

A Guide to the
AMBROSE CALIVER COLLECTION, 1912-1938

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Born on February 25, 1894 in Saltville, Virginia, Ambrose Caliver was the son of Ambrose and Cora Saunders Caliver. He attended grade school in Bramwell, West Virginia, then moved to Knoxville, Tennessee and earned his high school diploma from Knoxville High School and his B.A. in 1915 from Knoxville College. He spent one year at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, and in 1916 was awarded a diploma in industrial arts from the school. He began his career in education in 1916, when he served as an assistant principal in El Paso, Texas and in that same year as high school principal in Rockwood, Tennessee. He married Everly Rosalie Rucker on December 24, 1916, and they had one daughter, Jewell Alta Mae.

Caliver was appointed instructor of manual arts at Fisk University in 1917. In 1918 he received a diploma in personal management from Harvard University and in 1920 his M.A. in education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. From 1925 to 1926 Caliver served as assistant dean and director of publicity simultaneously, charged with the tasks of implementing a viable and accountable academic program that was established by 1927, the year he was rewarded for his commitment to Fisk with the promotion to dean of the scholastic department. This appointment made him the first African American dean in the school's history, marking continued efforts by the inaugural Thomas Elsa Jones presidency (1926-1946), and alumni demands, to increase the number of African Americans in decision-making faculty and administration positions.

"At Fisk...experience has shown the value of guiding a student in the development of his scholarship and character, as well as his social contacts. This must be more than passive help. Nothing short of positive, constructive and sympathetic guidance will guide the needs of our present day youth," said Ambrose Caliver in an interview published in *The Greater Fisk Herald* in 1927. The activities documented in this collection represent records of his methods and tactics used to guide students, faculty, and staff through a difficult transition period in Fisk's history. After the forced resignation of president Fayette Avery McKenzie in 1925, Caliver's leadership at Fisk came at a time when student protests and alumni unrest forced the Board of Trustees to look closely into the direction in which the school was heading. This is the context through which Caliver's leadership emerged. As the institution transitioned without a president for a year, tremendous responsibility was placed in the hands of thirty-one-year-old Caliver to provide administrative leadership and to guide students in comparable

ways. The formative years of Caliver's professional career were spent at Fisk, the place where he developed the skills that prepared him for subsequent success as one of the preeminent authorities in the country on African American education. His contributions spanned the spectrum from manual and academic training to adult literacy.

Caliver earned his Ph.D. in education from Columbia University in 1930 and began working for the United States Office of Education that same year as senior specialist in Negro education. In 1946 he was promoted to specialist of Negro higher education, in 1950 to assistant to the commissioner in the Office of Education, and in 1955 he became chief of the adult education section. His publications include hundreds of articles, bulletins, and leaflets that contributed substantially to the literature on African American and adult education, making him an authority recognized in the field whose consultation constantly remained in high demand. Among his writings are *Bibliography on Education of the Negro, Comprising Publications from January, 1928 to December, 1930* (1931); *Background Study of Negro College Students, Rural Elementary Education among Negroes under Jeanes Supervising Teachers* (1933); *The Education of Negro Teachers* (1933); *Secondary Education for Negroes* (1933); *Fundamentals in the Education of Negroes* (1935); *Availability of Education to Negroes in Rural Communities* (1936); *Vocational and Educational Guidance of Negroes* (1938); *Sources of Instructional Materials on Negroes* (1946); and *Fifty Years of Progress in Public Education* (1950).

As an educational advocate for African Americans and adult learners, Caliver contributed directly towards the development of the National Advisory Committee on the Education of Negroes, 1930-1950; the National Conference on Fundamental Problems in Negro Education, 1934; the National Survey of the Vocational and Educational Guidance of Negroes, 1935-1938; and his appointment as director of the Project for Literacy Education in 1946. As the decade of the 1940s closed, Caliver's track record afforded him further leadership opportunities of national and international importance. He served as consultant to the Displaced Persons Commission, 1949; advisor to the United Nations Special Committee on Non-Self-Governing Territories, 1950; committee member of Survey Staff of Education in the Virgin Islands, 1950; committee member to explore federal participation in community college development, 1951; member of U.S. Delegation to the Inter-American Cultural Council, 1951; and president of the Adult Education Association of the United States, 1961. Ambrose Caliver died of a heart attack on January 29, 1962.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Ambrose Caliver Collection** contains nine boxes divided into four series, each under respective Fisk University deans: **Graham, James L.**, acting dean, 1922-1925; **Shaw, Augustus F.**, interim executive committee chair and academic dean, 1922-1923; **Ortman, E.J.**, dean, 1920-1922; and **Caliver, Ambrose**, assistant professor of manual arts, 1917-1925; assistant dean, 1925-1926; director of publicity, 1925-1926; dean, 1927-1930. The focal point of the collection is the **Caliver, Ambrose** series which documents twenty-four subseries: **Correspondence, General; Admissions; Alumni; Committees; Employment Inquiries; Faculty & Staff; Graduate Work; Honorary Degrees; Institutional Accreditation; Institutional Requests; Medical Colleges; Professional Associations; Publicity Department; Registrar's Office; Reports/University Related; Student Life; Student Orientation; Students/Parents; Students/Parents, Prospective; Telegrams; Textbook Orders; United States Department of Interior; Collection; and Miscellaneous.**

Series I, II, III: Graham, James L.; Shaw, Augustus F.; and Ortman, E.J.

