

Bethune, Mary McLeod

ACCESSION NOTE

The Mary McLeod Bethune material was found among the number of unprocessed papers. It has been processed as a separate collection, though there is reason to believe that it may have been part of the Charles S. Johnson papers. Johnson, during the thirties, had begun gathering information for a biography of Mrs. Bethune with the assistance of Dr. Youra Qualls.

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Scope and Content Note

Mary McLeod Bethune, (1875-1955)

Papers, 1928-1943

The Mary McLeod Bethune Collection contains circa 500 items, 2 boxes of general correspondence with such persons, as Anne M. Arnold, Charles S. Johnson, George Edmund Haynes, newspaper clippings, programs, scrapbook, and miscellaneous materials.

Mrs. Bethune's stature as an educator grew. President Herbert Hoover had her to serve on the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection in 1930. Later, President Franklin D. Roosevelt had her to serve on the Advisory Committee of the National Youth Administration.

She has served on enumerable civic and government committees. In the 1930's she was the only female member in the "Black Cabinet."

In 1925, Cookman Institute, a men's college in Jacksonville, Florida and Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute merged, and was deeded over to the Methodist Episcopal Church. It was named the Daytona Cookman Collegiate Institute, but changed later to the Bethune-Cookman College.

Among the many awards received by Mrs. Bethune was the Spingarn medal, presented by the NAACP in 1935. She founded the National Council of Negro Women, and served as president of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. She died May 18, 1955.

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Box 1
General Correspondence

BETHUNE, MARY MCLEOD

f.

- 1 -- Addedrly, Q.J. – Arnold, Anna M. – 1934-1934
- 2 -- Baker, E.B. – Boyd, N.B. – 1934-1935
- 3 -- Bragg, J.B. –Curtis, S.W. – 1933-1937
- 4 -- Dansby, T.D. – Franklin, Sadie Mills – 1935-1937
- 5 -- Gibson, K.W. – Haynes, George Edmund – 1933-1937
- 6 -- Hemsley, Mae Lacey- Hunton, Addie – 1933-1937
- 7 -- Israel, Edward-Jamieson, Ethel – 1934-1935
- 8 -- Johnson, Charles S. – 1934-1937
- 9 -- Johnson, J.E.-Jones, R.E. – 1934-1934
- 10 -- Kelley, E.W.- Long, C.S. – 1935-1937
- 11 -- McCowan, Lulu-McGill, S. Decatur-1934-1937
- 12 -- Miller, Clifford-Nunn, William G. – 1934-1935
- 13 -- Oliver, Josephine-Rice, S.S. –1934-1937
- 14 -- Ranslow, C.W. –Robinson, W.A. – 1935-1937
- 15 -- Saunders, Annie-Stokes, John Newton—1932-1934
- 16 -- Thompson, D.T. –Young, P.B. – 1933-1937

Box 2

BETHUNE, MARY McCLEOD

- f. 1--Interview
- 2--Clippings
- 3--Programs and Invitations
- 4--Scrapbook
- 5--Miscellaneous