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# SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This series of *Papers of the NAACP* documents the activities of branch offices and state conferences in Alabama, Arkansas, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. The files are arranged alphabetically by state and thereunder by city and span from 1940 to 1955.

During the 1940s, the NAACP grew into a mass membership organization. From a nationwide membership of approximately 50,000 in 1940, by 1946 the association could boast almost 450,000 members and over 1,000 branches. This growth in membership and new branches was most pronounced in the south. From approximately 12,000 members in 1940, by 1946 there were over 150,000 NAACP members in southern states. *Part 26: Selected Branch Files, 1940–1955, Series A: The South* shows that this phenomenal growth in membership was a boon for the NAACP both financially and politically. Local branch membership dues enabled the national office to dramatically augment its staff, especially its legal staff and staff of regional field secretaries.

In this series of branch files, the activities of national officers Ella J. Baker and Gloster B. Current are well documented. As a field secretary from 1940 to 1943 and then as director of branches from 1943 to 1946, Baker spent a substantial amount of time assisting branches in their membership drives. In 1946 Baker resigned from her position as director of branches and moved to New York where she remained active in the association as president of the New York branch. Gloster B. Current succeeded Baker as director of branches. Current came to the national office from Detroit where he had built that local branch into one of the NAACP's largest. Material documenting Current's activities, particularly his careful handling of membership concerns and several speeches on civil rights, can be found throughout Part 26 of *Papers of the NAACP*. Also included in this series is an article by Current on Florida State Conference President Harry T. Moore, the dynamic civil rights leader who was killed along with his wife when his house was bombed on Christmas Day in 1951.

Current's article on Harry T. Moore is emblematic of the local focus of the branch files and Moore emerges as one of the many militant and effective local NAACP leaders of the 1940s and early 1950s. In 1944, following the

NAACP's victory in the case of *Smith v. Allwright*, in which the U.S. Supreme Court declared the white primary unconstitutional, Moore formed the Progressive Voters' League of Florida. The files from the Florida State Conference contain several documents relating to Moore's work with the league. The Florida State Conference files also include documents covering the Groveland, Florida, rape case, another of the more high-profile episodes of Moore's career. The activities of many other local NAACP leaders are chronicled in this series, including Kelly M. Alexander of North Carolina; John H. Calhoun of Atlanta, Georgia; Medgar W. Evers of Mississippi; Ralph Mark Gilbert from Savannah, Georgia, and the Georgia State Conference; Emory O. Jackson from Birmingham, Alabama; John L. LeFlore from Mobile, Alabama; and Rosa Parks from Montgomery, Alabama.

In addition to providing essential detail on local NAACP leaders and events, this series of branch files provides insight into regional and national developments of the 1940s and 1950s. The dramatic growth in membership in the south allowed the NAACP to strengthen greatly its campaigns against discrimination in education, employment, public facilities, housing, and the voting booth. The NAACP's campaign for voting rights dated from the 1910s when it joined as *amicus curiae* a 1913 suit against the Oklahoma grandfather clause. The NAACP filed several lawsuits regarding voting rights during the 1920s and 1930s; however, it was not until after the association's victory in *Smith v. Allwright* in 1944 that voting rights activity began to yield any substantial results. Files on the Progressive Voters' League of Florida, the campaign against the Boswell Amendment to the Alabama constitution, and many references to voter registration in this series reflect the NAACP's efforts in the area of voting rights. The complete files on the NAACP's national campaign for voting rights is covered by *Papers of the NAACP, Part 4: The Voting Rights Campaign, 1916–1950* and by *Supplement to Part 4: Voting Rights, General Office Files, 1956–1965*.

Alongside *Smith v. Allwright*, the NAACP's most significant legal victory during the period covered by this edition came in the case of *Brown v. Board of Education*, in which the Supreme Court declared "separate but equal" educational facilities to be unconstitutional. The *Brown* case was the culmination of an approximately twenty-year campaign against discrimination in education. This series of branch files contains assorted documents on cases that provided precedents for *Brown*, including *Sipuel v. Board of Regents*, *Sweatt v. Painter*, and *McLaurin v. Oklahoma State Regents*. Documents regarding cases that were decided along with *Brown* also appear in this edition. These include *Davis v. County School Board of Prince Edward County, Virginia*, and the case from Clarendon County, South Carolina, that became *Briggs v. Elliott*. The NAACP's efforts against discrimination in education are the subject of UPA's *Papers of the NAACP, Part 3: The Campaign for Educational Equality, 1913–1965*.

In addition to the NAACP legal programs for voting rights and educational equality, this series of branch files contains many references to other NAACP initiatives. Cases of police brutality and many complaints about discrimination in public facilities and transportation provide detail on conditions affecting African Americans in the South between 1940 and 1955. These topics can also be found in greater detail in other parts of *Papers of the NAACP*. For racial discrimination cases, researchers may also wish to consult *Papers of the NAACP, Part 15: Segregation and Discrimination: Complaints and Responses, 1940–1955*. For police brutality and other subjects related to law enforcement, researchers should also examine *Papers of the NAACP, Part 8: Discrimination in the Criminal Justice System, 1910–1955*.

Several episodes of direct action protests; political initiatives to secure national, state, and local civil rights legislation, including fair employment legislation; and involvement in political campaigns testify to the growing political power and influence of the NAACP and its membership during the 1940s and 1950s. The increased strength of the NAACP also fostered renewed white segregationist resistance in the form of economic intimidation, physical violence, murder, bombings, and harassment of the NAACP. The subject index of this guide may be consulted for many of these specific episodes of NAACP activism as well as segregationist resistance.

*Part 26: Selected Branch Files, 1940–1955, Series A: The South*, of *Papers of the NAACP* represents a continuation of the Selected Branch Files from Part 12 (1913–1939). *Part 27: Selected Branch Files, 1956–1965* and *Part 25: Branch Department Files* supplement Part 26. Of particular value in conjunction with the local branch files are the records of numerous field secretaries in *Part 17: National Staff Files, 1940–1955* and *Supplement to Part 17: National Staff Files, 1956–1965*. The regional staff was one of the chief beneficiaries of increased NAACP dues monies in the 1940s and the national office relied heavily on these staff members for information on local matters.

## SOURCE NOTE

All documents microfilmed for this edition are held by the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. The branch files selected for this edition were drawn exclusively from Group II (1940–1955), Series C (Branch Department File) of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Records collection.

## EDITORIAL NOTE

Professors John H. Bracey Jr. and Sharon Harley compiled this edition of *Papers of the NAACP* after a thorough survey of all branch files in Group II of the NAACP Records collection at the Library of Congress. Every branch whose records contained a substantial amount of correspondence regarding substantive issues was selected. Each file selected has been reproduced in its entirety. Those branch files that have not been selected for this edition may be consulted in the original collection at the Library of Congress.

# ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used throughout this guide.

<b>CIO</b>	Congress of Industrial Organizations
<b>FBI</b>	Federal Bureau of Investigation
<b>FEPC</b>	Fair Employment Practices Commission
<b>NAACP</b>	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

# REEL INDEX

The following is a listing of the folders comprising *Papers of the NAACP, Part 26: Selected Branch Files, 1940–1955, Series A: The South*. The four-digit number on the far left is the frame at which a particular file folder begins. This is followed by the file title, the date(s) of the file, and the total number of pages. Substantive issues are highlighted under the heading *Major Topics*, as are prominent correspondents under the heading *Principal Correspondents*.

## Reel 1

Frame No.

### Group II, Series C, Branch Department Files Geographical File

#### Group II, Box C-1

0001 **Birmingham, Alabama, 1940–1944.** 220 pp.

*Major Topics:* Antilynching buttons; membership campaign and assistance of E. Frederic Morrow; cancellation of speech by Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell at Howard College; Thalheimer award to Birmingham branch; membership pamphlet; assistance with membership campaigns by assistant field secretary Ella J. Baker; Birmingham Negro Business League; annual report (1944); voter registration; United Registration Committee.

*Principal Correspondents:* Daisy E. Lampkin; Walter White; E. Frederic Morrow; S. L. Belle; William Pickens; Charles A. J. McPherson; Ella J. Baker; J. J. Green; Emory O. Jackson; Mabel Barker Murphy.

0221 **Birmingham, Alabama, 1945–1946.** 190 pp.

*Major Topics:* Membership campaign; discrimination in employment; campaign against Boswell amendment to Alabama constitution; voter registration.

*Principal Correspondents:* Ella J. Baker; Emory O. Jackson; Sam Everett; J. J. Green; Franklin H. Williams; Horace G. Bell; Gloster B. Current.

#### Group II, Box C-2

0411 **Birmingham, Alabama, 1947.** 110 pp.

*Major Topics:* Membership campaign; voter registration; bombing of home of Samuel and Essie Mae Matthews; opposition to “Birmingham plan”; discrimination in public facilities; Birmingham Negro Business League; cancellation of American Heritage Foundation Freedom Train; Omega Psi Phi Achievement Award to Emory O. Jackson; opposition to Boswell amendment to Alabama constitution; salary equalization lawsuit.

*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Emory O. Jackson; Lucille Black; Mrs. Bill Durr; J. J. Green.

- 0521 **Birmingham, Alabama, 1948.** 165 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Finances; discrimination in education; police brutality; intimidation of African American businessmen; closing of Slossfield Maternity Hospital; discrimination in higher education; support for civil rights program of President Harry S. Truman; salary equalization lawsuit; support for President Truman's 1948 reelection campaign; Alabama Progressive Democratic Association; Ku Klux Klan; ruling by Judge Clarence Mullins against discrimination in housing.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Emory O. Jackson; E. W. Taggart; D. S. Stephens; J. J. Green; Arthur D. Shores; J. E. Sanford.
- 0686 **Birmingham, Alabama, 1949–1950.** 180 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Committee appointed by Governor James Folsom to study higher education for African Americans in Alabama; Ku Klux Klan; bombing of homes owned by African Americans; resignation of secretary Emory O. Jackson; lawsuit against city of Birmingham regarding failure to protect its citizens from violence; James Lowell Ware, minister of Trinity Baptist Church; W. C. Patton, president of Birmingham Negro Business League; John T. Walker, owner of O. K. cleaners; Birmingham Negro Business League; membership campaign; anticommunism; criticism of picketing of presidential candidate Henry A. Wallace; Birmingham public schools operating costs for 1948–1949; Democratic States Rights Campaign Committee of Alabama; voter registration; opposition to Catholic Negro Hospital Fund drive; death of A. C. Maclin; discrimination in the armed forces; National Urban League.  
*Principal Correspondents:* W. C. Patton; Emory O. Jackson; Gloster B. Current; Constance Baker Motley; A. C. Maclin; Henry C. Moss; Daniel E. Byrd; Thurston Callier; Roy Wilkins; S. L. Howard; Lucille Black.
- 0866 **Birmingham, Alabama, 1951–1952.** 121 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Protest regarding building of sewage disposal plant; discrimination in public facilities; Roy Wilkins speaking visit; discrimination in housing; request for assistance from national office to conduct membership campaign; Emory O. Jackson comments on civil rights movement; resignation of secretary Emory O. Jackson.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Emory O. Jackson; R. L. Alford; J. E. Sanford; J. King Chandler III; R. W. Hilson; G. W. Scott; W. H. Harris; C. E. Thomas; Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current; W. C. Patton; L. Pearl Mitchell; W. E. Shortridge.

## Reel 2

### Group II, Series C, Branch Department Files cont. Geographical File cont.

#### Group II, Box C-2 cont.

- 0001 **Birmingham, Alabama, 1953–1955.** 106 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Membership campaign; discrimination in housing.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Emory O. Jackson; W. C. Patton; Ruby Hurley; Jessyca Divers Hayden.

#### Group II, Box C-3

- 0107 **Mobile, Alabama, 1940–1944.** 237 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Membership campaign; discrimination in public accommodations; branch history; discrimination in public facilities; dispute regarding expulsion of Fred Bailey; discrimination in employment; campaign against bus segregation.  
*Principal Correspondents:* E. Frederic Morrow; William Pickens; John L. LeFlore; W. T. Phillips; Lucille Black; Ella J. Baker; Janie Sims; Dora Franklin; M. J. Jackson; Prentice Thomas; Thurgood Marshall.

- 0344 **Mobile, Alabama, 1945–1955.** 323 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Attacks on John L. LeFlore because of voter registration activities; membership campaigns; dispute with the Voter and Veterans Association; testimonial dinner in honor of and career highlights of John L. LeFlore; discrimination in transportation; employment; officers and members of executive board for 1954; finances; Declaration of Freedom.  
*Principal Correspondents:* John L. LeFlore; Ella J. Baker; Lucille Black; Donald Jones; Thurgood Marshall; Roy Wilkins; A. S. Crishon; Walter White; C. H. Montgomery; T. E. Williams; Gloster B. Current; J. Echols Lowery.

