CHESNUTT, CHARLES W. 1858-1932
Papers, 1864-1938
The Charles W. Chesnutt Collection has been reprocessed for easier use by the researcher. Material has been transferred from the brown boxes to perma life folders and Hollinger boxes. A new finding aid has been made but the old brochure is enclosed for reference.

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MANUSCRIPT ACCESSION RECORD

Title: Chesnutt, Charles Waddell, 1858-1932. papers, 1864-1938
Source: Helen Chesnutt, 1952
Size and description of collection:

mss. boxes
ca. 2100 items
Correspondence - 1879-1938. (General and Publishers)
Typed mss.: articles, 1900-1920; books, 1899-1928; plays,
1900; poems, 1882-1901; speeches, 1881-1928
Journals and notebooks - 1874-85
Scrapbooks - 1889-1909
CHESNUTT, CHARLES W., 1858-1932.
PAPERS, 1864-1938.

Box 1

Correspondence--General

f. 1--Adams, Charles - Aylesworth, Barton--1901-1937
2--Baker, Oscar - Boyle, Willaim--1901-1929
3--Braithwaite, William - Browne, Hugh--1902-1929
4--Bruce, Roscoe - Butterick, Wallace--1900-1927
5--Cable, George--1889
6--Cable, George--1890
7--Cable, George--1895-1898; 1921
8--Cadwell, Starr - Chase, Mary--1900-1917
9--Chesnutt, Edwin - Committee of One Hundred--1900-1914; 1928
10--Committee of Twelve--1904-1906
11--Committee of Twelve--1907-1910
12--Committee of Twelve--Printed matter
13--Corlett, Harriet - Crumpker, Ed--1900-1909
14--Dale, E. A. - Durham, John--1898-1931
15--Earle, Mary - Frissell, H. B.--1899-1928
16--Garfod, J. E. - Grimike, Archibald--1899-1926
17--Hackle, A. - Haworth, Paul--1899-1917
18--Heiney, E. A. - Houghm F. Harrison--1896-1916
19--Howard, Jerome - Hyre, Mrs. A. E.--1899-1916
20--Ives, Herbert - Jones, R. E.--1903-1932
21--Kaiser, P. A. - Kruslrg, Charlotte--1899-1916
22--Lamb, Frederick - Lilly, E. J.--1899-1917
23--Lippencott, Martha - Metcalf, John--1899-1928

Box 2

Correspondence--General

f. 1--Miller, Kelly - Myers, John A.--1901-1930
2--McClennan, George M. - Norris, Howes--1887-1928
3--Ogden, Robert - Putnam, A. B.--1879-1916
4--Ransom, Reveryd - Russell, L. A.--1899-1916
5--Samson, Walter - Scott, Emmett--1880-1937
6--Scott, I. B. - Spingarn, Joel--1888-1928
7--Starborough, W. S. - Sweeney, John--1883; 1902-1913
8--Talbert, Horace - Tyson, J. B.--1880-1911
9--Tobias, D. E. - Tourgee, Albion--1888-1905
10--Traubel, Horace - Tyson, J. B.--1899-1921
11--Wallig, W. E. - Waring, F.--1899-1912
12--Van Vechten, Carl - Votaw, C. W.--1900-1928
13--Washington, Booker T.--1900-1902
14--Washington, Booker T.--1903-1904
15--Washington, Booker T.--1905-1907
16--Washington, Booker T.--1908-1916
17--Washington, Josephine - White, Walter--1902-1930
18--Wilcox, Eleanor - Wilson, L. A.--1883-1928
19--Winship, John - Wright, R. R.--1899-1916
20--Unidentifiable
Correspondence--Publishers

1--The Anthology of Magazine Verse--1914
2--The Associated Publishers--1930
3--Atlantic Monthly--1887-1904
4--The Basis--1895
5--The Beacon Biographies--1899
6--Biographical History of North Carolina--1909
7--Bobbs-Merrill Co.--1915
8--The Book Concern of the AME Church--1909
9--The Booklovers Library--1901-1903
10--The Bookman--1899
11--The Boston Colored Citizen--1904
12--Boston Evening Transcript--1900-1901
13--The Boston Post--1992
14--Boston Transcript--1900-1901
15--The Bowen-Merrill Co.--1900
16--Burrell's Press--1899
17--The Burrows Brothers--1899
18--The Century Magazine--1895-1901
19--The Chicago Daily News--1902
20--The Chicago Evening Post--n.d.
21--Chicago Ledger--1886-1887
22--The Christian Recorder--1916
23--The Arthur Clark Co.--1927
24--The Cleveland Leader--1901-1905
25--The Cleveland Plain Dealer--1899
26--The Cleveland Press--1929
27--The Cleveland Recorder--1901
28--Cleveland Topics--1923
29--The Cleveland World--1901
30--The Colored American Magazine--1899-1906
31--The Conservator--1903
32--David C. Cook Publishing Co.--1901
33--The Crisis--1912-1916
34--The Critic--1899-1901
35--The Detroit Free Press--1888
36--Dodd, Mead & Co.--n.d.
37--Doubleday, Page & Co.--1900-1913
38--Douglass Publishing Co.--1913
39--Duffield & Co.--1910
40--The Evening Mail--1905
41--Family Fiction--1886-1888
42--The Freeman--1903
43--The Gazette--1928
44--The Gazeteer and Monthly Magazine--1909
45--Gloucester Daily Times--1906
46--The Guardian--1903
47--Harper & Brothers--1899-1917
48--The Helman Taylor Co.--1899
Correspondence--Publishers