The **Graham, James L.** series contains **Committee**, 1922-1935; **Students/Parents, Correspondence**, 1922-1925; and **Miscellaneous**, 1923-1935. Within **Shaw, Augustus F.**, eight subseries are contained: **Alumni; Committees; Office of the Dean; Professional Associations; Registrar's Office; Requests; Students/Parents; and Miscellaneous.** The **Ortman, E.J.** series contains **General Correspondence** from 1921 to 1922. Each series holds communication records of student status with their parents, opportunities for students, institutional support, and transcripts. The **Requests** series contains records regarding locating Roland Hayes, pioneer African American composer and tenor who attended Fisk from 1905 to 1908, and the Jubilee Singers. Though dismissed after three years, Hayes accepted an invitation from president George A. Gates in 1911 to lead the Jubilee Singers on a tour of Boston, where he subsequently remained and launched his professional solo career.

Series IV: Caliver, Ambrose

The records contained in the **Caliver, Ambrose** series may be valuable to researchers interested in informational clues that place Fisk within broad American social context. Examples and references from the Great Depression, Harlem Renaissance, New Deal, and the progressive era are found throughout the twenty-four subseries.

Correspondence, General holds letters that do not fall under any of the subsequent subseries. The **Admissions** subseries documents Caliver's interaction with accepted and potential students, and scholarship opportunities. The **Alumni** subseries contains records that document graduates in their professional and civic advances. Contained within **Committees** are documents of deliberations, lists, and proceedings ranging from admissions to social and recreation. The **Employment Inquiries** subseries holds letters of interests for custodian and teaching positions, whereas the **Faculty & Staff** subseries provides information about the development of the dean's office, and Alaine Locke's contributions to the instructional program at Fisk. Locke, an advocate of the "New Negro" philosophy, was a visiting professor in 1925. There is also information on Z. Alexander Looby, prominent Nashville and post-WWII civil rights attorney, who served as assistant professor of economics from 1926 to 1928; and Horace Mann Bond, educator, sociologist, scholar, and author, who served from 1928 to 1939 in various capacities, including research assistant to Charles S. Johnson, director of the men's dormitory, and chair of the department of education.

The **Graduate Work** subseries and the **Honorary Degrees** subseries both hold limited correspondence pertaining to students enrolled and honorees. The **Institutional Accreditation** subseries contains documents of interaction with accrediting agencies of high schools where Fisk students attended, and organizations with interest in colleges and universities, such as the American Association of Universities. The **Institutional Requests** subseries holds correspondence documenting Caliver's invitation to participate in professional activities at institutions ranging from the Alexander Hamilton Institute to the West Virginia Department of Education. Correspondence between Caliver and Howard University, Meharry Medical College, and Northwestern University Medical School is contained within the **Medical Colleges** subseries. The **Professional Associations** subseries consists primarily of correspondence, but also includes announcements, bulletins, and programs of such organizations as the American Association of Adult Education, Association for the Study of Negro Life & History, East Tennessee Association of Teachers in Colored Schools, and the National Education Association.

The **Publicity Department** subseries contains records of Fisk's publicity office and of Caliver's application of marketing and promotion tactics. A 1935 promotional announcement of Illinois Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell at the Ryman Auditorium links the collection to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Administration, as it is billed under the

auspices of the New Deal Progressive League. The majority of the correspondence is with W. E. B. Du Bois, 1888 Fisk alumnus and editor of the *Crisis*, and Charles S. Johnson as the editor of the National Urban League's *Opportunity*, before he began his tenure at Fisk in 1928. There are also official records of Fisk's subscriptions to *Crisis* and *Opportunity*; documentation of Du Bois public forums and lectures at the Fisk Memorial Chapel in 1928; and correspondence with Countee Cullen, poet, novelist, anthologist, and playwright, and Johnson's assistant editor at the *Opportunity*.

The **Registrar's Office** subseries holds records that range from attendance notices, course offerings, statistics, and transcript requests to lists of students who were W.W.I. veterans. Limited within the **Reports, University Related** subseries are descriptive analyses of those from housekeepers to the registrar. The **Student Life** subseries holds documents pertaining to extra-curricular activities including athletic team lists and schedules, class officers, clubs, fraternities and sororities, and musical ensembles from the glee club to singing sextets. Student Council procedure forms and participation records from the Tennessee Colored State Fair also are contained. Valuable documents including correspondence, guidelines, lectures, manuals, and questionnaires are in the **Student Orientation** subseries. This subseries also documents Caliver's consultation with educational professionals and leaders in the field, and his role as an emerging authority on education. There are substantial orders and requests for his *Freshmen Orientation: An Outline and Syllabus for a Course in College Problems and Life Adjustments*.

