WADDELL

b. 1, f. GROUP 11,  
F-1

"Aunt Mimy's Son"  
*1 item (30 p.); 22 cm.*

[ca. 1900]

Chestnutt, Charles W. (Charles Waddell), 1858-1932

Short story, holograph, written on the verso of Chestnutt's Cleveland, Ohio stenographer business paper. With ALS dated 1942 Jul 22, from Chestnutt's daughter, Helen M. Chestnutt, Cleveland, Ohio, to Harold Jackman, New York, and ALS dated 1942 Aug 3 to Carl Van Vechten, New York, both regarding the short story.

Accession: 19431001-a

## CHRISTIAN, MARK BRUCE, 1900-

b. 1, f. GROUP 9,  
F-1

"The Liberty Monument (in memory of the patriots who fell in the riot of  
September 14, 1874)"  
*2 items.*

[ca. 1970]

Christian, Mark Bruce, 1900-

Essay, typescript with holograph corrections and additions, and a photocopy of the typescript, with holograph corrections and additions. With a manuscript draft of an announcement regarding publications of the Archives of Negro History in an unidentified hand.

Accession: 19700921-b

## COLEMAN, WARREN

## COLEMAN, WARREN (continued)

b. 5, f. GROUP 62,  
F-1      "Nuremberg U.S.A."  
          *1 item (122 p.); 28.5 cm.*      1964-1965  
          Coleman, Warren      September 9

Draft, typescript mimeograph, of Coleman's script for the unproduced play. Laid in is a typed letter, signed, by Coleman addressed to "Frank" stating that a mutual friend, "Ralph", considers the play to be good for production, dated 1965 September 9.

Purchased from Royal Books on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2015.

Accession: 2016-jwj-0007

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## CONNELLY, MARC, 1890-1980

b. 4, f. GROUP  
58, F-1      "Cabin in the Sky"  
          *1 item (431 p.); 28 cm.*      1942 July 21  
          Connelly, Marc, 1890-1980  
          Schrank, Joseph

Composite script complete, typescript mimeograph, corrected, of Marc Connelly and Joseph Schrank's screenplay for the film *Cabin in the Sky*.

Purchased from Royal Books on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2016.

Accession: 2016-jwj-0029

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## COOPER, J. CALIFORNIA

b. 1, f. GROUP 1,  
F-1      Letter : to [Eunice] Hickey      1992 Aug 17  
          *1 item (1 p.); 28 cm.*  
          Cooper, J. California

TLS, regarding Cooper's work. With blank envelope.

Accession: 19941216-b

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## CROUSE, CONRAD J.

b. 3, f. GROUP  
40, F-1      Letter : to Charles Van Natten, Tarrytown, New York      1889 July 2  
          *2 items*  
          Crouse, Conrad J.

One ALS enclosing a ticket to J.P. Stenson's Mammoth Pavilion "Uncle Tom's Cabin Co." Drawing of "Uncle Tom" on the envelope.

Accession: 36534

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## CULLEN, COUNTTEE, 1903-1946

b. 3, f. GROUP 53,  
F-1      "To Walter White"      October 1943  
          *1 item*  
          Cullen, Countee, 1903-1946

Poem, autograph manuscript, signed.

Purchased from Between the Covers on the George B. Alvord Fund, 2016.

Accession: 2017-jwj-0007

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## D

## DARTMOUTH ALUMNI MAGAZINE

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| b. 2, f. GROUP 24,<br>F-1 | Letter : to Thomas Secondo, Enfield, CT<br><i>1 item (1 p.); 28 cm.</i><br>Dartmouth Alumni Magazine<br>TLS responding to Mr. Secondo's inquiry about Forrest Bartley Whittaker, Jr., who played basketball for Dartmouth in 1926. Accompanied by: a copy of Whittaker's matriculation card; a copy of a 1953 letter from Dartmouth's alumni office to the Registrar of Vital Statistics in Columbus, Ohio, with reply; copies of pages from the athletics section of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine, 1926, which mention Whittaker; a carbon copy of Secondo's letter of inquiry to Dartmouth, 1991 June 11; and a copy of The Dartmouth Pictorial, Carnival Number, 1926, which includes a photo of Whittaker.<br><br>Removed from the Randolph Linsly Simpson African-American Collection. | 1991 June 27 |
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## DELANY, SAMUEL R.

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| b. 5, f. GROUP<br>70, F-1 | Letters : to Jerry Kaufman<br><i>9 items.</i><br>Correspondence consisting of seven typescript letters, signed, one autograph postcard, signed, and one autograph note, signed, annotating a printed piece of writing, "And Janis Joplin," by Delany. Letters address literary and personal matters.<br><br>Gift of Jerry Kaufman, 2019<br><br>Accession: 2019-genm-0105 | 1966-1969,<br>undated |
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## DODSON, OWEN, 1914-

