

Theodore Carrier
Papers, 1935-1979

Scope Note

Theodore Currier

The Theodore Currier Collection numbers 13 manuscript boxes of Currier's work as a teacher of history and one of the founder of the Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Fisk. The collection contains the following: correspondence; accounts, bills, receipts; classroom material; board and committee items; newspaper clippings; photographs; memorabilia; miscellaneous material; printed matter; and collected items.

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Theodore S. Currier
(1903-1979)

Theodore S. Currier was born in 1903 in Massachusetts. He received his academic degrees from the University of Maine and Harvard University. Currier had several years of teaching at the University of Maine, Worcester State Teachers College, Simmons College, and George Peabody College for Teachers. Most of his years of teaching were spent at Fisk University. Currier was a vital part of the Fisk family for fifty years. He served as chairman of the Department of History at Fisk for a number of years.

Because of Mr. Currier's efforts, Fisk University became the first predominantly black institution to be granted membership in the national honor society Phi Beta Kappa in 1953. In 1978 "The Theodore S. Currier Award" for excellence in history was officially established in recognition for his many years of service.

Currier was the author of several bilingual books printed in Spanish and English. He also has published a various number of book reviews and monographs. As an outstanding authority in the fields of history and political thought, Currier served as a co-coordinator of the Robert Taft Seminars in Practical Politics, coordinator of the Harvard-Yale-Columbia Intensive Summer Studies Program at Fisk and as pre-law advisor. His many students have included noted historian and author John Hope Franklin and U.S. Solicitor General Wade H. McCree, Jr.

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Box 1

- f. 1--Biographical Data
Correspondence
2--Faculty/Staff--(Addressed to Currier)--Anderson - Wright
3--Faculty/Staff--(Written by Currier)--Bradley - Woods
4--Faculty/Staff--Amenities Committee--(Written by Currier)--Adkins - Welch
5--Faculty/Staff--Copies of Letters Sent to Currier--(Written by)--Bradley -
Winkfield
6--Faculty/Staff--Copies of Letters Sent to Currier--(Addressed to)--Bradley -
Wright
7--Faculty/Staff--Referred to Currier--ARA Historical Foundation - Univ. of
Illinois
8--Faculty/Staff--Miscellaneous
9--Student--(Addressed to Currier)--Coleman - Thompson
10--Student--(Written by Currier)--Allison - Wright
11--Student--Law School--(Written by Currier)--Allen - Yarbough
12--Student--Miscellaneous

Box 2

- Correspondence
f. 1--Student--Phi Beta Kappa--Bush - Wright
2--Student--Recommendations--Alexis - Hunter
3--Student--Recommendations--Jackson - Rush
4--Student--Recommendations--Sanders - Yadav
5--Student--Recommendations--(Addressed to Currier)--Carr - Walker
6--Student--Recommendations--Miscellaneous
7--Research Projects--(Written by Currier)--Long - Wilde
8--General--(Addressed to Currier)--Amer. College Testing Program - Maxwell
9--General--(Addressed to Currier)--Meharry Medical College - Wright

Box 3

- Correspondence
f. 1--General--(Written by Currier)--Alfred Knopf Co. - Woods
2--General--Miscellaneous
3--General--Law School--Case Western Reserve Univ. - Yale Summer High School
4--General--Law School--Assoc. of American Law Schools - Yale University
5--General--Intensive Summer Studies Programs--(Written by Currier)--Barbar -
Stahmer
6--General--ISSP--(Addressed to Currier)--Claus - McDougall
7--General--ISSP--Miscellaneous
8--Phi Beta Kappa--(Written by Currier)--L.G. Balfour Co. - Valentine
9--Phi Beta Kappa--(Addressed to Currier)--Howard Univ. - Vanderbilt
10--Phi Beta Kappa--Copies of Letters Sent to Currier--Bertelsen - Williams
11--Phi Beta Kappa--Drafts
12--Phi Beta Kappa--Miscellaneous

Box 4

- f. 1--Accounts, Bills, Receipts--1965-1970; n.d.
2--Classroom Material--Gradebooks
3--Classroom Material--Class Tests

Box 4 (contd.)

