

Charles Waddell Chesnutt Collection
Supplement No. 1-1858-1932
Author, essayist, political activist and lawyer

Complete Biographical Profile can be located in early processed collection.

Charles W. Chesnutt was considered one of the early African American outstanding Novelists, who were actively involved in the political, social and cultural activities in America. Born June 20, 1858 in Cleveland, Ohio to Andrew Jackson Chesnutt and Anne Maria Sampson, who were free blacks from North Carolina.

Scope and Contents

This small collection consists of five (5) boxes, within these five boxes; you will find eleven series, consisting of some correspondence, from Chesnutt and his immediate family, including, letters and telegrams of condolence sent to the family upon the death of Chesnutt. Especially noted correspondence from daughter Helen Chesnutt, publisher requesting the writing style of her father and upcoming publication. The bulk of the collection consist mainly of addresses, articles, lectures, and speeches, between 1898-1919 regardings racial inequality in the United States, such as the Niagara Movement, 1908, address on Dr. Samuel Johnson, others. Documents, such as the Code of 1650 of the General Court of Connecticut, also, the Constitution, of Civil Compact, Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfield in 1638-39 to which is added some extracts from the laws and judicial proceedings of New Haven colony , published in 1891. Articles that appeared in scholarly journals were pertaining to the American Negro and the War, 1942, Can We Absorb the Negro/, by Lothrop Stoddard, vs. Alain Locke, the Forum, 1927, Countee Cullen on Miscegenation , Crisis, 1929 , the History of the Negro in the War, The Crisis, 1919 . There are numerous bound publications, especially from the Rowfant Club of which he apparently was a member, numerous newspapers clippings, pertaining to his death.

Inventory-1898-1942

Series-1-Correspondence-Personal-Charles W. Chesnutt-1915

1-1- Charles W. Chesnutt--To the Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, IN. regarding complimentary copy of Professor Haworth's "America in Ferment", with comments from Charles W. Chesnutt. April 23, 1915

Series-2- Correspondence-Immediate Family-

Sub-Series-1-Correspondence- Wife- Susan Utley Perry Chesnutt-1928-1938

1-2- Florence Marie Brawley, Los Angeles, CA, replying to letter from Susan, regarding her visit to Los Angeles, July 18, 1928

1-3- Kelly Miller, Howard University, and D.C.—Re: Proposal of the National Negro Library and Museum at Howard University, December 20, 1938

1-4-Condolence, sympathy, death of Charles W. Chesnutt, November 16-December 10, 1932, 1932; January (Her sister, Love (New York), also Arthur B. Spingarn, N.Y., W. E. Burghardt Du Bois, (N.Y.); Others, from Cleveland, OH, Chicago, IL, Canada; Cleveland Branch of National Association of Colored People, The Cleveland Bar Association—January 11-March 8, 1933—Tuskegee Institute (AL), Michigan, Ohio

Sub-Sub-Series-1-Correspondence-Condolence-Telegrams

1-5- Mrs. Charles W. Chesnutt-Condolence, Sympathy, November 15-16, 1932—Alexander-Wright

1-6- Telegrams- Mrs. Charles W. Chesnutt-Condolence, Sympathy, November 17, 1932

1-7- Telegrams- Mrs. Charles W. Chesnutt-Condolence, Sympathy, November 18-19, 1932

Sub-Series-2-Correspondence-Children-1932-1936

1-8- Mrs. Dorothy Slade (Daughter) - Letters of Condolence, Sympathy, November, November, 1932

1-9- Telegram- Mrs. Dorothy Slade (Daughter)-Condolence, Sympathy, November 17, 1932

1-10- Telegram-Mr. Edwin J. Chesnutt (Son)-Condolence, Sympathy, November, 1932

1-11- Telegrams- Mrs. Ethel C. Williams (Daughter)-Condolence, Sympathy, November 19, 1932-
Alexander-Wright

1-12- Helen Chesnutt-(Daughter)-Letters of Condolence, Sympathy, November- December, 1932, nd

1-13 -Helen Chesnutt-(Daughter) -Mr. Adler (The Colophon Limited, New York—December 24, 1936-Re:
Her father's writing style.