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| b. 2, f. GROUP 15,<br>F-1, F-2 | Papers relating to The Confession Stone: Song Cycles<br><i>7 items.</i><br>Dodson, Owen, 1914-1983<br>Forty-nine-page typescript mimeograph copy of "The Confession Stone: Song Cycles," with annotations and corrections in pencil and pen in an unidentified hand, "copyrighted 1965," and bound in a white folder containing manuscript notes in an unidentified hand on the inside back cover; eleven-page typescript carbon of "The Land of the Living and The Land of the Risen Dead," dated 1962 Nov 16; "Mary's Lullaby" printed on a leaf followed by Dodson's reproduced signature and "Christmas, 1963"; oversized picture postcard containing a portrait photograph of Countee Cullen with a note dated 1970 Apr 30 from Dodson to Paul Breman regarding Confession Stone on the verso; typed cocktail party invitation to Paul Breman dated 1976 Dec 15, from Dodson and his wife Edith, mimeographed on the verso of a printed holiday card containing the poem "A Certain Glory"; portrait photograph of Dodson by Kurt Ammann; and six undated 9 x 5 cm. cards containing holograph notes for an unidentified lecture.<br><br>Accession: 19980323-a | 1962-1976 |
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## DODSON, OWEN, 1914- (continued)

b. 2, f. GROUP 15,  
F-3 Christmas 1943  
*1 item.*  
Poem, typescript, signed.  
Gift of Dorothy Burnham, 2014.  
Accession: 2014.jwj.1

## DOVE, RITA

b. 2, f. GROUP 25,  
F-1 Letters : to Dan Johnson 1988  
*2 items.*  
Dove, Rita, 1952-  
One TLS and one TPcS regarding a presentation copy of Dove's Ten poems.  
Removed from Ten poems (Lisbon: Penumbra Press, 1977).  
Accession: 20010703-y

DUNBAR, PAUL LAURENCE, 1872-1906  
Dunbar, Paul Laurence, 1872-1906

b. 3, f. GROUP 47,  
F-1 "Harriet Beecher Stowe" before 1898  
Sonnet, autograph manuscript, signed, printers' copy. Published in *Century Magazine* (November 1898).  
Purchased from the William Reese Company on the James Weldon Johnson Memorial Collection of Negro Arts & Letters Fund, 2012.  
From the collection of Marjorie Wiggin Prescott.  
1 item (1 p.) ; 27 cm.  
Accession: 2012.jwj.15

b. 3, f. GROUP 47,  
F-2 "A Plantation Portrait" before 1901  
Poem, draft, autograph manuscript, corrected, signed "P.L.D." Published in *The Saturday Evening Post* (1901).  
Purchased from William Reese Company on the James Weldon Johnson Memorial Collection of Negro Arts & Letters Fund, 2009.  
Accession: 27989  
1 item (1 l.) ; 28 cm.

b. 6, f. 8 Tribute to Paul Laurence Dunbar after 1906  
*1 item (9 pages) ; 22 x 14 cm*  
English  
Manuscript tribute poem, with corrections, in an unidentified hand.  
Source unknown.  
Former call number: Uncat JWJ Files  
Names:  
Dunbar, Paul Laurence, 1872-1906

**E**

ENWONWU, BEN, 1917-1994  
Enwonwu, Ben, 1917-1994

b. 6, f. 6

"Ben Enwonwu"  
*1 item (4 pages)*  
English

1950 October

Typescript profile of the Nigerian painter and sculptor Ben Enwonwu, framed around his successful exhibition at the Apollinaire Gallery in London and a visit by a young collector named Jacob Epstein.

Source unknown.

Former call number: Uncat JWJ Files

Names:  
Enwonwu, Ben, 1917-1994

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## F

## FOREMAN, CARL

- b. 5, f. GROUP 61,  
F-1      "High Noon"  
          *1 item (122 p.); 27.25 cm.*      1949 January 2 -  
          Foreman, Carl      February 7
- Draft, typescript mimeograph, corrected, of Berg's screenplay for the film *Home of the Brave*. "High Noon" was the working title. Thirteen 8 x 10 photographs from the film are bound-in.
- Purchased from Walter Reuben, Inc. on the Sinclair Lewis Fund, 2015.
- Accession: 2016-jwj-0020
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## FREDERICK DOUGLASS CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

- b. 3, f. GROUP 51,  
F-1      16th Annual Black Roots Festival program      circa 1985  
          *1 item (8 p.); 22 cm.*  
          Frederick Douglass Creative Arts Center
- Printed program for 16th annual festival honoring James Baldwin and John O. Killens.
- Purchased from Heritage Book Shop, Inc. on the James Weldon Johnson Memorial Collection of Negro Arts & Letters Fund, 2001
- Removed from *Fifth Sunday* (Lexington: University of Kentucky, 1985) by Rita Dove.
- Accession: 2001-jwj-1
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## FROST, LEE, 1935-2007

- b. 5, f. GROUP  
64, F-1      "The Man with Two Heads"  
          *1 item (128 p.); 28.5 cm.*      1972 February  
          Frost, Lee, 1935-2007      10-19
- Draft, typescript mimeograph, corrected, of Frost and Wes Bishop's screenplay for the film *The Thing with Two Heads*. "The Man with Two Heads" was the working title. The copy likely belonged to Roosevelt "Rosey" Grier, whose name is written on the front wrapper.
- Purchased from Royal Books on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2015.
- Accession: 2016-jwj-0012
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## G