- f. 4--Classroom Material--Class Listings & Class Rolls
- 5--Classroom Material--Purchasing Forms
- 6--Classroom Material--Reading Lists
- 7--Classroom Material--Student Papers
- 8--Classroom Material--Student Papers--Thesis--Ellen Carr

Box 5

- f. 1--Boards and Committees--Phi Beta Kappa--By-Law Outlines
- 2--Boards and Committees--Phi Beta Kappa--Accounts, Bills, Receipts--1953-1976
- 3--Boards and Committees--Phi Beta Kappa--Accounts, Bills, Receipts--n.d.
- 4--Boards and Committees--Phi Beta Kappa--Check Warrants--1953-1956
- 5--Boards and Committees--Phi Beta Kappa--Annual Reports--1955-1957; 1959-1970
- 6--Boards and Committees--Phi Beta Kappa--Treasury Reports--1953; 1955; 1962-1963
1963-1964; 1964-1965
- 7--Boards and Committees--Phi Beta Kappa--Financial Papers--1953-1977
- 8--Boards and Committees--Phi Beta Kappa--Financial Papers--n.d.
- 9--Boards and Committees--Phi Beta Kappa--Minutes of Meetings--1954-1970; n.d.
- 10--Boards and Committees--Phi Beta Kappa--Certificates
- 11--Boards and Committees--Phi Beta Kappa--Electees Listings
- 12--Boards and Committees--Phi Beta Kappa--New Members Handbooks
- 13--Boards and Committees--Phi Beta Kappa--Certificate Order Forms
- 14--Boards and Committees--Phi Beta Kappa--Jewelry & Key Order Forms

Box 6

- f. 1--Boards and Committees--Phi Beta Kappa--Journals--The American Scholar--Winter
1975/76; Spring 1976
- 2--Boards and Committees--Phi Beta Kappa--The Key Reporter--May 1953; November
1954
- 3--Boards and Committees--Phi Beta Kappa--Phi Beta Kappa Bulletin--March 1953;
November 1977
- 4--Boards and Committees--Phi Beta Kappa--Miscellaneous
- 5--Boards and Committees--Educational Policy Committee--1966-1967; 1969
- 6--Boards and Committees--Miscellaneous
- 7--Newspaper Clippings--The Fisk Forum--April 17, 1953
- 8--Photographs
- 9--Photographs
- 10--Memorabilia
- 11--Miscellaneous Material
- 12--Miscellaneous Material

Box 7

- f. 1--Printed Matter
- 2--Printed Matter
- 3--Printed Matter
- 4--Printed Matter

Box 8

- f. 1--Printed Matter
- 2--Printed Matter
- 3--Printed Matter

Box 9

Awards

Box 10

Collection

- f. 1--Report--Fisk Univ.--Fisk Univ. at the End of a Century: A Self-Study
2--Brochures & Pamphlets--Fisk Univ.--1935; 1979
3--Fiskitems--Fisk Univ.--February 10, 1967-April 21, 1967
4--Fiskitems: This Month--1965-1967
5--CFT Staff Time & Attendance Reports--Fisk Univ.--Burls & Hein
6--Student Employment Forms--Fisk Univ.--Miscellaneous
7--Student Records--Fisk Univ.--Adams - Guscott
8--Student Records--Fisk Univ.--Harris - Norris

Box 11

Collection

- f. 1--Student Records--Fisk Univ.--Ogleton - Wright
2--Student Records--Fisk Univ.--Miscellaneous
3--University Calendars--Fisk Univ.--1949-1953
4--University Calendars--Fisk Univ.--1954-1964
5--University Calendars--Fisk Univ.--n.d.
6--Programs--Fisk Univ.--1957-1976
7--Newspapers--The Fisk Forum--April 6 - April 26, 1976

Box 12

Collection

- f. 1--Miscellaneous Material--Fisk Univ.
2--Miscellaneous Material--Fisk Univ.
3--Miscellaneous Material--Fisk Univ.
4--Newspapers--1968
5--Newspapers--1975-1979
6--Notes

Box 13

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- f. 1--Miscellaneous Material