1-14- Miss Helen Chesnutt –from From the Office of the Colophon, New York, seeking information regarding, manuscript and writing style in regards to upcoming publication, December, 1936

Series-3-Addresses, Lectures, Speeches-1898-1919

1-15- The Black Battalion-Speech of Hon. Joseph B. Foraker of Ohio in the Senate of the United States, April 14, 1908

1-16- A Colonial Apparition, A Story of the Cape Fear, by James Sprunt, Read before the North Carolina Society of Colonia Dames, 1898

1-17- Fifty Years of Freedom ; With Matters of Vital Importance to Both the White and Colored People of the United States by Rev. Francis J. Grimke, D.D., Delivered before the Presbyterian Council in the Madison Street Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Maryland, October 17, 1913

1-18-The Niagara Movement, Oberlin, 1908

1-19- The Second Greatest Man by Address on Doctor Samuel Johnson, by Noel Lawson Lewis, December 27, 1924, (Ninety-nine copies printed, this is No. 89, February, 1925

1-20- Society and Its Morals, VI-Racial Morality; Our Pulpit, Sunday Lectures of Joseph Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf, April 15, 1900 (condition-poor)

1-21- Address-Views of a Southern Woman by Adelene Moffat, an Address Before the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Third Annual Conference of the NAACP, No. 5, 1919

1-22- Speech-Wendell Phillips – A Centennial Oration-Delivered at Park Street Church, Boston,

November 28, 1911, by Wendell Phillips Stafford-Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia

Series-4-Document

1-23- The Code of 1650 of the General Court of Connecticut, also, the Constitution, of Civil Compact, Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfield in 1638-9 to which is added some extracts from the laws and judicial proceedings of New-Haven colony commonly called Blue Laws, Re-Published, 1891 (Fragile)

Series-5-Programs

1-24- Tenth Anniversary Conference National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at Cleveland, Ohio, June 21-28, 1919

Series-6-Publications

Sub-Series-1-Articles-Published-1919-1942

- 1-25- American Negroes and the War, by Earl Brown, Harper Magazine, April, 1942
- 1-26- Brazil and the Negro, Outlook, Volume, 106, February 21, 1914
- 1-27- Can We Absorb the Negro?, by Lothrop Stoddard vs. Alain Locke, The Forum, October, 1927
- 1-28- Countee Cullen on Miscegenation, Paris, April 1, 1929, The Crisis, November, 1929
- 1-29- The Disfranchisement of Negroes, by the Rev. Jojn Haynes Holmes, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Publication, nd
- 1-30- The History of the Negro in the War, The Crisis, June, 1919
- 1-31- Jazz is not Music, by Sigmund Spaeth, The Forum, August, 1928
- 1-32- Leaving It To The South, by Charles Edward Russell, Publication of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, No. 6, nd
- 1-33- Marian Anderson, (Mrs. Roosevelt Awards Medal), 24th Spingarn Medal, The Crisis, September, 1939

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Series-6-Publications

Sub-Series-1-Articles-Published

- 2-1- The Negro and the Communists, by Walter White, Reprinted from Harper's Magazine, December, 1911 for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- 2-2- Negro-Managed Cooperatives in Virginia, by Samuel A Rosenberg, The Crisis, September, 1940
- 2-3- The Negro Problem; How it Appeals to a Southern Colored Woman; A Southern White Woman, The Independent, September 18, 1902
- 2-4- The Negro as Writer, by John Chamberlain, February, 1930 (Chesnutt as a writer), The Bookman, February, 1930
- 2-5- The Negro To-Day, by Thomas Nelson Page, in `McClures's Magazine, May, 1904

2-6- The Real Race Problem, (From the Point of View of Anthropology), by Professor Franz Boas of Columbia University, Publication of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, No. 3, May, 1910

2-7-Rio de Janeiro, by Theodore Roosevelt, The Outlook, Volume, 105, December 20, 1913,

Sub-Series-2-Publications-Bulletins-Published

2-8-The Bulletin, Atlanta University, November, 1904

Sub-Series-3-Histories- Published -1913-1946

2-9- Central High School Centennial, 1846-1946

2-10-Perry's Victory Centennial, 1813-1913, Cleveland Celebration, September 14-17, 1913, published under direction of The Cleveland Commission Perry's Victory Centennial, including, pictures, illustrations, program of events.