## GARDEN, MARY, 1874-1967

b. 2, f. GROUP 16,  
F-1 Letter : New York, to Hall Johnson 1933 Mar 3  
*1 item (3 p.); 18 cm.*  
Garden, Mary, 1874-1967  
ALS regarding "Run, Little Chillun."  
Accession: 19660403-a

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## GORDIMER, NADINE

b. 1, f. GROUP 12,  
F-1 Letter : Johannesburg, South Africa, to William Johnston 1963 Jun 30  
*1 item (2 p.); 34 cm.*  
Gordimer, Nadine, 1923-2014  
TLS regarding The Classic Johannesburg Quarterly, a literary magazine for  
which Gordimer served as a trustee. With a printed subscription form and a  
typed description of the publication.  
Accession: 19821201-a

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## H

## H. M. VELIE'S COLORED SONG BIRDS AND CONCERT CO.

b. 3, f. GROUP 31,  
F-1 Printed material 1896, undated  
*3 items.*  
H. M. Velie's Colored Song Birds and Concert Co.  
Materials include a broadside for a 1896 tour and hotel and theater contracts, completed in manuscript.  
Accession: 14882

## HALEY, ALEX

b. 3, f. GROUP 32,  
F-1 "For T.V. Guide" undated  
*1 item (2 leaves); 22 cm.*  
Haley, Alex, 1921-1992  
Holograph manuscript draft of article, corrected, for T.V. Guide on "Roots" program. Accompanied by clipping of cover, signed, for October 1976 issue of the Journal of the Film and Television Arts.  
Accession: 21242

## HAMMERSTEIN, OSCAR, 1895-1960

b. 2, f. GROUP 14,  
F-1 "Carmen Jones" [ca. 1945]  
*1 item (84 p.); 28 cm.*  
Hammerstein, Oscar, II, 1895-1960  
Libretto, mimeograph typescript, with cover containing the label of the Rialto Mimeographing and Typing Service Bureau, New York.  
Accession: 19860414-d

b. 7 "Carmen Jones" 1943  
Materials in English.  
Hammerstein, Oscar, II, 1895-1960

## HANDY, W. C. (WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER), 1873-1958

b. 2, f. GROUP 17,  
F-1 Letter : New York, to Rodney A. Coleman 1956 Aug 17  
*1 item (1 p.); 27 cm.*  
Handy, W. C. (William Christopher), 1873-1958  
TLS which accompanied material that Handy autographed for Coleman. Accompanied by a sheet on which is affixed a photograph of Handy clipped from an unidentified publication, four W. C. Handy commemorative postage stamps, and an envelope postmarked Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, with a first day issue Booker T. Washington postage stamp; a signature of Handy cut from an unidentified document is glued to the front of the envelope.  
Accession: 19721201-g

## HEYWARD, DOROTHY, 1890-1961

## HEYWARD, DOROTHY, 1890-1961 (continued)

b. 1, f. GROUP 2,  
F-1 Letter : San Francisco, California, to Lewis M. Isaacs, Jr. 1958 Nov 8  
*1 item (4 p.); 18 cm.*  
Heyward, Dorothy, 1890-1961  
ALS regarding the Theatre Arts Project for East Harlem in honor of Edith J. R. Isaacs. With a printed brochure describing the Project.  
Accession: 19790205-a

## HIMES, CHESTER B., 1909-1984

b. 3, f. GROUP 30,  
F-1 "This Cleveland" undated  
*1 item (1 p.); 28 cm.*  
Himes, Chester B., 1909-1984  
Manuscript, typescript, corrected, on the origin of Christmas.

b. 3, f. GROUP 30,  
F-2 "The rackets of convicts" undated  
*1 item (14 p.); 28 cm.*  
Essay, draft, typescript, corrected and signed, and annotated in hand of [Jackson].  
Gift of Judith Jackson, 2019  
Accession: 2020-ycal-0040

## HUGHES, LANGSTON, 1902-1967

b. 2, f. GROUP 21,  
F-1 "Shakespeare in Harlem" 1960  
*1 item (37 p.); 28 cm., in paper cover, 29 cm.*  
Hughes, Langston, 1902-1967  
Script, typescript mimeograph, including both "Mister Jazz" and "Shakespeare in Harlem," the latter adapted by Robert Glenn and with background music by Margaret Bonds; with original typist's cover.  
Accession: 20010620-b

b. 2, f. GROUP 21,  
F-2 Empty envelope 1938 August 26  
*1 item*  
Hughes, Langston, 1902-1967  
Empty envelope sent from Rómulo Lachatañeré to Hughes.  
Removed from: Rómulo Lachatañeré's "¡Oh, mi 'o Yemaya '!" (Manzanillo, Cuba : Editorial "El Arte", 1938).

b. 6, f. 4 Letter : 634 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York, New York, to Mary Knollenberg, 1942 July 4  
New Haven, Connecticut  
Material in English.  
Hughes, Langston, 1902-1967

