

SHAW, AUGUSTUS F., 1866-1939  
Papers, 1925-26

## Biographical Note

Augustus Farnham Shaw (born 1866) received both the B. A. and M. A. from Yale University. His first arrival at Fisk and his rank or status are matters for conjecture. He probably came to Fisk in the role of professor of physics soon after President Fayette A. McKenzie took office in 1915. About 1918 he chose not to return to Fisk explaining that his views regarding some of the student regulations were at variance with those being enforced. It is not clear as to when he returned to the school. In any event, when President McKenzie resigned in 1925 the sources suggest that Shaw held the title of Dean and that from the date of the assumption of the presidency in 1926 by Thomas Elsa Jones, he acted as chairman of a committee of administration of Fisk University. Shaw continued to serve as professor of physics until his retirement in 1934. He died about 1939.

## Scope and Content

The papers which originated during the one year period of the committees operation occupies eleven folders, all in one box. They consist altogether of correspondence, chiefly between the committees chairman, Dean Shaw and the following:

1. donors to Fisk
2. faculty - staff personnel
3. schools and college officials
4. students, enrollees or applicants

Correspondence in one folder is general in nature that in another concerns the Fisk musical organization.

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