

Arthur B. Spingarn

A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Papers of Arthur B. Spingarn

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Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Correspondence, memoranda, minutes of meetings, wills and estate files, reports, briefs, hearing and trial transcripts, and other papers relating chiefly to Arthur B. Spingarn's service with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as vice president, chairman of the legal committee, and president (1911-1965).

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Names:

Spingarn, Arthur B. (Arthur Barnett), 1878-1971

Brooks, Van Wyck, 1886-1963

Cobb, James A. (James Adlai), 1876-1958

Du Bois, W. E. B. (William Edward Burghardt), 1868-1963

Gruening, Ernest, 1887-1974

Johnson, James Weldon, 1871-1938

Lewis, Alfred Baker, 1897-

Martin, Isadore Maximilian, 1909-

Mumford, Lewis, 1895-

Ovington, Mary White, 1865-1951

Pickens, William, 1881-1954

Seligmann, Herbert J. (Herbert Jacob), 1891-

Shillady, John R., 1875-1943

Studin, Charles H.

Thomas, Neval

Van Vechten, Carl, 1880-1964

White, Walter Francis, 1893-1955

Wilkins, Roy, 1901-

New York (State). State Commission Against Discrimination

American Social Hygiene Association

Circle for Negro Relief

NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

New York Committee of Vigilance

New York Tuberculosis and Health Association

Subjects:

The Crisis

African literature

African Americans--Civil rights

African Americans--Societies, etc.

Civil rights

Riots--Illinois--East Saint Louis

World War, 1939-1945--Participation, African American

Haiti--History--American occupation, 1915-1934

Occupations:

Civil rights leaders
Lawyers

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Arthur B. Spingarn, lawyer and president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), were given to the Library of Congress by Spingarn in 1964. Subsequent additions were made to the collection by gift and purchase from 1968 to 1996.

Processing History:

The papers of Arthur B. Spingarn were arranged and described in 1994. Additional material received was incorporated into the collection in 1999. Some reprocessing was done in 2001. A description of the earliest acquisition of Spingarn Papers appears in *The Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress*, October 1965, pp. 331-332.

Transfers:

Some photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status:

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1878, Mar. 28	Born, New York, N.Y.
1897	A.B., Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1899	M.A., Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1900	LL.B., Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1900-1960s	Practiced law, New York, N.Y.
1911-1915	Associated with the New York Vigilance Committee and the New York City Branch, NAACP
1911-1940	Vice president and chairman, Legal Committee, NAACP

1915	Member, board of directors, NAACP Published <i>Laws Relating to Sex Morality in New York City</i> (New York: Century Co. 139 pp.)
1917-1919	Captain, Sanitation Corps, American Expeditionary Force, United States Army
1919	Married Marion Meyer
1936	Initiated annual review of books by African-American authors in the <i>Crisis</i> magazine
1940-1957	President, NAACP National Legal Committee
1940-1965	President, NAACP
1971, Dec. 2	Died, New York, N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Arthur Barnett Spingarn (1878-1971), a lawyer and civil rights leader, span the years 1850-1970, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1920-1955. Only a limited amount of correspondence and other material relates to Spingarn's personal or family life, and only glimpses of his law practice appear in the personal correspondence and various legal files. The documentation relates principally to his service with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as vice president, chairman of the National Legal Committee, and president.

From the beginning of his law career at the turn of the century, Spingarn was interested in advancing the cause of civil rights and improving the condition of blacks, and he joined or advised a number of relevant organizations. The [Personal Correspondence](#) file contains material for such groups as the Circle for Negro Relief, the New York State Commission Against Discrimination, the American Social Hygiene Association, and the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association. The documentation relating to these and other groups and to individuals sharing his interests, however, lacks the range and depth of the material about the NAACP. Widely scattered throughout the papers are references to Spingarn's activities as a bibliophile interested in works by native Africans. These references are contained in the [Personal Correspondence](#) series (see Normil Georges Sylvain) and in an occasional letter in the [General Correspondence](#).

Material regarding aspects of the American occupation of Haiti during the 1920s also appears in the [Personal Correspondence](#). Spingarn's disillusionment with American foreign policy during this period, particularly in conjunction with Haiti, takes shape in files related to J. Jolibois, Georges Sylvain, and Perceval Thoby and in a file marked "letters to the editor" protesting the violation of the civil rights of newspaper editor Louis E. Pouget.

The [General Correspondence](#) constitutes more than forty percent of the papers and represents the bulk of the series of NAACP files. Many subjects germane to the nature and interests of the association, principally legal in nature, are documented from the 1920s to the 1950s. Material addressing the relationship of officers of the association to each other reflects Spingarn's dominant presence. There are also references that reveal his relationship with the directors of the organization, including James Weldon Johnson, Walter Francis White, and Roy Wilkins. Information about other officers appears in both letters and memoranda addressed to Spingarn or sent to him as enclosures. These officers include W. E. B. Du Bois, Mary White Ovington, and William Pickens.