Sub-Series-4-Pamphlets- Published

2-11- The Curse of Race Prejudice by James F. Morton, Jr., A.M., nd-(2 copies)

2-12- Equality of Races and the Democratic Movement by Anna J. Cooper, 1945 -

2-13- Legislative Measures Concerning Slavery in the United States, by Anna J. Cooper, 1942

2-14- The Lowrie History; Story of Henry Berry Lowrie, 1909

2-15- The Wolf and the Lamb, by W. P. Darney, 1913-(2-copies)

Sub-Series-5-Additional Published Publications

2-16- A Rod for the Back of the Binder; Some Considerations of Binding with Reference to the Ideals of The Lakeside Press, 1928

2-17- The Rowfant Club Publications, Among My Books, by Paul Lemperly, 1929, Cleveland, Ohio-

2-18- The Rowfant Club Publications, Bibliographical Notes on a Collection of Editions of the Book Known as "Puckle's Club -from the Library of a Member of the Rowfant Club by Frank E. Hopkins.1899- 175 copies printed, this is Number 148, Cleveland Ohio

BOX-3- PUBLICATIONS-

Series-6-Publications

Sub-Series-5-Additional Published Publications

3-1- The Rowfant Club - Publications, The Board's Head Carols, Number 135, Out of 150 printed, 1914. Cleveland Ohio

3-2- The Rowfant Club Publications, Book Clubs by Francis Wilson, MDCCCXCIV (1894), Cleveland Ohio-

3-3- The Rowfant Club Publications, A Candlemass Garland, 1914, Number 37, out of 76 copies printed, Cleveland Ohio

3-4- The Rowfant Club Publications, Conky Stiles by Eugene Field, 1925, No. 20 (Reprinted from the Pages of The Wellspring, a Sunday-school paper published in Boston, on September 16, 1899,

Cleveland Ohio

- 3-5- The Rowfant Club Publications, Do Tell Me, Doctor Johnson by J. P. Maarquand, 1928, No. 20, Cleveland Ohio
- 3-6- The** Rowfant Club Publications, the Format of the English Novel, Number 20, by A. Edward Newton, 1928, Cleveland Ohio
- 3-7- The Rowfant Club Publications, Francis Adon Hilliard, 1850-1923, Number 82, out of 135 copies printed, 1924, Cleveland Ohio
- 3-8- The Rowfant Club Publications, In Horatium by Benjamin P. Bourland, 1930, Number-56, Cleveland Ohio
- 3-9- The Rowfant Club Publications, "Inveni Portam "Joseph Conrad by R. B. Cunninghame Grabam, The Rowfant Club, Cleveland, 1924, Cleveland Ohio
- 3-10-The Rowfant Club Publications, the Kaiser at the Crib, Number 32, MDCCCCXVI, from the French Of Julien Flament, The Spires of Oxford, a poem made by W. M. Letts, Cleveland, Ohio
- 3-11-The Rowfant Club Publications, Rowfantia-An Occasional Publication, the Rowfant Club, Number 111 of 124 copies printed, 1900 (A Translation of Charles Nodier's Story of the Biblio-Maniac), Cleveland Ohio
- 3-12- Rowfant Club Publications, Rowfantia-Number 9, An Occasional Publication, The Early Years of the Saturday Club by Thomas Lynn Johnson, the Rowfant Club, Number 20, 1921, Cleveland Ohio
- 3-13- Rowfant Club Publications, Rowfant Rhymes by Frederick Locker, with an Introduction by Austin Dobson, the Cleveland Rowfant Club, 1895, Number 54, Cleveland Ohio
- 3-14- The Rowfant Club Publications, A Sequence for Candlemafs Day, (A sequence for Candlemass Day From the Latin of Adam of Saint Victor Translated by Digby S. Wrangham and printed at the Clerk's Press; (Done into Type by Charles Clinch Bubb, Clerk in Holy Order, no. 27, 1913, Cleveland Ohio -
- 3-15- A Select Bibliography of the Negro American, a Compilation made under the direction of Atlanta University by the Tenth Atlanta Conference, 1905
- 3-16- Shakespeare's Insomnia and the Causes Thereof, by Franklin H. Head, 1886-Fragile
- 3-17- Simon of Cyrene by Anna F. Cooper, Hampton University Press, nd. - Poem
- 3-18- Studies of Negro Problems, edited by W. E. Burchardt DuBois, 1901
- 3-19 - Wisdom of Walpole compiled by Lewis Buddy, III, and Privately Printed 1905 (Bd.Volume)

Series-7-Reports

- 4-1- The Acquisition of the Political, Social and Industrial Rights of Man; Report of lectures delivered at Western Reserve University, March 31, April 1-2, under the auspices of the Western Reserve Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, by John Bach McMaster, Professor of American History at the University of Pennsylvania, nd (condition-poor) `
- 4-2- The Final Report of the Colored Advisory Commission, Mississippi Valley Flood Disaster, 1927, by The American National Red Cross, Washington, D. C.
- 4-3- Social and Industrial Condition of the Negro in Massachusetts, from the Thirty-Fourth Annual Report of the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor, pp. 215-320, Boston, Wright & Potter Printing, 1904, Part III, Report for 1903