**Group II, Box C-4**

- 0667 **Montgomery, Alabama, 1940–1944.** 190 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Lynching of A. C. Williams in Quincy, Florida; police brutality; voting rights; anti-poll tax bill; bus segregation; membership campaign; nursery school for African Americans; antilynching bill; higher education for African Americans in Alabama; obituary for George Washington Carver.  
*Principal Correspondents:* William Pickens; T. T. Allen; William G. Porter; Walter White; E. Frederic Morrow; Lucille Black; Rosa L. Parks; E. D. Nixon; Ella J. Baker.
- 0857 **Montgomery, Alabama, 1945–1946.** 150 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Slaying of Bessemer policeman; clemency hearings for Worley James and E. J. Burns; Rule T-18 regarding segregation on trains; criticism of the Democratic Party and CIO by Representative Cox (D-Ga.); Alabama Supreme Court; Alabama Committee for Equal Justice; opposition to Boswell amendment to Alabama constitution.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Rosa L. Parks; Lucille Black; William G. Porter; E. D. Nixon; Ella J. Baker; Gloster B. Current; Donald Jones; Horace G. Bell; L. L. Mason.

**Reel 3**

**Group II, Series C, Branch Department Files cont.  
Geographical File cont.**

**Group II, Box C-5**

- 0001 **Alabama State Conference, 1945–1946.** 80 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Opposition to Boswell amendment to Alabama constitution; proposals to form branch organizing committee, "operation suffrage," and political planning committee; membership statistics.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Ella J. Baker; Emory O. Jackson; Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current; Walter White; E. D. Nixon.
- 0081 **Alabama State Conference, 1947.** 106 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Opposition to Boswell amendment to Alabama constitution; Jefferson County teacher salary equalization lawsuit; voting rights; transportation; education; employment.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Rufus W. Smith; Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; Emory O. Jackson; J. E. Pierce; E. D. Nixon; L. H. Britt; J. Tom Watson.
- 0187 **Alabama State Conference, 1948.** 77 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Membership statistics; voting rights; education; transportation; employment; speech by Henry Lee Moon regarding NAACP political activity.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; E. D. Nixon; Lucille Black; Mattie C. Pettway; LeRoy E. Carter; Emory O. Jackson; J. L. LeFlore; W. C. Patton.

**Group II, Box C-6**

- 0264 **Alabama State Conference, 1949.** 160 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Higher education for African Americans in Alabama; activities of Rosa L. Parks; Progressive Party of Alabama; planning for regional meetings; discrimination in housing; officers of Alabama branches; minutes of board of directors meeting.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; E. D. Nixon; Emory O. Jackson; Gloster B. Current; Daniel E. Byrd; Joseph A. Berry; Roy Wilkins; W. C. Patton.

- 0424 **Alabama State Conference, 1950–1952.** 279 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Constitution; voter registration; *State v. Arrington*; resolution to establish southeast regional office; membership statistics; resolutions regarding education, African American professionals, state parks, interstate travel, police brutality, labor, segregation in the armed forces, communism, and fraternal organizations; excerpts from speech by Walter White at 1951 Alabama State Conference; officers of Alabama branches; opposition to Boswell amendment to Alabama constitution.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Franklin H. Williams; W. C. Patton; Arthur D. Shores; C. G. Gomillion; R. L. Matthews; W. P. Mitchell; Lucille Black; Walter White; Freeman Drake Sr.; Joseph A. Berry; Clarence Mitchell; J. L. LeFlore; Roy Wilkins; Emory O. Jackson.
- 0703 **Alabama State Conference, 1953–1955.** 92 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Organization of Alabama scholarship and educational fund committee; finances; criticism of the Alabama State Conference by Mobile branch; membership statistics; comments by Hubert T. Delany regarding *Brown v. Board of Education*; statement on role of NAACP by G. A. Rodgers Jr. at 1955 meeting.  
*Principal Correspondents:* W. C. Patton; Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current; Emory O. Jackson; C. H. Montgomery; T. E. Williams; J. L. LeFlore; Mrs. G. R. Lee; G. A. Rodgers Jr.

**Group II, Box C-11**

- 0795 **Arkansas State Conference, April 1945–December 1948.** 131 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Dispute between W. Marcus Taylor and W. Harold Flowers; formation of Southwest regional office; resolutions regarding segregation, voting, education, police brutality, housing, ministers, transportation, and veterans; failure of Arkansas State Conference to meet its 1948 financial obligation to Southwest regional office; branch reports and membership statistics.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Ella J. Baker; A. Reed; W. Marcus Taylor; W. Harold Flowers; Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current; Donald Jones; W. S. Boyd; S. E. Ryan; Leon Frazier; S. C. Kennedy; Wiley A. Branton.

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**Group II, Series C, Branch Department Files cont.  
Geographical File cont.**

**Group II, Box C-11 cont.**

- 0001 **Arkansas State Conference, 1949–1950.** 152 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Recreational facilities for African Americans in Little Rock; membership statistics; discrimination in education; Pine Bluff branch; finances; establishment of Southeast regional office; fund-raising drive; activities of Lulu B. White.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; U. Simpson Tate; Roy Wilkins; J. A. White; Lucille Black; Rufus W. Smith; Donald Jones; Lulu B. White; Anne Gillam; W. M. Williams.
- 0153 **Arkansas State Conference, 1951–1952.** 107 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Officers of Arkansas branches; campaign against discrimination in the armed forces; education; employment discrimination; voting rights; membership statistics.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Donald Jones; Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; J. A. White; U. Simpson Tate; W. L. Jarrett; Thad D. Williams; Bernard Brown; Leon Sullivan; Thurgood Marshall.

**Group II, Box C-12**

- 0260 **Arkansas State Conference, 1953–1955.** 131 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Membership statistics; NAACP state conferences constitution and by-laws; officers of Arkansas branches; discrimination in education.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Daisy Bates; U. Simpson Tate; [Lerroulia] O. Crofton; Lucille Black; Thurgood Marshall.

**Group II, Box C-27**

- 0391 **District of Columbia, 1940.** 200 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Excerpts from minutes of board of directors meetings; campaign against discriminatory treatment by Diamond Cab Company; membership campaign; bombing of home on Harvard Street; discrimination in public facilities; police brutality; lynching and antilynching legislation.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Daisy E. Lampkin; Laretta J. Wallace; Gertrude B. Stone; Sara W. Brown; C. Herbert Marshall Jr.; James M. Nabrit Jr.; William Pickens; John Lovell Jr.; Walter White; Willa Ransom; Roy Wilkins; Arthur B. Spingarn; W. Robert Ming Jr.; Roy Garvin; George B. Murphy Jr.; E. Frederic Morrow.
- 0591 **District of Columbia, 1941.** 234 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Racial discrimination at 1941 presidential inauguration; Emergency Committee on Inaugural Jim Crowism; membership campaign; police brutality; employment; H.R. 5881 regarding regulation of "charitable, benevolent, patriotic, or other solicitations in the District of Columbia"; discrimination in employment.  
*Principal Correspondents:* John Lovell Jr.; William Pickens; George B. Murphy Jr.; Gertrude B. Stone; Laretta J. Wallace; William H. Hastie; E. Frederic Morrow; Lucille Black; C. Herbert Marshall Jr.; W. Robert Ming Jr.; Walter White; Roy Wilkins; Charlotte B. Crump; Charles H. Houston.