## HUGHES, LANGSTON, 1902-1967 (continued)

b. 2, f. GROUP 21, F-3	<p>Letter : to Vernon Reyman <i>2 items.</i></p> <p>One TLS sent on behalf of Hughes by his secretary, Adele M. Glasgow, to Vernon Reyman thanking Reyman for his letter to Hughes and suggesting Reyman obtain a copy of Hughes' <i>I Wonder as I Wander</i> from Rinehart and Company. Accompanied by an envelope.</p> <p>Purchased from Waiting for Godot Books on the Danford N. Barney, Jr. Fund, 2012.</p> <p>Accession: 2012.jwj.1</p>	1956 December 28
b. 2, f. GROUP 21, F-4	<p>"Crazy Hat" and related correspondence <i>8 items.</i></p> <p>Autograph manuscript, with partial lyrics for "Crazy Hat," on Hotel Times Square stationary (undated). Four TLS (1945-1946), 1 postcard, signed (1946), from Langston Hughes to Harry Belkin regarding the song. Two TLS from the Library of Congress Copyright Office (1945 October) confirming copyright.</p> <p>Purchased from Doris Griss on the Carl Van Vechten Fund, 2012.</p> <p>Accession: 2012.jwj.22</p>	1945-1946
b. 2, f. GROUP 21, F-5	<p><a href="#">Letter : to [Harry] Block</a> <i>1 item (2 p.) ; 27.5 cm.</i> Hughes, Langston, 1902-1967</p> <p>Autograph letter, signed, possibly to Harry Block, an editor at Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. The letter discusses public events, including readings, and critical response to an unidentified book, most likely <i>The Weary Blues</i> (New York: Knopf, 1926). The letter also mentions [Mary White] Ovington, [W.C.] Handy, and [Witter] Bynner, among others.</p> <p>Purchased from Schulson Autographs on the Sinclair Lewis Fund, 2016</p> <p>Accession: 2016-jwj-0031</p>	[1926 February?]
	<p>Poster : "Fight for Freedom! the story of the NAACP" <i>1 item.</i> English Material in English.</p> <p>Poster for Langston Hughes' <i>Fight for Freedom: The Story of the NAACP</i>.</p> <p>Source unknown.</p> <p>Names: Hughes, Langston, 1902-1967</p>	after 1959

HUGHES, LANGSTON, 1902-1967 (continued)

Poster : *The Prodigal Son*

circa 1965

1 item.

English

Material in English.

Poster for Bertolt Brecht's *The Exception and the Rule* and Langston Hughes' *The Prodigal Son* at the Greenwich Mews Theatre.

Source unknown.

Names:

Brecht, Bertolt, 1898-1956

Hughes, Langston, 1902-1967

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## J

## JOHNSON, GRACE NAIL, (1885-1976)

b. 3, f. GROUP 44, F-1	<p><a href="#">Letter: Great Barrington, Mass., to Marshall Best</a></p> <p>One ALS, with envelope, sent to Marshall Best in which Grace Nail Johnson proposes turning the garage of Five Acres, the Johnsons' home, into a memorial for James Weldon Johnson. The letter is accompanied by three photographs of the property and a note "Suggestions for converting garage at Five Acres," outlining thirteen building projects.</p> <p>Gift of Glenn Horowitz Bookseller, 2011.</p> <p>6 items.</p> <p>Accession: 2011.jwj.1</p>	1940 February 11
b. 6, f. 9	<p>Letter : to Ann Whelpley <i>1 item (3 leaves)</i> English Johnson, Grace Nail, 1885-1976</p> <p>Autograph letter, signed, about a James Weldon Johnson band insignia brought to New York by Mrs. A. H. (Alleyne Houser) Blayton of Williamsburg, Va. Johnson explains the history of the James Weldon Johnson High School in Yaktown, Va., and mentions other materials in Yale's James Weldon Johnson Memorial Collection.</p> <p>Acquired from the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.</p> <p>Ann Whelpley (1912-2010) was a Beinecke staff member. Her name has also been spelled Anne and Anna.</p>	1969 May 10
JOHNSON, JAMES WELDON, 1871-1938		
b. 1, f. GROUP 3, F-1	<p>Letters : Great Barrington, Mass., to Rosemary Farrar <i>2 items.</i> Johnson, James Weldon, 1871-1938</p> <p>Two ALS, dated Sep 19, 1935, and Aug 31, 1937, with envelope. The letters praise Farrar's poetry and briefly discuss poems sent by her to Johnson.</p> <p>Accession: 19740626</p>	1935, 1937
b. 1, f. GROUP 3, F-2	<p>Necktie <i>1 item.</i></p> <p>1 necktie belonging to James Weldon Johnson given by Ollie Jewel Sims Okala to Stephen Jones, of the Beinecke Library, in gratitude for his work on the James Weldon Johnson Memorial Collection. Necktie is from Steffin (510 Madison Avenue) with a design of red and white feathers on a black background.</p> <p>Gift of Stephen Jones, 2014.</p> <p>Accession: 2014.jwj.3</p>	undated

## JOHNSON, JAMES WELDON, 1871-1938 (continued)

b. 1, f. GROUP 3,  
F-3

Letters : Great Barrington, Mass., and New York, N.Y., to George Oppenheimer  
*5 items.*

Two ALS, dated Sep 26, 1928, and Aug 26th, n.y., with article "Books for Porch Reading" from *Better Homes and Gardens* (1928 July) enclosed. One TLS, dated May 18, 1927. Letters concern Johnson's book *God's Trombones*.