Series-8-Reprints

- 4-4- Chief-Justice Clark on the Defects of the American Constitution, by Goldwin Smith, from the North American Review, volume CLXXXIII, No. 602, nd (fragile)
- 4-5- The Colored Race in the United States, Reprinted from the Forum, July, 1891
- 4-6- The Race Problem in the South by Samuel Douglas McEnery (U.S. Senator from Louisiana), the Independent, February 19, 1903
- 4-7- Science and Race Prejudice by G. Spiller, Organizer of the First Universal Race Congress, Reprinted, with additions, from "The Sociological Review," October, 1912
- 4-8- South in National Politics by William Garrott Brown (Author of "The Lower South in American History"), From the South Atlantic Quarterly, Volume IX, April, No. 2, 1919
- 4-9- The Transplantation of a Race by N. S. Shaler, Dean of the Scientific School of Harvard University, From Appletons' Popular Science Monthly, March, 1900

Series-9-Resolutions

- 4-10- Cleveland Bar Association, 1932
- 4-11- Cleveland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 1932
- 4-12- Cleveland Shorthand Reporting Association, 1932

Series-10-Engraving

- 4-13- Francis Adon Hilliard Fund- Book plate, Number 31

Series-11-Newsletters/Periodicals

- 4-14 - Newsletter-The Dunbar News, New York, November 30, 1932-Whom Living we Salute by Benjamin Brawley (Charles W. Chesnutt, James C. Napier, Francis J. Grimke, Edward R. Carter, Walter Henderson Brooks, Dante Bellegrade
- 4-15- Periodical-The Colophon: A Book Collectors' Quarterly, 1932

Sub-Series- Clippings-Charles W. Chesnutt, Death & Funeral

- 4-16- The Cleveland Plain Dealer, April 9, 1932-Tribute to be Paid Chesnutt, Pioneer Writer of Color Line, Daughter turn over collection to Fisk (1 clipping))
- 4-17- The Cleveland Press, November 16, August 30, 1932 – (2 clippings)
- 4-18- New York Herald Tribune, November 15, 1932 (1 clipping)
- 4-19- St. Louis Globe, November 20, 1932-(2 clipping)
- 4-20- Time Milestones, November 28, 1932, Death of C.W. Chesnutt- (1 clipping)
- 4-21- The Union, Cincinnati, Ohio, Death Charles W. Chesnutt, December 1, 1932-(1 clipping)
- 4-22- Clipping-Death Charles W. Chesnutt, November 17, 1932, (Source unknown (-2 clipping)
- 4-23- Clipping-Death Charles W. Chesnutt, December 19, 1932, (Source **unknown**)-(1 clipping)
- 4-24- Clipping-Death & Funeral Charles W. Chesnutt, November 1932, (Source unknown)-(11 clippings)
- 4-25- Mental Photos, No. 97-Charles Waddell Chesnutt, June 1922, source unknown
- 4-26- Reds Seeking to Get a Grip Upon Negroes of America, nd, source unknown
- 4-27- Article by A.A. Schomburg, December 19, 1930-source unknown
- 4-28- MISCELLEANOUS MATERIALS- Charles, Orr, 1858-1927 by Paul Lemperly; The Decorative Work

of T. M. Cleland A Record and Review, MCMXXIX; The O.R.T.A. Quarterly, March, 1952

BOX-5- OVERSIZE MATERIALS

Oversize Newspapers

- The American Spectator --A Literary Newspaper, Volume 1, Number 2, December, 1932 (The Great American Novel by Theodore Dreiser;
- Contempo, Volume 1, Number 13, December 1, 1931 (Chapel Hill, N.C.)
- The Independent, Volume XL, New York, November 8, 1888
- The Independent, The Christmas Number, New York, December 20, 1888-Editorial, "The Southern Question", page 10
- The Independent, February 21, 1889, "Shall the Negro be educated or Suppressed?-A symposium on Dr. Haygood's Reply to Senator Eustis
- Leslie's Weekly, N. 2643, May 3, 1906 (Devastation of San Francisco's Business Center
- Negroes and the War -- Chandler Owen--Very fragile (many pictures-war scenes), nd
- PM's Sunday-Picture News-February 9, 1947- Magazine

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