Included in the [NAACP series](#) are [general correspondence](#), [subject](#), [legal](#), and [estate files](#) related to various aspects of the growth of the association, such as its difficult financial beginnings, rapid increases in membership during times of crisis, and program and administrative problems. These files reflect the East Saint Louis Riot of 1917; the New York Vigilance Committee for the years 1912-1913, which became the New York City (Manhattan) branch of the NAACP; the Shillady beating incident of 1919; the Internal Revenue Service's decision to disallow tax deductions for donors in 1925 and then to reinstate the deductions in the late 1930s (which includes references to these decisions as the origin of the Legal Defense and Educational Fund). Letters dated 1931, 1934, 1940, and 1942 relate, in part, to Mary White Ovington.

The many controversies surrounding W. E. B. Du Bois, especially his 1933 plan for reorganization to keep the *Crisis* magazine under his control, the segregation issue which led to his 1934 departure, his rehiring by the association in 1944, and his final dismissal in 1948, are noted in correspondence and memoranda in the [NAACP series](#) and reveal the antagonism between him and Walter White. Selected cases from the 1920s to the 1940s regarding discrimination in education, voting and civil rights, including both Nixon cases, *Nixon v. Condon* and *Nixon v. Herndon*, the Scottsboro case, and *Smith v. Allwright* appear in the subject file. The correspondence and memoranda in the [subject file](#) were sent as enclosures but lack the covering letters to Spingarn.

Areas of interest in the papers after 1940 include World War II, racial discrimination, and related topics. The NAACP's position on the issue of segregated training camps for black officers was clear, but remarks and articles giving a positive impression of segregated training facilities by William Pickens, the association's field secretary on leave for service with the United States government, forced this controversial issue to resurface. As outlined in a [subject file](#) labeled "William Pickens" and in the [General Correspondence](#), the board of directors severed ties with Pickens over his statements.

Also documented are the many controversies surrounding Walter White, the secretary of the association. Issues related to White include salary disputes, staff criticism, private behavior, and his relationship with his eventual successor, Roy Wilkins. Other subseries describe the [Crisis magazine](#), [board minutes and reports](#), and [financial material](#). The board reports contain secretary's reports not available in the NAACP records.

Correspondents in the [family](#) and [personal correspondence](#) include Van Wyck Brooks, Ernest Gruening, Lewis Mumford, Georges Sylvain, Perceval Thoby, and Carl Van Vechten. The [general correspondence](#), which is chronologically arranged, includes James A. Cobb, W. E. B. Du Bois, Isadore Martin, Walter White, and Roy Wilkins almost every year. Correspondence of others active in the civil rights movement, such as Alfred Baker Lewis, Herbert Seligman, Charles Studin, and Neval Thomas, appear throughout the collection.

An [addition to the Spingarn Papers](#), processed in 1996, includes two annotated editions of Spingarn's book, *Laws Relating to Sex Morality in New York City*, dated 1915 and 1926, and a certificate issued by the Supreme Court in 1926. The addition has not been microfilmed.

Related Material

Other collections of papers in the Manuscript Division containing significant correspondence and references to Arthur B. Spingarn include the records of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Records, and the [papers of Roy Wilkins](#).

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in seven series:

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Family Correspondence, 1912-1964, n.d.

Letters between Arthur Spingarn and his family and between other family members. Arranged by name of family member, with files of some family members further subdivided chronologically.

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Personal Correspondence, 1903-1967, n.d.

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Letters received and carbons of letters sent. Arranged chronologically by date of the incoming letter or by date of response.

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Carbons of letters from the NAACP, minutes of meetings, statements, reports, memoranda, lists, congressional bills and other congressional material, and legal documents. Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically therein.

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Wills and Estates File, 1916-1961

Correspondence, copies of wills, legal documents, and financial evaluations relating to estates. Arranged alphabetically by name of person, estate, or property, and chronologically therein.

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Typed drafts of editorials and financial reports of the *Crisis* magazine, the official organ of the NAACP. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically therein.

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Minutes of meetings of the board of directors and committees of the NAACP and reports by officers and departments of the organization.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material, then according to the reporting body or office, and chronologically therein.

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Income statements, expense statements, budget statements, treasurers' reports, general financial statements, budget sheets, and miscellaneous financial reports.
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Miscellany, 1850-1970, n.d.