Purchased from Glenn Horowitz Bookseller on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2011.

Accession: 43551.

b. 1, f. GROUP 3,  
F-4

[Letters : between James Weldon Johnson and Harold Guinzburg](#)  
*4 items.*

Two ALS to Harold Guinzburg, one TLS and 1 TL from Harold Guinzburg. One TL to from Guinzburg, dated Aug. 13, 1925, concerning Johnson's contribution to "The Subway Sun," an ad campaign sponsored by the New York subway system, with two ALS, dated Aug. 21 and 26, 1925, with Johnson's reply. The second ALS includes Johnson's blurb for the campaign: "I ride on the subway because it enables me to spend 15 minutes longer over my breakfast table uptown and 15 minutes longer at my desk downtown, without being late going or coming."

One TLS from Guinzburg, dated Aug. 26, 1926, includes an AL from Johnson at the bottom, concerning dedication of *God's Trombones*.

Purchased from Glenn Horowitz Bookseller on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2011.

Accession: 44403

b. 1, f. GROUP 3,  
F-5

Letters : Great Barrington, Mass. and Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., to Marshall Best  
*4 items.*

Three TLS and 1 ALS to Marshall Best. TLS, dated July 4, 1930, regarding *Saint Peter Relates and Incident* and *Fifty Years and Other Poems*. TLS, dated April 12, 1934, concerns *The Oppermanns* by Lion Feuchtwanger. In his TLS, dated July 18, 1934, Johnson thanks Best for a copy of the play "Stevedore" and asks Best to sell his article provisionally titled "Interracialism, A Requisite of World Peace" (based on his address "The Art of Being Civilized") to *Harper's*. ALS, dated December 10, 1937, in which Johnson plans on stopping by Best's office in order to play a recorded recitation of his poem "The Crucifixion," from *God's Trombones*, made "by the lady in Atlanta."

Purchased from Glenn Horowitz Bookseller on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2011.

Accession: 43553

## JORDAN, JUNE, 1936-2002

b. 2, f. GROUP 27,  
F-1

"Roman Poem Number Five"  
*1 item (31 leaves); 28 cm.*  
Jordan, June, 1936-2002

Draft, typescript, corrected, for long poem on ruins of Vesuvius, Herculaneum, and Pompeii. Dedicated: "for Millen and for Julius and for Eddie." Inscribed: "for Clarence and Sharyn, [Major} Life! June."

Accession: 2050



## JULIEN, MAX

b. 4, f. GROUP  
56, F-1

"Cleopatra Jones"  
*1 item (103 p.); 29 cm*  
Julien, Max  
Tennant, Bill  
Keller, Sheldon

1972 September  
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Revised draft, typescript mimeograph, of Julien, Bill Tennant, and Sheldon Keller's screenplay for the film *Cleopatra Jones*.

Purchased from Royal Books on the The Bradford F. and Lila L. Swan Fund, 2016.

Accession: 2016-jwj-0034

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## M

## MCCLOY, TERENCE

- b. 4, f. GROUP 59,  
F-1      "Lady Sings the Blues: The Billie Holiday Story"  
1 item; 127 p.; 29 cm.      1970 January 15  
McCloy, Terence      and 26
- Second draft, typescript mimeograph, corrected, of McCloy's screenplay for the film *Lady Sings the Blues: The Billie Holiday Story*. Laid in: typed letter, signed, to Leonard Lighstone from Stevie Phillips, with plot summary and reader criticism, dated 1970 January 26.
- Purchased from Royal Books on The Bradford F. and Lila L. Swan Fund, 2016.
- Accession: 2016-jwj-0032
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## MCKAY, CLAUDE, 1890-1948

- b. 3, f. GROUP 37,  
F-1      Letter : to Arthur B. Spingarn      1942 June 29  
1 item  
McKay, Claude, 1890-1948
- One TLS in which McKay asks Spingarn if he could get him a job with the United States Office of War Information (which at that time was directed by Elmer Davis).
- Accession: 42583
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## MCWILLIAMS, RUTH E.

- b. 1, f. GROUP 10,  
F-1      Letter : to Mrs. Willie M. Shaw      1967 Aug 24  
1 item (written on a clipping); 58 cm., folded to 29 cm.  
McWilliams, Ruth E.
- Brief ALS to Mrs. Willie M. Shaw, mother of James E. Shaw, regarding family news. The letter is written on a newspaper clipping of an article about McWilliams, her family, and her work as a music teacher, "Ruth McWilliams -- And Her Exceptional Way," Palo Verde Valley Times, Aug 10, 1967. Accompanied by an undated AN written by James E. Shaw, about the letter, and an envelope.
- Accession: 19830214
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## MURPHY, MRS. T.J.