**Group II, Box C-28**

- 0825 **District of Columbia, 1942.** 160 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Discrimination in the armed forces; excerpts from minutes of board of directors meetings; membership campaign.  
*Principal Correspondents:* C. Herbert Marshall Jr.; Donald Jones; Walter White; James E. Scott; Gertrude B. Stone; Leonard Perry; Lucille Black; Edgar Davis; Louise B. Gibbs; John Lovell Jr.

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**Group II, Series C, Branch Department Files cont.  
Geographical File cont.**

**Group II, Box C-28 cont.**

- 0001 **District of Columbia, 1943.** 102 pp.  
*Major Topic:* Memberships.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Ella J. Baker; Arthur D. Gray; Louise B. Gibbs; Lucille Black; Donald DuShane; Walter White; Roy Garvin.
- 0103 **District of Columbia, January–May 1944.** 146 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Memberships and membership campaign; filibuster of anti–poll tax bill and NAACP opposition to picketing of Congress; youth council; Howard University chapter.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Roy Garvin; Louise B. Gibbs; Lucille Black; Ella J. Baker; Ruby Hurley; Arthur D. Gray; Donald Jones; Roy Wilkins; Earl J. Amedee; Ada Scott Dunbar.
- 0249 **District of Columbia, June–December 1944.** 151 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Emergency Committee on Inaugural Jim Crowism; police brutality; memberships; activities of Earl J. Amedee; National Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee; racial discrimination at the 1945 presidential inauguration; anti–poll tax bill; youth council.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Ella J. Baker; Gertrude B. Stone; Lucille Black; Roy Garvin; Louise B. Gibbs; Martha M. Taylor; Leon A. Ransom; Earl J. Amedee; Ruby Hurley; Roy Wilkins.
- 0400 **District of Columbia, January–July 1945.** 151 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Memberships; support for permanent FEPC (H.R. 2232 and S. 101); New York State FEPC bill; GI Assault bill (H.R. 1528); antilynching bill (H.R. 1698).  
*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; Louise B. Gibbs; Ruby Hurley; Leslie S. Perry; Oatrice Holoman; George E. C. Hayes; Bertha Lomack; Lossie Robinson Jr.

- 0551 **District of Columbia, August–December 1945.** 173 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Memberships; discrimination at Lansburgh's and Kann's department stores; Citizens' Committee Against Segregation in Recreation; discrimination in public facilities; full employment bill (S. 380); discrimination in the armed forces; United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration; employment; education; housing; full employment bill (H.R. 2202); minimum wage bill (S. 1349 and H.R. 3914); FEPC bill (S. 101 and H.R. 2232); postwar housing bill (S. 1592); federal aid to education (S. 181 and H.R. 1296); national health bill (S. 1606); unemployment compensation (S. 1274 and H.R. 3891); antilynching bill (H.R. 1698); anti-poll tax bill (H.R. 7); peacetime military training bill (H.R. 515); antilabor legislation (H.R. 3937 and H.R. 32).  
*Principal Correspondents:* Louise B. Gibbs; Lucille Black; Beatrice M. Reed; Leslie S. Perry; Ruby Hurley; Ella E. Bannister; George E. C. Hayes; Ella J. Baker; Irving Townsend.

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- 0724 **District of Columbia, January–May 1946.** 139 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Education; League of Women Voters; memberships; recreational facilities in East Potomac Park; campaign against discrimination in amateur athletics; Amateur Athletic Union; branch statement to the Congressional Committee on the District of Columbia regarding urban redevelopment program; criticism of the Democratic Party by Charles H. Houston; permanent FEPC bill; Citizens' Committee Against Segregation in Recreation; discrimination in public facilities; price control bill (H.R. 6042); discrimination by the United States Employment Service.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gertrude B. Stone; Louise B. Gibbs; Beatrice M. Reed; Lucille Black; George E. C. Hayes; Roy Wilkins; Eugene Davidson; Jeremiah T. Mahoney; Leslie S. Perry.
- 0863 **District of Columbia, June–December 1946.** 112 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Branch officers; memberships; questions to candidates for Congress; price controls; Committee for Racial Democracy.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Louise B. Gibbs; Donald Jones; Beatrice M. Reed; Lucille Black; Madison S. Jones Jr.; Gertrude B. Stone; Leslie S. Perry; William Pickens; Gloster B. Current; William A. Hill; Joseph H. B. Evans.

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- 0001 **District of Columbia, 1947.** 154 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Membership campaign; FEPC, anti-poll tax and antilynching bills; housing; rent control; school lunch program; federal aid to education; bill for desegregation of public accommodations; protest of racial stereotypes in educational materials; *Carr v. Corning* (discrimination in education); endorsement of report of President's Committee on Civil Rights.  
*Principal Correspondents:* William Allyn Hill; Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; Roy Wilkins; Rufus W. Smith; Ruth A. Brown; Viola E. Meekins; Ella L. Wynn; Thurgood Marshall; Joseph H. B. Evans; Madison S. Jones Jr.; L. B. Freeman; Stephen G. Spottswood.
- 0155 **District of Columbia, 1948.** 166 pp.  
*Major Topics:* District of Columbia Redevelopment Act; membership campaign; National Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; finances.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Marian Wynn Perry; Lucille Black; William Allyn Hill; Alfred Baker Lewis; Thomasina W. Johnson; Walter White; Stephen G. Spottswood.