Personal and NAACP material including correspondence to and from individuals other than Spingarn, speeches and writings, income tax material, lists, legal documents, depositions, proceedings, reports, statements, complaints, affidavits, notes, and photographs.
Arranged by type of material.

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Printed Matter, 1911-1967, n.d.

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Organized into three groupings; NAACP, non-NAACP, and newspaper and newspaper clipping files, and therein by subject or type of material.

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Addition, 1915-1968

A certificate, a legal document, printed matter, and annotated books by Spingarn.
Organized alphabetically by title of publication or type of material.

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Miscellany, 1850-1970, n.d.

Personal and NAACP material including correspondence to and from individuals other than Spingarn, speeches and writings, income tax material, lists, legal documents, depositions, proceedings, reports, statements, complaints, affidavits, notes, and photographs. Arranged by type of material.

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Wilkins, Roy, 1949-1956

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List of commissioners in other states authorized by the New York state legislature to transact legal business pertaining to the State of New York in other states, 1850

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	Invitations, thank-you notes, etc., 1934-1964, n.d.
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	Partial draft of <i>Study of Negro Troops in World War II</i> , by Jean Byers, 1945-1946
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Branch material, 1915-1964, n.d.

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Christmas Seal campaign, 1951-1962

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Federal discrimination, 1913
Funds, 1958-1967
History, 1929
Johnson, Lyndon B., civil rights message, 1967
Ku Klux Klan, 1921
Life memberships, 1927-1960, n.d.
Lincoln, Abraham, importance to Negroes, 1929
Lynching, 1912-1940
Miscellaneous, 1916-1957, n.d.
Mississippi River slavery, 1932
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National Health Program of the NAACP, 1953
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Columbia, Tenn., riot, 1946
Columbia University, New York, N.Y., fiftieth reunion, class of 1897, 1947
Commission on Interracial Cooperation, 1926
Congress of Racial Equality, 1951, n.d.
Du Bois, W. E. B., 1957
Education, 1925-1960
Fair Employment Practices Committee rally, 1946
Grandfather clause on campus, 1929

	Hackley, E. Azalia, 1916-1917
	Harmon Foundation, 1926-1929
	Howard University, Washington, D.C., 1922-1925
	Imhotep National Conferences on Hospital Integration, 1957-1960
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	New York State Commission Against Discrimination
	Agenda and reports, 1950-1953
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	Newsletter and reports, 1952-1953
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	Newspapers
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	<i>St. Louis NAACP Citizen</i> , June-Aug. 1959 (3 issues)
	<i>Common Sense</i> , 1 Nov. 1954; 15 Sept. 1962
	<i>Daily Bulletin</i> , 16 Jan. 1943
	<i>Mobile Labor Journal</i> , 20 Dec. 1946; 27 Dec. 1946
	<i>Washington Daily American</i> , 17 Nov. 1924
	<i>Washington Daily News</i> , 13 Feb. 1943
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	<i>Black Dispatch</i> , Oklahoma City, Okla., 3 and 24 Sept. 1949; 2 Mar. 1955
	<i>Chicago Defender</i> , 17 Dec. 1949
	<i>Journal and Guide</i> , Norfolk, Va., 4 Dec. 1937; 18 Mar. 1950
	<i>Memphis World</i> , Memphis, Tenn., 19 Nov. 1935
	<i>St. Louis Argus</i> , St. Louis, Mo., 7 Sept. 1923
	<i>Union</i> , Cincinnati, Ohio, 3 Mar. 1933; 19 Mar. 1942
	Clippings
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"Behind the Iron Curtain--USA," articles by Constance Webb, 1959
Birth of a Nation, 1915-1916, n.d.
Crime, 1917-1931, n.d.
East Saint Louis, Ill., riot, 1917
Education, 1943
Haiti, 1923-1925, n.d.
Harlem Hospital, New York, N.Y., 1933
Labor, 1935-1962
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A certificate, a legal document, printed matter, and annotated books by Spingarn.
Organized alphabetically by title of publication or type of material.

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A Catalog of First Editions and Rare Books, James F. Drake, Inc., 1926

Certificate issued to Spingarn, Supreme Court, 1926 *See Oversize*
Laws Relating To Sex Morality In New York City, by Arthur Spingarn, 1915
Laws Relating To Sex Morality In New York City, by Arthur Spingarn, revised edition, by Bruce Cobb, 1926
Newspaper clipping, *New York Age*, 1954
Power of attorney, H. Herman Zand, 1968

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Newspapers, newspaper clippings, and certificate issued to Spingarn by the Supreme Court. The certificate has not been filmed.
Organized according to the series, arrangement, and containers from which the items were removed.

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Newspapers and newspaper clippings, 1915-1964 (Container 66)

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Certificate issued to Spingarn, Supreme Court, 1926 (Container 67)

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