- b. 3, f. GROUP 34,  
F-1      Postcard and publisher's advertisement      1909, 1913  
2 items  
Murphy, T.J., Mrs.
- One APcS to Mrs. T.J. Murphy and 1 publisher's advertisement.
- Removed from: Dunbar, Paul Laurence. *Complete Poems*. New York: Dodd, Mead and Co., 1913.
- Accession: 23639
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## P

## PALMER MEMORIAL INSTITUTE (SEDALIA, N.C.)

b. 3, f. GROUP 43, F-1      Correspondence and printed ephemera      1913-1916  
*10 items.*

One TLS, dated February 1, 1915, from A. Bray, Treasurer of the Palmer Memorial Institute, to Helen F. Kimball, founder of the Sedalia Club of Brookline, Mass., which raised funds for the Palmer Memorial Institute. Six autograph postcards, signed (1914-1916), sent to Marian D. Richards, regarding the Sedalia Club. Printed ephemera, constituting promotional material for the Palmer Memorial Institute, include a brochure, "What Others Say of the Palmer Memorial Institute" (undated), a broadside reproducing a panoramic photograph of the institute's grounds (1913), and a postcard with a group portrait of the institute's faculty and students (undated).

Purchased from Waiting for Godot Books on the Martin Greenblatt Foundation Book Fund in American Literature, 2011.

Accession: 44179

## PHILLIPS, J. J. 1944-

b. 3, f. GROUP 52, F-1      Letter : 1501 Blake St., No. 317, Berkeley, CA 94703, to Peter Howard, 654 Colusa Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94707      2010 August 6  
*1 item (2 p.); 18 cm.*

Phillips, J. J., 1944-

One autograph letter, signed, on printed card, folded and with envelope. The letter discusses Howard's support, the Serendipity edition of *Nigga in the Woodpile* (2008), and Howard's bookstore, Serendipity Books, and mentions Annie Barrows, Andrew Hoyem, and others.

Gift of Peter Howard, 2010

Accession: 2010-jwj-38751

**R**

## ROBESON, ESLANDA GOODE, 1896-1965

b. 3, f. GROUP 49, F-1      Correspondence with Victor Gollancz concerning *Paul Robeson, Negro* and *African Journey*      1929-1969

7 ALS and 3 TLS to Gollancz and 12 carbon TL to Robeson, dating from 1929 to 1930, concerning *Paul Robeson, Negro* (New York; London: Harper, 1930). 1 TLS, dated December 3, 1945, to Gollancz regarding *African Journey* (New York: John Day Co., 1945). Accompanied by original contracts, signed, reader's report, and third-party correspondence pertaining to royalties, permissions, and other legal matters.

Purchased from R. A. Gekoski on the George B. Alvord Fund, 2014.

1 folder.

Accession: 2014.ycal.5

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## SMYTHE, HUGH H. (HUGH HEYNE), 1913-1977 (continued)

- b. 1, f. GROUP 8,  
F-1      "Are We Solving Our Race Problem? -- Some Functioning Programs"      1946 Dec 8  
*1 item (2 p.); 28 cm.*  
 Smythe, Hugh H. (Hugh Heyne), 1913-1977  
 Typescript list, briefly discussing ways of fighting racism. Annotated  
 "Smythe's notes for Boston, Dec. 8, 1946," in manuscript in an unidentified  
 hand.  
 Removed from his *Negro Masses and Leaders: An Analysis of Current Trends*  
 ([1950?]).  
 Accession: 19831115

## SOLLORS, WERNER

- b. 1, f. GROUP 6,  
F-1      "Amiri Baraka/LeRoi Jones: The Quest for a 'Populist Modernism'"      [197-?]  
*1 item (ca. 80 leaves); 28 cm.*  
 Sollors, Werner  
 Literary biography, incomplete draft, photocopy of a typescript, with  
 corrections written by Baraka in holograph.  
 Accession: 19810111

## SPINGARN, JOEL ELIAS, 1875-1939

- b. 3, f. GROUP  
50, F-1      Letter : to [W. E. B.] Du Bois      1925 August 14  
*1 item (2 p.); 18 cm.*  
 Spingarn, Joel Elias, 1875-1939  
 Draft of an autograph letter, corrected and initialed, concerning an event  
 that evening and distribution of prizes relating to Amy Spingarn or *The*  
*Crisis*, the NAACP's monthly magazine edited by Du Bois.  
 Purchased from Stuart Lutz Historic Documents, Inc. on the Edwin J.  
 Beinecke Book Fund, 2016  
 Accession: 2016-jwj-0017

## STEVENS, ERNEST WAKEFIELD

Stevens, Ernest Wakefield

- b. 6, f. 10      "Here it is at Last! The Yankee Theme Song We Will Bring Home the Bacon"      August 1943  
 and "Little David in the Ring"  
*2 items; 22 x 14 cm*  
 English  
 Stevens, Ernest Wakefield  
 "Here it is at last!..." is a song poem, typescript copy; "Little David in the ring"  
 is a poem, typescript copy. Both items are signed by Stevens.  
 Gift of Ernest Wakefield Stevens through Carl Van Vechten, 1943.  
 These two items were removed from a 1943 September 21 typescript letter,  
 signed, from Stevens to Carl Van Vechten, which can be found in Carl Van  
 Vechten Papers Relating to African American Arts and Letters (JWJ MSS  
 1050).  
 Former call number: JWJ MSS Stevens, Ernest W.