- 0321 **District of Columbia, 1949.** 132 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Communist members of NAACP; *Joseph L. Johnson v. Thomasina W. Johnson* (slander); membership campaign; discrimination by restaurants; Boys' Clubs of Washington.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Stephen G. Spottswood; Alfred Baker Lewis; Rufus W. Smith; Lucille Black; Thurgood Marshall; Robert L. Carter; Roy Wilkins; Gloster B. Current; A. L. Lindsay; E. B. Henderson; Willa Taylor.
- 0453 **District of Columbia, 1950.** 81 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Membership campaign; inadequate facilities at Cardozo High School; National Civil Liberties Clearing House; FEPC bill; strike at Enka Rayon plant in Morristown, Tennessee; *Sweatt v. Painter*; *McLaurin v. Oklahoma State Regents*; *Henderson v. U.S. Interstate Commerce Commission and Southern Railway*; restaurant discrimination; discrimination in education.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Lester P. Bailey; Stephen G. Spottswood; Gloster B. Current; Ruby Hurley; Lucille Black; Clarence Mitchell.
- 0534 **District of Columbia, January–July 1951.** 110 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Memberships; speech by Stephen G. Spottswood on Christian missions; racial discrimination and the cold war; establishment of branch women's auxiliary.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Stephen G. Spottswood; Lucille Black; Emmer Martin Lancaster; Edith Bowman; Thomasina Nerford.
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- 0644 **District of Columbia, August–December 1951.** 111 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Memberships; speech by Stephen G. Spottswood on Christian missions; establishment of branch women's auxiliary; comments by Gerhard van Arkel regarding school desegregation and discrimination in public facilities.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; Dessie L. Carter; Walter White; John R. Bates; Rufus W. Smith; Stephen G. Spottswood; Clarence Mitchell; Gloster B. Current; Gwendolyn S. Douglas; Charles S. Ireland.
- 0755 **District of Columbia, 1952.** 171 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Memberships; assessment of branch by Gertrude Gorman; finances; police brutality; discrimination in employment; FEPC; housing.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; John R. Bates; Stephen G. Spottswood; Lucille Black; Carrie P. Freeman; Gertrude Gorman; Constance E. H. Daniel; Thurgood Marshall; Walter White; Clarence Mitchell; Virginia Richardson McGuire; Herbert L. Wright; Edwin B. Henderson; Dillard H. Brown.

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- 0001 **District of Columbia, 1953.** 125 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Finances; memberships; discrimination in hospitals; "Guidepost to Freedom" (pamphlet); women's auxiliary.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Roy Wilkins; Eugene Davidson; Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; H. Carl Moultrie.
- 0126 **District of Columbia, 1954–1955.** 169 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Comments by James L. Hicks on the fight for civil rights; membership campaign; relations between national office and branch; fund-raising; police brutality; *Bolling v. Sharpe* (school desegregation); accomplishments during 1955.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Eugene Davidson; Welker C. Underdown; Sherman Briscoe; Margaret Just Butcher; Mildred L. Bond; H. Carl Moultrie; Lucille Black; Wilbur A. Millard; Vivienne R. Chisholm; Henry Lee Moon; Lawrence M. Byrd; Ralph Russell; Naomah W. Maise.

**Group II, Box C-32**

- 0295 **Jacksonville, Florida, 1940–1942.** 86 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Police brutality; membership campaign.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Thurgood Marshall; LeRoy M. Washington; Noah W. Griffin; E. Frederic Morrow; Lucille Black; Ella J. Baker; S. D. McGill; Roy Wilkins.
- 0381 **Jacksonville, Florida, 1943–1944.** 73 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Memberships; Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Walter White; C. Frederick Duncan; Ella J. Baker; William Smith; George W. Sanders; Charles M. Vaught; Lucille Black; Noah W. Griffin.
- 0454 **Jacksonville, Florida, 1945–1947.** 133 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Election of Theodore L. Redding as branch president; memberships; National Negro Congress; voter registration; discrimination in transportation; Jim Crow drinking fountains.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; Ella J. Baker; Theodore L. Redding; George W. Sanders; Charles M. Vaught; Alphonso W. Johnson; Rufus W. Smith; Margaret E. Paul; Marian Wynn Perry; Margaret G. Simms; Gloster B. Current.
- 0587 **Jacksonville, Florida, 1948–1955.** 103 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Resignation of Theodore L. Redding as branch president; membership campaign; resignation of Silas McKinney as branch president; proposal for federation of African American organizations.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; Theodore L. Redding; Katherine B. McKinney; E. Frederic Morrow; F. Henry Williams; Silas McKinney; Ruby Hurley; L. E. Terrell; Thelma Ward; Charles M. Vaught; William A. Fordham.

**Group II, Box C-35**

- 0690 **Florida State Conference, 1941–1945.** 136 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Branch officers; press release on third annual session of Florida State Conference; membership statistics for Florida branches.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; J. W. Knowles; Grayce E. Johnson; Harry T. Moore; Ella J. Baker; R. H. Johnson; Beatrice McLin.
- 0826 **Florida State Conference, 1946.** 102 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Progressive Voters' League of Florida; membership statistics; presidents of NAACP state conferences; officers of Florida State Conference.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Harry T. Moore; Noah W. Griffin; Lucille Black; Ella J. Baker; Joe Hendricks; Rufus W. Smith; Gloster B. Current; Madison S. Jones Jr.; Earl E. Broughton; Edward D. Davis; G. D. Rogers; Viola T. Hill; R. H. Johnson; J. Harry Schad.
- 0928 **Florida State Conference, 1947.** 117 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Youth councils; police brutality; branches chartered during 1946; annual report to Florida branches (1947); memberships; report on seventh annual meeting of Florida State Conference; membership campaign; voter registration campaign; resolutions adopted at Lake Wales, 20 November 1947; opposition to Senate bill No. 16; letter urging legislation against lynching and mob violence.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Harry T. Moore; Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; M. C. Strachan.

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0001 **Florida State Conference, 1948–1949.** 152 pp.

*Major Topics:* Progressive Voters' League of Florida; report on seventh annual meeting of Florida State Conference; rape case; finances; report on eighth annual meeting of Florida State Conference; annual report (1948); letter urging congressional approval of civil rights legislation; membership statistics; conference with Governor Fuller Warren; police brutality; voting rights; education; annual report (1949); fund-raising; summary of letter on civil rights sent by Harry T. Moore to Senator Spessard L. Holland; 1948 elections; lynching; mob violence; Groveland rape case; biographical sketch of Franklin H. Williams.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; Harry T. Moore; Milton P. Rooks; Gloster B. Current; Edward D. Davis; W. J. H. Black; Franklin H. Williams.

#### Group II, Box C-36

0153 **Florida State Conference, 1950–1951.** 211 pp.

*Major Topics:* Membership statistics; letters to Senators Claude Pepper and Spessard L. Holland urging support for civil rights legislation; finances; Palm Beach County school case (equal facilities); plans for tenth annual meeting of Florida State Conference; launch of membership campaign on NAACP Sunday; Progressive Voters' League of Florida; Groveland rape case; Florida antilynching bill; teachers' salary bill; police brutality bill; restrictions on voting rights; formation of branch in Homestead; activities of Harry T. Moore; death of Florida State Conference president W. J. H. Black; resolutions passed at eleventh annual meeting of Florida State Conference; murder of Ed Reeves (1935); highlights in history of Florida State Conference; murder of Harry T. Moore.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Harry T. Moore; Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; Thurgood Marshall; Daniel E. Byrd; Ruby Hurley; Ann S. Keller; William A. Fordham; William McCord; F. A. Dunn; A. L. James; Walter White; Eugene A. R. Montgomery; W. J. H. Black.