The **Students/Parents** and **Students/Parents, Prospective** subseries both provide evidence of Caliver's work with student intervention and retention, and of parental involvement. Correspondence with parents provides information associated with a professional class and related social institutions. There are letters with C.J. Bass, president of the Arkansas State Federation of Colored Women; W. E. A. Forde, Nashville commissioner of education and member of the Tennessee State Association for Improved Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks of the World; J. M. Frazier, supervising principle for the Colored City Schools of Baton Rouge; and Mary McLeod Bethune, president, Daytona Normal & Industrial Institute and member of the Federation of Colored Women. The remaining subseries include **Telegrams**, including funding appeals to Harvard University, personal transcript concerns, and professional requests; **Textbook Orders** from the Henry Holt & Company, the Ronald Press Company Publishers, and the University Society of Educational Publishers for faculty members; letters from 1932,

1934, and 1937 when Caliver served as specialist on Negro education, **United States Department of Interior**, after his tenure at Fisk; **Collection**, including bulletins, pamphlets, an undated **Photograph** of Caliver, programs, and non-university-related reports; **Miscellaneous**, correspondence and application records from the State of Tennessee Department of Education; and an unidentified folder of records that do not fit within any of the previous series or subseries.

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	5	Carter, Leonora—Clay, David, Correspondence, 1922-1925
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	7	Eaton, James—Ferguson, Willmet, Correspondence, 1922-1925
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	10	Hill, Sarah—Hinton, Orsenda, Correspondence, 1922-1925
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	13	Mack, F.—McCain, Flossie, Correspondence, 1922-1925
	14	Meadows, Miranda—Montgomery, Robert H., Correspondence, 1922-1925
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- 12 The Agricultural & Technical College of North Carolina—The National Council of the Young Men's Christian Associations, Correspondence, 1926
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- 13 Harmon Foundation—Newark Normal School for Physical Education and Hygiene, Correspondence, 1927
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- 14 Hayes, Roland, Jubilee Singers, Singing Quartet, 1925
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- 15 Benson, Ruby J.—Deany, A.B., Correspondence, 1925-1927
- 16 Eaton, J.Y.—Major, Marie, Correspondence, 1926-1927
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- 18 Scott, F.P.—Wiley, William R., Correspondence, 1925-1926

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24 Hale, J. H.—Logan, Eloise A., Correspondence, 1926-1929
25 Maney, Elizabeth W.—Pettigrew, Correspondence, J. D., 1925-1929
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- 8 Graduate, Inauguration, Correspondence, Lists, Misc., 1928, n.d
- 9 Instruction, Correspondence, Birch, T.A.—Scribner, D.A., 1928-1929, n.d.
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- 19 Baker, Paul E.—Battle, Mary K., Correspondence, 1924-1929
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- 24 Cabell, Aaron—Cashin, Lillian, Correspondence, 1923-1929
- 25 Chamberline, Carrie—Crosthwaite, M. L., Correspondence, 1923-1929
- 26 Davis, John P.—Imes, Samuel, S., Correspondence, 1923-1929, n.d.
- 27 Jefferson, E. B.—Johnson, Charles, S., Correspondence, 1926-1929
- 28 Johnson, Henderson Andrew, Correspondence, 1923-1929
- 29 Jones, Thomas Elsa, Correspondence, 1926
- 30 Jones, Thomas Elsa, Correspondence, 1927

- 4 1 Jones, Thomas Elsa, Correspondence, 1928-1929, 1935, n.d.
- 2 Jones, Thomas, Elsa, Misc., Memorandums, Unidentified, 1925-

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- 3 Keemer, Mable O.—Looby, Z. Alexander, Correspondence, 1925-1929
- 4 Maxwell, U. S.—Morris, Homer L., Correspondence, 1926-1931
- 5 Parmenter, Belle Ruth, Correspondence, 1924-1929, n.d.
- 6 Radin, Paul—Rucker, Ann, Correspondence, 1927-1931
- 7 Scribner, Dora, Correspondence, 1924-1929
- 8 Shaw, Augustus F.—Shaw, Avendale V., Correspondence, 1924-1929
- 9 Shores, Louis—Stepp, H. S., Correspondence, 1924-1930, n.d.
- 10 Talley-Wilcox, Berry D., Correspondence, 1924, 1926-1927, n.d.
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- 14 East Tennessee Association of Teachers in Colored Schools,
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 9 Bruce, Roscoe Conkling—Byer, John V., Correspondence, 1925-1929
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 15 Eastman, Arnold—Evans, Merlin, Correspondence, 1925-1929

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- 18 Gandy, Jesse—Grant, Sugdam, Correspondence, 1926-1929
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- 2 Henderson, L. W.—Hogan, Marion L., Correspondence, 1925-1929
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