## T

## THURMAN, WALLACE, 1902-1934

- b. 2, f. GROUP 26, "God Sends Sunday" [ca. 1929-1931?]  
F-1 *1 item (60, [53], 36 leaves); 28 cm.*  
Thurman, Wallace, 1902-1934
- Draft, typescript, corrected and annotated, for a three-act play about a black family living in Harlem during the Great Depression.
- Accession: 20050623-i
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## TUTUOLA, AMOS

- b. 1, f. GROUP 7, "My Life and Activities" 1952 Apr 17  
F-1 *1 item (3 leaves); 33 cm.*  
Tutuola, Amos
- Autobiography, typescript, carbon. Annotated in manuscript: "Confidential" and "Mr. Eliot" [i.e. T. S. Eliot], possibly in the hand of Tutuola.
- Removed from his *The Palm-Wine Drinkard and His Dead Palm-Wine Tapster in the Dead's Town* (London: Faber and Faber, [1952]).
- Accession: 19860226-c
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## TWOMEY, MICHAEL JOSEPH

- b. 2, f. GROUP 19, Postcard from an unidentified person [ca. 1906]  
F-1 *1 item (postcard); 9 x 14 cm.*  
Twomey, Michael Joseph
- Postcard, addressed in manuscript in an unidentified hand to Twomey in Danielson, Connecticut, and annotated "In remembrance [sic] of James C. Burley, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va." On the postcard is a printed photograph of the "Battalion of Cadets, Hampton Institute, Virginia."
- Accession: 19900920-d
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## UNIDENTIFIED

b. 3, f. GROUP 42, F-1	<p>"The Negro Youth" and "Manifesto" <i>3 items.</i></p> <p>Drafts, typescripts, corrected. Possibly written for the first convention of the Young Workers League of America (held in Brooklyn, May 13-15, 1922).</p> <p>Purchased from Glenn Horowitz Bookseller on the George B. Alvord Fund, 2012.</p> <p>Accession: 2012.jwj.21</p>	circa 1922 May
b. 3, f. GROUP 42, F-2	<p>African Fables <i>1 v. (circa 18 leaves); 13 cm.</i></p> <p>Autograph manuscript notebook with the following fables: "A Leopard and Kbagna," "The Disobedient Boy," "The Hunter and the Gazelle," "The Story of the Juwa," and "On the Origin of the Difference Between the Black and White Races."</p> <p>Purchased from Waiting for Godot Books on the Martin Greenblatt Foundation Book Fund in American Literature, 2011.</p> <p>Accession: 44176</p>	circa 1864
b. 3, f. GROUP 42, F-3	<p>Poems <i>1 item (2 leaves); 24 cm.</i></p> <p>Autograph manuscript of eight anti-slavery poems. The first line for the first poem reads: "Oh give me a republic where the boast of Freedom rings. / Where white men are all citizens, the colored only things, / Where the government refuses a Government to own / Not on the ground of principles, but that of skins alone."</p> <p>Purchased from the William Reese Company on the George B. Alvord Fund, 2012.</p> <p>Accession: 2012.jwj.17</p>	circa 1850
b. 3, f. GROUP 42, F-4	<p>Tintype copy photograph of a drawing of an unidentified man <i>1 item.</i></p> <p>Full-plate tintype copy photograph with heavy multicolored overpainting of a seated man in a dark suit. The tintype was likely produced from a drawing or painting of an unidentified man. Tintype has overpainting throughout except for the sitter's head. Plate may have been previously framed as overpainting shows evidence of an oval mat.</p> <p>Purchased from William Reese Co. (Swann Galleries' sale, 2009 February 26, lot 355) on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2009.</p> <p>Accession: 2009-jwj-28008</p>	[circa 1860-circa 1880]

## UNIDENTIFIED (continued)

"Stop Civilian Review Boards"

circa 1966

*1 item.*

English

Material in English.

Bumper sticker with text: "Stop Civilian Review Boards / vote 'YES!' on question #1."

Source unknown.

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## V

## VIDOR, KING, 1894-1982

b. 4, f. GROUP 60, F-1	<p>"Hallelujah!" 1 item (142 p.); 29.5 cm. Vidor, King, 1894-1982</p> <p>Draft, typescript carbon, corrected, of Vidor's screenplay for the film Hallelujah!, with continuity by Wanda Tuchock.</p> <p>Purchased from Royal Books on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2016.</p> <p>Accession: 2016-jwj-0028</p>	1928 September 15
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## VAN VECHTEN, CARL, 1880-1964

b. 3, f. GROUP 36, F-1	<p>Letter : from "Edward III" 1 item Van Vechten, Carl, 1880-1964</p> <p>One ALS to "Dear Carlo" from "Edward III" regarding The Clinton News.</p> <p>Removed from: The Clinton news (New York, N.Y.: Board of Publications of the General Organization of the De Witt Clinton Public High School). Autograph: Countee Cullen.</p> <p>Accession: 15520</p>	1944 May 14
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b. 3, f. GROUP 36, F-2	<p>Letter : 146 Central Park Avenue West, New York, New York, to Mrs. Whiteson</p> <p>TLS, dated August 7, 1961. Accompanied by printed material: Press release from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, "Spingarn Medal Goes to James Weldon Johnson" (June 13, 1925), leaflet "Musicraft presents James Weldon Johnson" (August, 1938), leaflet for Musicraft Album No. 21 "James Weldon Johnson, Four Readings from <i>God's Trombones</i>(undated), press release from MacMillan Company of Canada regarding James Weldon Johnson's death (circa June 1938), "The Proposed James Weldon Johnson Memorial" by Carl Van Vechten (February 1940), "James Weldon Johnson: A Biographical Sketch" (Fisk University, circa 1938), and typescript "June 17th is James Weldon Johnson's Birthday!" (after 1938).</p> <p>Gift of Glenn Horowitz Bookseller, Inc., 2011.</p> <p>8 items.</p> <p>Accession: 2011.jwj.2</p>	1925-1961
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## W