0364 **Florida State Conference, 1952.** 134 pp.

*Major Topics:* Gloster B. Current, "Martyr for a Cause: The Story of the Christmas Night Bomb Assassination of Harry T. Moore" (*The Crisis*, February 1952); Edward Waters College; Groveland rape case; highlights in history of Florida State Conference; reaction to assassination of Harry T. Moore and plans for emergency regional conference; Jacksonville Declaration; resolution condemning mob violence; membership statistics; November 1952 newsletter; branch officers; praise for civil rights program of Democratic Party and President Harry S. Truman.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Mabel Norris Reese; Ruby Hurley; Walter White; James M. Hinton; J. Mercer Burrell; Cordelia Greene Johnson; Cordelia Jennings; William M. Boyd; Roy Wilkins; Franklin H. Williams; Edward D. Davis; Gloster B. Current; Robert W. Saunders; Von D. Mizell; Lucille Black; William A. Fordham.

0498 **Florida State Conference, 1953.** 196 pp.

*Major Topics:* Activities of State Legal Redress Committee; budget; back salary due to Harry T. Moore; lack of cooperation between field secretary and state and local branches; employment; discrimination in transportation; activities of William A. Fordham; April 1953 newsletter; resolutions adopted at executive board meeting on April 11, 1953; thirteenth annual meeting; annual report (1953); membership statistics; bus segregation; police brutality; program from twelfth annual meeting of Florida State Conference.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Walter White; Francisco A. Rodriguez; Lucille Black; William A. Fordham; Robert W. Saunders; Annie R. Moore; Roy Wilkins; Ruby Hurley; Rosa A. Moore.

0694 **Florida State Conference, 1954–1955.** 93 pp.

*Major Topics:* Payment of back salary due to Harry T. Moore; activities of Constance Baker Motley and Robert W. Saunders; highlights in history of Florida State Conference; fourteenth annual meeting; school desegregation; memberships and Freedom Fund contributions; Florida State Conference constitution and by-laws; branch presidents; treasurer's report.

*Principal Correspondents:* Annie R. Moore; Roy Wilkins; Constance Baker Motley; Gloster B. Current; William A. Fordham; Francisco A. Rodriguez; Robert W. Saunders; Rosa A. Moore; Lucille Black; Theodore R. Gibson; Von D. Mizell.

**Group II, Box C-37**

0787 **Atlanta, Georgia, 1940–1943.** 115 pp.

*Major Topics:* Memberships; fund-raising; articles on the NAACP in the Atlanta *Daily World*.

*Principal Correspondents:* T. M. Alexander; William Pickens; N. C. McPherson; L. D. Shivery; Ethlynne E. Holmes; E. Frederic Morrow; Lucille Black; Walter White; Ella J. Baker; R. Pruden Herndon; Benjamin E. Mays; Roy Wilkins.

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0001 **Atlanta, Georgia, 1944–1945.** 138 pp.

*Major Topics:* Activities of Ruby Blackburn; memberships; program for a meeting honoring Walter White.

*Principal Correspondents:* Ella J. Baker; R. Pruden Herndon; Helen Randolph; Lucille Black; C. L. Harper; Roy Wilkins; Ruby Hurley; H. J. Furlow; Ruth L. Bacone; Rufus Johnson.

0139 **Atlanta, Georgia, 1946–1948.** 186 pp.

*Major Topics:* Housing; hearing regarding hiring of African American policemen; request to hire John H. Calhoun as branch executive secretary; meeting honoring Walter White; 1948 primary elections; NAACP plea to United Nations; voting rights; comments by Gloster B. Current on racial discrimination; Freedom Train; membership campaign; fund-raising; resolutions regarding civil rights legislation; education; Ku Klux Klan.

*Principal Correspondents:* Ella J. Baker; C. L. Harper; Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current; Robert Newbold; Eunice G. Cooper; L. C. Henderson; J. B. Blayton; Daniel E. Byrd.

0325 **Atlanta, Georgia, 1949.** 142 pp.

*Major Topics:* Citizens Committee for Educational Opportunity; Human Rights Movement; memberships; hiring of J. H. Calhoun as executive secretary; agenda for December 22, 1949, meeting of Committee on Branches; annual report (1949).

*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; C. L. Harper; J. Max Bond; Roy Wilkins; Gloster B. Current; LeRoy E. Carter; Robert Newbold; Eunice G. Cooper; J. H. Calhoun.

**Group II, Box C-38**

0467 **Atlanta, Georgia, 1950.** 231 pp.

*Major Topics:* September 1950 newsletter; Georgia State Conference ninth annual meeting program; annual report (1950); assessment of branch by Robert L. Carter; audit report for November 1949–June 1950; *The Business Bulletin* (June 1950); Georgia Negro Chamber of Commerce; Atlanta Voters League; West Side Voters League; Atlanta Business and Trade Association; American Council on Human Rights; membership campaign; November 1950 newsletter; employment; annual report (1949); branch officers and executive committee; police brutality.

*Principal Correspondents:* J. H. Calhoun; Robert R. Reed; Robert L. Carter; J. B. Blayton Sr.; Walter White; Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; Ann S. Keller; E. W. Abernathy; Andrew J. Lewis; E. C. Mitchell; C. L. Harper; Robert Newbold; Eunice Cooper; Roy Wilkins; Thurgood Marshall.

- 0698 **Atlanta, Georgia, 1951–1953.** 189 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Presentation by J. H. Calhoun to Metropolitan Planning Commission Hearings; resignation of executive secretary J. H. Calhoun; executive secretary's report for January and February 1951; memberships; Benefit Association of Railway Employees; fund-raising; NAACP Mobilization Day.  
*Principal Correspondents:* J. H. Calhoun; Gloster B. Current; George Goodwin; Ruby Hurley; Lucille Black; C. L. Harper; E. W. Abernathy; T. M. Alexander; John Wesley Dobbs; L. D. Milton; Geneva Haugabrooks; S. L. Greene; J. W. E. Bowen; C. T. Perkins; Marian McDaniel.
- 0887 **Atlanta, Georgia, 1954–1955.** 146 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Membership campaign; Walter White–Thurgood Marshall Day; finances; request to change name to Metropolitan Atlanta branch; statement by J. H. Calhoun on death of C. L. Harper; opposition to regulation adopted by Georgia Board of Education authorizing discharge of any public school teacher affiliated with the NAACP; branch officers and executive committee; reaction to murder of youth [Emmett Till] in Mississippi.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Marian McDaniel; J. H. Calhoun; Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current; C. L. Harper; Harriet Mitchell; G. E. Valentine; Thurgood Marshall.

