

Nettie J. Asberry papers, 1912-1967

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Asberry, Nettie J., 1865-1968
Title	Nettie J. Asberry papers
Dates	1912-1967 1912 1967
Quantity	.42 cubic ft. (1 box)
Collection Number	1081 (Accession No. 1081-002)
Summary	Papers of Nettie J. Asberry, Tacoma African American activist and president of the Washington State Association of Colored Women's Clubs
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
Access Restrictions	Collection is open to the public.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was partially provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities

Biographical Note

Nettie J. Asberry was a music teacher who was born Nettie J. Craig on July 15, 1865, in Leavenworth, Kansas. She earned a degree from the Kansas State Conservatory of Music and later earned her Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. She moved to Seattle in 1890 and relocated to Tacoma in 1893. Following her marriage to Albert J. Jones, who died three years after their move to Seattle, she married Henry Joseph Asberry. In 1908 Nettie Asberry helped found the Clover Leaf Art Club, one of the first African American Women's clubs in the state. She became a leader in the Washington State Federation of Colored Women's Organizations and served as its president. The organization was founded in 1917 and was known by various names, including the Washington State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, the Colored Women's Federation of Washington and Jurisdiction and, in later years, the Washington State Association of Colored Women (and ... Colored Women's Clubs). Asberry was also a founder of the Tacoma Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a member of the Progressive Mothers' Club of Tacoma and the Tacoma Inter-Racial Council. Nettie J. Asberry died in 1968.

Content Description

The Nettie J. Asberry Papers consist largely of photocopied correspondence, bulletins, notes, minutes, and agendas that document the Washington State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

The creator's literary rights were not transferred to the University of Washington Libraries.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Photocopies were made from papers loaned by Eliza McCabe in 1969. Additional papers, including the minute book of the Progressive Mothers' Club, certificates, photographs and other material, were donated later in 1969.

Processing Note

Recopying and processing was completed in 1997.

Photographs in the Asberry papers were relocated to the Nettie J. Asberry Photograph Collection, PH Coll. 663, in the repository in 2004.

Separated Materials

A copy of *Brown's Prismatic Charts* , 1886, was transferred to the Music Library in 1989.

Related Materials

Papers of Nettie J. Asberry are also located at the African American Museum in Tacoma, Washington.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Washington State Association of Colored Women's Clubs

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Historical Features	n.d.
1/2	Constitution and By-Laws	1979

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/3	Incoming Letters	1917-1944
1/4	Outgoing Letter	n.d.
1/5-8	Notes, Minutes, and Agendas	1923-1953, n.d.
1/9	Club Journal	1917-1918
1/10	Bulletins	1949-1967
1/11	Cookbook	1922-1923

Speeches and Writings

Box/Folder

1/12	Biographies and Histories	n.d.
1/13	Lyrics	n.d.

Box/Folder

1/14	Miscellany	n.d.
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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Tacoma Branch

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/15	Constitution and By-Laws	1912
1/16	Outgoing Letter	1941

Progressive Mothers' Club, Tacoma

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/17	Minute Book	1926-1929

Tacoma Inter-Racial Council

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/18	Newsletters	1944-1945

Personal Papers

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/19	Biographical Features	n.d.
1/20	Incoming Letters	1966, n.d.
1/21	Outgoing Letters	1917-1926
1/22	Speeches and Writings	n.d.
1/23	Clippings	1933-1968
1/24	Certificates	1898-1961
1/25	Photocopied Photographs and Other Reproductions	n.d.
1/26	Music Book (Fragment)	n.d.
1/27	Ephemera	n.d.
1/28	Miscellany	n.d.

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

African American civic leaders--Washington (State)--Archives

African American women--Washington (State)--Societies and clubs

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African American women--Washington (State)--Tacoma--Archives
Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)
Women civic leaders--Washington (State)
Women civic leaders--Washington (State)--Tacoma--Archives

Personal Names :

Asberry, Nettie J., 1865-1968--Archives

Corporate Names :

Washington State Association of Colored Women
Washington State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs
Washington State Federation of Colored Women's Organizations

Form or Genre Terms :

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