f. 1--Houghton, Mifflin & Co.--1889-1898
   2--Houghton, Mifflin & Co.--Jan. - Sept., 1899
   3--Houghton, Mifflin & Co.--Oct. - Dec., 1899
   4--Houghton, Mifflin & Co.--1900
   5--Houghton, Mifflin & Co.--1901
   6--Houghton, Mifflin & Co.--1902-1908
   7--Houghton, Mifflin & Co.--1910-1930
   8--Howard's American Magazine--1901
   9--The Independent--1899-1905
  10--The Index--1899-1901
  11--George W. Jacobs & Co.--1901
  12--Alfred Knopf--1928
  13--Little, Brown & Co.--1906
  14--Lothrop Publishing Co.--1899
  15--The Macmillan Co.--1901-1904
  16--S. S. McClure's--1885-1904
  17--The McGirt Publishing Co.--1906
  18--A. N. Marquis & Co.--1903-1906
  19--The Nashville Banner--1899
  20--The National Domestic--1905-1906
  21--The New York Age--1898-1910
  22--J. L. Nichols & Co.--1903
  23--The Ohio Standard World--1908
  24--Opportunity--1928
  25--Our Continent Publishing Co.--1882
  26--The Outlook--1900-1903
  27--The Overland Monthly--1888-1898
  28--The Pittsburgh Press--1903
  29--The Plaindealer--1900
  30--James Pott & Co.--1903
  31--The Progressive Educator--1889
  32--The Public--1902
  33--Public Ledger--1916
  34--Puck--1887-1889
  35--The Reading Circle--1905
  36--The Saturday Evening Post--1899-1905
  37--Charles Scribner's Sons--n.d.
  38--The Scripps-McRae League--1901
  39--Sherman, French & Co.--1910
  40--Simon & Schuster--1938
  41--Small, Maynard & Co.--1899-1909
  42--Southern Workman--1899-1910
  43--Southwestern Christian Advocate--1904-1909
  44--The Star of Zion--1901
  45--Tid Bits--1886-1888
  46--Two Tales--1892
  47--Vogue--1899
  48--The Voice of the Negro--1903-1905
  49--The Youth's Companion--1899-1900
Published Works--Books


2. Frederick Douglass. Typewritten manuscript.

Published Works--Articles in Periodicals


* Published Works--Short Stories in Periodicals


Published Works--Short Stories in Periodicals (contd.)


Published Works – Short Stories in Periodicals

13-- “Tobe’s Tribulation’s “The Southern Workman, November, 1900.
    p. 656-664
14-- “Tom’s Warm Welcome, “ Family Fiction, November 27, 1886.
15-- “Uncle Peter’s House,” The Cleveland News and Herald, 1885.

Published Works—Speeches in Periodicals
17-- “Race Ideals and Examples,” A.M.E. Church Reviews, October, 1913.
18-- “Race Prejudice; Its Causes and Its Cures, “Alexander’s Magazine,
    July, 1905. P. 21-26. (Address delivered before the Boston
    Literary and Historical Association).
19-- Various Short Stories by Charles W. Chesnutt

Unpublished Works – Articles

3 -- An Inside View of the Negro Question, 1889, typewritten, 2 copies (incomplete)
8 -- The Term Negro. n.d., typewritten, 3 p.
9 -- To the Public. 1920, 2 copies, typewritten, 3 p.; 5 p.

Unpublished Works- Books

17 -- Evelyn’s Husband. (about 1900) Novel, typewritten, p. 51-100.
20 -- Evelyn’s Husband. (about 1900) Novel, typewritten, p. 201-150.
Unpublished Works--Books

   3--Mandy Oxendine. n.d. Novel, typewritten, p. 81-120.
   10--The Quarry. 1928, Novel (Chesnutts's first) typewritten, p.51-100.
   13--The Quarry. 1928, Novel (Chesnutts's first) typewritten, p.201-250.
   14--The Quarry. 1928, Novel (Chesnutts's first) typewritten, p.251-277.
   16--The Rainbow-Chasers. (about 1900) Novel, typewritten, copy 2, (incomplete)
   17--The Rainbow-Chasers. (about 1900) Novel, typewritten, copy 2, (incomplete)
   18--The Rainbow-Chasers. (about 1900) Novel, typewritten, copy 2, (incomplete)
   19--The Rainbow-Chasers. (about 1900) Novel, typewritten, copy 2, (incomplete)
   20--The Rainbow-Chasers. (about 1900) Novel, typewritten, copy 3, (incomplete)

Unpublished Works--Books

f. 1--Rena. n.d. Novel. Published as The House Behind the Cedars. copy 1, 39p. (incomplete)
   2--Rena. n.d. Novel. Published as The House Behind the Cedars. copy 2, 91p. (incomplete)
Unpublished Works--Books


Unpublished Works--Plays


Unpublished Works--Poems

5. The Irony of Fate. n.d., longhand. 1p.

Unpublished Works--Short Stories

11. An Expensive Amusement. (before 1890) typewritten. 7p.
23. (No Title) before 1897, typewritten. 22p. A love story of Mr. Peyton and Miss Wrenn.