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#### Group II, Box C-40

- 0001 **Macon, Georgia, 1941–1955.** 192 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Volunteer Defense Committee; charter application; assault of Private Alpha Josie at Camp Wheeler; harassment of branch by Bibb County grand jury; memberships; discrimination in employment; statement of interracial committee on race relations in Macon; Ku Klux Klan.  
*Principal Correspondents:* E. Frederic Morrow; John Wesley Summerford Jr.; Lucille Black; Madison S. Jones Jr.; Walter White; Thurgood Marshall; William H. Hastie; Prentice Thomas; J. A. Jenkins; Ella J. Baker; Alice M. Cliett; Alice C. Brown; Alice M. Brown; M. J. Sherard; Ella Cash Brown; Gloster B. Current; Samuel M. Johnson; Constance Baker Motley.
- 0193 **Savannah, Georgia, 1942–1943.** 126 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Highlights in history of Savannah branch; formation of new branch; construction of schools for vocational education and training; minutes of NAACP national staff conference meeting, July 28, 1942; March on Washington Movement; CIO efforts to organize shipyard workers; membership campaign; officers of Georgia branches; housing; Citizen's Advisory Committee to Local Housing Authority; Georgia State Conference.  
*Principal Correspondents:* E. Frederic Morrow; Clark A. Tyree; J. R. Jenkins; Lucille Black; Ralph Mark Gilbert; A. J. Clement Jr.; J. S. Delaware; Ella J. Baker; J. W. Jamerson Jr.; Donald Jones.

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- 0319 **Savannah, Georgia, 1944–1945.** 180 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Youth council annual report (1944–1945); voter registration; membership campaign; excerpts from the *Congressional Record* regarding settlement of African Americans in Africa; replies by Ralph Mark Gilbert to Senator Theodore G. Bilbo regarding Bilbo's statements on settlement of African Americans in Africa and passage of a permanent FEPC; resolutions regarding passage of permanent FEPC; activities of Ralph Mark Gilbert; defeat of fair employment practices bill in U.S. Senate; resignation of Lewis L. Scott from legal redress committee.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Amy Mallard; Ralph Mark Gilbert; Walter White; Lewis L. Scott; Theodore G. Bilbo; Leslie S. Perry; Ella J. Baker; Lucille Black; Ruby Hurley; J. S. Delaware; Parnell Mines; Leon Grant; Louis Rivers; Norman L. Gadson.

- 0499 **Savannah, Georgia, 1946–1955.** 137 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Memberships; comments by Gloster B. Current on proposed regional education plan; membership for members of seventy-third Transportation Truck Company serving in Korea; membership campaign.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Ella J. Baker; Lucille Black; J. S. Delaware; Ralph Mark Gilbert; Gloster B. Current; J. W. Jamerson Jr.; W. W. Law; Walter Massey Sr.; Lloyd McGhaney; John R. Vales; Hosea L. Williams.
- 0636 **Georgia State Conference, 1943–1946.** 168 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Officers of Georgia branches; second annual meeting program (1943); visits to Georgia branches by Ralph Mark Gilbert; fourth annual meeting program (1945); membership statistics; Georgia State Conference officers.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Roy Wilkins; E. Sprye; Lucille Black; Ralph Mark Gilbert; Ella J. Baker; LeRoy E. Carter; Victor Backus; Gloster B. Current; Madison S. Jones Jr.
- 0804 **Georgia State Conference, 1947.** 86 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Branches chartered; program for celebration honoring Ralph Mark Gilbert for seven years of service at First African Baptist Church; report on tour of east coast cities by Eloria S. Gilbert; lynchings and arson in Loganville, Georgia; membership statistics; sixth annual meeting (1947).  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Ralph Mark Gilbert; Lucille Black; Lillian H. Waring.

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- 0001 **Georgia State Conference, 1948–1949.** 156 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Membership statistics; resolutions from seventh annual meeting (1948); lynchings in southeast Georgia and request for FBI investigations; program of eighth annual meeting (1949); abduction of and subsequent escape of James M. Hinton, president of South Carolina State Conference.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Ralph Mark Gilbert; William M. Boyd; Madison S. Jones Jr.; Lucille Black.
- 0157 **Georgia State Conference, 1950–1955.** 242 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Objectives for 1950; address by Gloster B. Current at Savannah branch meeting; membership statistics; resolutions from tenth annual meeting (1951); program and resolutions from eleventh annual meeting (1952); officers of Georgia branches; résumé of William M. Boyd; Atlanta branch officers and executive committee; legal strategy; program for fourteenth annual meeting (1955); branches chartered.  
*Principal Correspondents:* William M. Boyd; Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current; A. T. Walden; Thurgood Marshall; W. W. Law; Edward D. Davis; Ruby Hurley; G. Nelson; J. H. Calhoun; Ralph Mark Gilbert; C. T. Perkins; Herbert L. Wright; John Wesley Dobbs.

#### Group II, Box C-66

- 0399 **Louisville, Kentucky, 1940–1944.** 187 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Memberships; Chicago Council of Negro Organizations; restrictive covenants; finances; youth council.  
*Principal Correspondents:* William Pickens; Bessie S. Etherly; Lucille Black; E. Frederic Morrow; Clarence H. Payne; Irene McCoy Gaines; F. Louise Matthews; Stephen A. Burnley; Walter White; Alyce K. Holden; Lyman T. Johnson; Ella J. Baker; Ruby Hurley; Lavinia N. Sedwick; Minnie Harrison; Thurgood Marshall; Anorma Beard; Ainslie Kenzer; Minnie Larkins; Nan Rodgers; C. M. Bolen; William Warley.

0586 **Louisville, Kentucky, 1945–1949.** 255 pp.

*Major Topics:* West End youth council; poems by Patricia Lauderdale; membership campaign; opposition to Boswell amendment to Alabama constitution; veterans committee; campaign for admission of African Americans to Kentucky graduate and professional schools; protest of segregated seating at showing of *Carmen Jones*; newsletter; NAACP opposition to Mundt bill (H.R. 5852).

*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; Henrietta P. Butler; Ruby Hurley; Lavinia N. Sedwick; H. J. McKinney; Ella J. Baker; Alfred M. Carroll; Gloster B. Current; Donald Jones; Benjamin Hudson; Elvira M. Williams; James A. Crumlin; Marian Wynn Perry; Lillian H. Waring; LeRoy E. Carter; Roy Wilkins; Hortense H. Young; Lyman T. Johnson; Lester P. Bailey.