## WELLER, MICHAEL, 1942-

b. 5, f. GROUP  
66, F-1

"Ragtime"  
1 item (143 p.); 29 cm.  
Weller, Michael, 1942-

1980  
January-1980  
April 25

Third draft, typescript mimeograph, corrected, of Weller's screenplay for the film *Ragtime*. Stapled in is a typed letter, signed, from J. Blake Lowe, Jr. to Kellam de Forest on Dino Le Laurentiis Company letterhead, dated 1980 April 25. Copy likely belonged to uncredited pre-production assistant, "Mrs. Boriskin," with her name in holograph pencil on the title page.

Purchased from Royal Books on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2015.

Accession: 2016-jwj-0009

## WESLEY, DOROTHY PORTER, 1905-1995

b. 3, f. GROUP 39,  
F-1

Letters : from Arna Bontemps  
11 items  
Wesley, Dorothy Porter, 1905-1995

1948-1949

Seven TLS from Bontemps to Wesley (of the Moorland Foundation at the Howard University Library in Washington, D.C.) and four TLC of Wesley's responses. Correspondence pertains to proposed "Poets' Festival" at Howard University.

Accession: 42586

b. 3, f. GROUP 39,  
F-2

Letters : from Langston Hughes  
13 items  
Wesley, Dorothy Porter, 1905-1995

1948-1949

Seven TLS from Hughes to Wesley and four TLC of Wesley's replies. Correspondence largely pertains to a proposed "Poets' Festival" at Howard University. Also includes typescript, signed and inscribed to Wesley, of Hughes's poem "The Backlash Blues" and a newspaper clipping about Hughes.

Accession: 36541

## WHITE, WALTER FRANCIS, 1893-1955

b. 3, f. GROUP 29,  
F-1

Notes  
1 item (2 p.); 14 cm.  
White, Walter, 1893-1955

undated

AN on N.A.A.C.P. letterhead, possibly in hand of Walter White and relating to Rudolph Fisher's *The Walls of Jericho*.

Removed from *The Walls of Jericho* (New York: A.A. Knopf, 1928).

Accession: 19430101-bb

## WHITNEY, SALEM TUTT

## WHITNEY, SALEM TUTT (continued)

b. 3, f. GROUP 33,  
F-1 Letters : to Hallie May Woodson.  
*3 items.* 1929-1930  
Whitney, Salem Tutt  
Two TLS and one business card (for Salem Tutt Whitney). The letters offer advice and encouragement to Woodson and are written on letterhead for The Florence Mills Theatrical Association, Inc.  
Accession: 33118

## WILSON, AUGUST

b. 5, f. GROUP 63,  
F-1 "*Jitney*" 2000 February  
*1 item (111 p.); 29 cm.* 17  
Wilson, August, 1945-2005  
Draft, typescript photocopy, corrected, of Wilson's script for the play *Jitney*. Includes a playbill from the 2000 May revival at the Penumbra Theatre in St. Paul, Minnesota.  
Purchased from Royal Books on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2015.  
Accession: 2016-jwj-0008

## WRIGHT, RICHARD, 1908-1960

b. 3, f. GROUP 28,  
F-1 "*Leader Man : A Short Story*" [ca. 1959]  
*1 item (96 leaves); 28 cm.*  
Wright, Richard, 1908-1960  
Draft, typescript, of unpublished short story. Inscription on cover: "*Unpublished--sent to Constance Webb by Richard Wright.*"  
Accession: 9077

b. 3, f. GROUP 28,  
F-2 "*Human Intelligence*" undated  
*1 item (1 p.); 23 cm.*  
Typescript, signed, responses to three questions regarding "*Human Intelligence*" written in an unidentified hand at the top of the manuscript. The three questions are: 1. Is human intelligence a unity, i.e./a complete whole in itself; 2. Is it possible for a man of genius to be as prominent in one disciplines as in another?; 3. Could a famous scientist who concentrates in a definite kind of research (or a famous writer who specializes in a certain type of literature), apply his intelligence to any field he would choose, successfully?  
Purchased from David Schulson Autographs on the James Weldon Johnson Memorial Collection of Negro Arts & Letters Fund, 2012.  
Accession: 2012.jwj.23

b. 3, f. GROUP 28,  
F-3 Letter : to Henri Corbiere 1946 September  
*1 item (1 p.); 29 cm.* 26  
Wright, Richard, 1908-1960  
Autograph letter, signed, to Henri Corbiere. The letter contains answers to questions about Wright's literary life posed by Corbiere. Corbiere's questions are written in his hand at the top of the page.  
Purchased from Schulson Autographs on the Sinclair Lewis Fund, 2016.  
Accession: 2016-jwj-0030

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