Unpublished Works--Speeches

Unpublished Works--Speeches

f. 5--The Advantages of A Well Conducted Literary Society. October, 1881, longhand, 35p., incomplete. A lecture delivered before the Normal Literary Society, Fayetteville, N. C.

6--Age of Problems. 1906, typewritten, 31p. Address delivered to the Cleveland Council of Sociology.


9--/Future of the Negro./ n.d., longhand, 23p.


12--The Ideal Nurse. May 4, 1914. 2 copies, typewritten and longhand, 21p.

13--The Ideal Nurse. May 4, 1914. (incomplete)


16--/The Negro Authors./ n.d., typewritten and longhand, 4p. incomplete. Address delivered before the Colored Men's Association, Clevalnd.


19--The Negro in the American Revolution. September 14, 1913, typewritten, 9p. Address delivered before the Perry Centennial, Clevalnd, Ohio.


21--/The Race Problem./ March 25, 1913, 23p. Address delivered before the Medina Coterie, Medina, Ohio.

22--/The Race Problem./ February, 1928. 25p. Address delivered before the Ohio State High School, Cleveland, Ohio.


24--Self MaBe Men. March 10, 1882, longhand, 24p. Lecture delivered before the Normal Literary Society, Fayetteville, N. C.


28--Introduction to Temple Course Reading. November 15, 1900, typewritten and longhand, 8p. (incomplete)


30--/Why I Am a Republican./ n.d., typewritten, 9p.


32--Etiquette (Good Manners). 1881, 40p.
Miscellaneous Writings

f. 1--Meeting of Colored Citizens. May 31, 1892. 3p.
   2--The Right to Jury Service. n.d., 2 copies.
   3--Time and Eternity. n.d.
   5--The Writing of a Novel. n.d., 7p. (incomplete)
   6--No Title n.d., 8p. (incomplete)
   7--No Title. n.d., 3p. (incomplete)
   8--Incomplete and Unidentifiable

Articles and Reviews Regarding Chesnutt and His Works

11--"The Wife of His Youth" (Review) February, 1900. p. 597.
14--"A Psychological Counter-Current in Recent Fiction" by W. D. Howell. December, 1901. p. 881.
16--"The House Behind the Cedars" (Review) Phonographic Magazine. p. 55.

Journals and Notebooks

f. 1--July, 1874; 160p.
   2--November, 1877; 237p.
   3--January, 1881; 53p.
   4--Autograph Album, June, 1883.
   5--Literary Memoranda, September 1, 1900; 32p.

Photographs--Chesnutt and Family

f. 1--Charles W. Chesnutt--1864-1929, (ca. 12)
   2--Andrew Jackson Chesnutt (father) about 1910
   3--Ann Maria Chesnutt (mother) 1870
   4--Susan Chesnutt (wife) 1887, 1897, 1940 (3)
   5--Edwin Perry (Susan's father) 1882
   6--Mary Catherine Perry (Susan's mother) 1896
Photographs--Miscellaneous

f. 7--Mrs. Anna J. Cooper, Washington, D. C.
   Carl Van Vechten, 1926
   Brenton Circle, 1904-1909
   101 Prominent People, 1905
   Rowfant Club, n.d.
   Charles Owens
8--"Camp Spingarn" Amenia, N. Y., 1916
   The Howard School, Fayetteville, N. C.
   The Perry Homestead, Fayetteville, N. C.
   1668 Lamont Street
   Library at 62 Brenton Street, 1900
   Unidentifiable
9--Booker T. Washington, (2) n.d., 1910
   Edward C. Williams (2)
   William Bolivar
   Joel Spingarn
   Bishop Cicero Harris
   Amenia Conference, N. Y., 1916
   Francic H. Warren
   A. Dumas
   T. L'Ouverture
   John Brown
   Charles Miller

Printed Matter--Rowfant Club

f. 1--Catalogues of Annual Auction--1912-1914
2--Catalogues of Annual Auction--1915-1921
3--Catalogues of Annual Auction--1922-1932
4--Miscellaneous material

*For further location of Short Stories in Periodicals, Unpublished Poems and Short Stories see Scrapbook - Marrow of Tradition and Scrapbook of Miscellaneous Writings.*
Addendum

Box 16

f.  1--Clippings
    2--Copyright Forms
    3--Newsreleases
    4--Marriage license of parents
    5--Pamphlets & Leaflets
    6--Pamphlets & Leaflets
    7--Pamphlets & Leaflets
    8--Pamphlets & Leaflets
    9--Programs
   10--Miscellaneous material

Collection--
   11--The Crisis Calendar of 1921
   12--Material on Mark Twain's Birthday Celebration, Dec., 1905
   13--Clevelanders "As We See 'Em"