**Group II, Box C-67**

0841 **Louisville, Kentucky, 1950–1955.** 161 pp.

*Major Topics:* Secretary's report (1949) covering mass meetings, education, legal redress, youth council, membership, and finances; complaints filed by Charles J. Lunderman Jr. regarding branch president R. Everett Ray and related correspondence; statement by Stephen Gill Spottswood regarding police brutality in Louisville; debate on adoption of anticommunist oath for branch executive board members; reaction to *Brown v. Board of Education* decision; literature seized from home of Carl and Anne Braden; finances.

*Principal Correspondents:* Gladys C. Calhoun; Gloster B. Current; Lyman T. Johnson; Robert L. Carter; Lucille Black; Lottie H. Samuels; Ann S. Keller; George T. Cordery Jr.; Anna M. Blackwell; R. Everett Ray; Charles J. Lunderman Jr.; Walter White; E. Deedom Alston; J. Earl Dearing; Elizabeth B. Ramsey; Donald Jones; Thurgood Marshall; James A. Crumlin.

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0001 **Kentucky State Conference, 1943–1949.** 139 pp.

*Major Topics:* Constitution and by-laws; Kentucky State Association of Registered Nurses; branches chartered; resolutions from 1948 meeting regarding police brutality, voting rights, discrimination in employment, discrimination in public facilities, education, teacher salaries, and veterans; branch reports at 1948 meeting; membership statistics; Kentucky branch officers; minutes from 1949 meeting in Paducah; minutes from 1949 meeting in Louisville.

*Principal Correspondents:* Ella J. Baker; Stephen A. Burnley; Milton R. Konvitz; Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current; Louis P. McHenry; Robert L. Carter; Osceola A. Dawson; Lester P. Bailey; James A. Crumlin.

**Group II, Box C-68**

0140 **Kentucky State Conference, 1950–1951.** 124 pp.

*Major Topics:* Membership statistics; public relations activities; minutes from 1951 meeting in Paducah; script for roundtable discussion on civil rights; financial report; Kentucky branch officers; program from 1951 meeting in Louisville.

*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Lester P. Bailey; Osceola A. Dawson; Jack Greenberg; Louis P. McHenry; James A. Crumlin; Alyce K. Holden; Jewel M. Rabb; W. S. Dotson.

0264 **Kentucky State Conference, 1952–1955.** 200 pp.

*Major Topics:* Membership statistics; program, minutes, resolutions, president's message, and report from 1952 meeting in Danville; branches chartered; Kentucky branch officers; program, minutes, president's report, and resolutions from 1954 meeting in Lexington; statement by Stephen Gill Spottswood regarding police brutality in Louisville and related correspondence; itinerary of Stephen Gill Spottswood for October 21–December 4, 1954; financial reports.

*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Alyce K. Holden; James A. Crumlin; Osceola A. Dawson; George T. Cordery Jr.; Henry Lee Moon; Thurgood Marshall; Stephen Gill Spottswood; Herbert L. Wright; Roy Wilkins.

**Group II, Box C-74**

0464 **Louisiana State Conference, 1943–1946.** 114 pp.

*Major Topics:* Officers and board of directors; program and objectives from 1943–1944; membership statistics; Southern Conference for Human Welfare; branches chartered.

*Principal Correspondents:* Thurgood Marshall; Daniel E. Byrd; Walter White; Ella J. Baker; C. P. Thompson; Lucille Black; L. L. Haynes; Edith M. Jones; Roy Wilkins; Gloster B. Current.

0578 **Louisiana State Conference, 1947–1948.** 141 pp.

*Major Topics:* Officers; branches chartered; membership statistics; schedules of volunteer staff for membership campaign; recommendations and program from 1947 meeting; denial of right to vote; lawsuit brought by Carrie Lee Jones, widow of lynch mob victim John C. Jones; A. Phillip Randolph's praise for NAACP and criticism of Paul Robeson and W. E. B. Du Bois; discrimination in interstate transportation.

*Principal Correspondents:* Daniel E. Byrd; Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; Thurgood Marshall; LeRoy E. Carter; Lillian H. Waring; Jean B. Meggs; W. S. Boyd; A. P. Tureaud.

**Group II, Box C-75**

0719 **Louisiana State Conference, 1949–1951.** 193 pp.

*Major Topics:* Branches chartered; membership campaign chairmen; state conference officers; five-year program adopted at 1949 meeting; membership statistics; Louisiana branch officers; program and resolutions adopted at 1951 meeting; attempt by members of People's Defense League, International Longshoreman's Association, and Communist Party to take over the Louisiana State Conference.

*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; A. P. Tureaud; Lucille Black; E. A. Johnson; Donald Jones; Ruby Hurley; Daniel E. Byrd; George W. Snowden.

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0001 **Louisiana State Conference, 1952–1955.** 204 pp.

*Major Topics:* State conference officers; branches chartered; membership statistics; program from 1952 meeting; branch officers; concern of Arthur J. Chapital Sr. regarding appointment of Ernest J. Wright, director of the Peoples Defense League, as chairman of Louisiana membership campaign; May 1953 newsletter; program from 1953 meeting; withdrawal of Louisiana State Conference from Southwest regional office; resolutions on transportation, public housing, employment, recreational facilities, voting and voter registration, public health, youth, and murder of George W. Lee; annual report (1955) by field secretary Clarence A. Laws covering school desegregation, memberships, voter registration, establishment of new branches, and youth program.

*Principal Correspondents:* B. E. King; Gloster B. Current; John G. Lewis Jr.; A. P. Tureaud; E. A. Johnson; Walter White; Lucille Black; Mildred C. Byrd; Arthur J. Chapital Sr.; Leonard P. Avery; Daniel E. Byrd; Roy Wilkins; Doretha A. Combres; Clarence A. Laws; Alex L. Pitcher Jr.

**Group II, Box C-76**

0205 **Baltimore, Maryland, 1941.** 253 pp.

*Major Topics:* Request for Ella J. Baker to serve as director of membership campaign; police brutality; fund-raising; membership campaign; *Mutual Benefit News* (September 1941); criticism of Ella J. Baker's handling of membership campaign and related correspondence.

*Principal Correspondents:* William Pickens; Lillie M. Jackson; Roy Wilkins; Carl Murphy; Juanita J. Mitchell; Walter White; Lucille Black; Ella J. Baker; Madison S. Jones Jr.

0458 **Baltimore, Maryland, 1943.** 233 pp.

*Major Topics:* Police training school; executive secretary's monthly report for January 1943 covering civil rights and membership meeting, police school, housing, FEPC hearings, racial discrimination, speaking engagements, and memberships; executive secretary's monthly report for February 1943 covering NAACP's thirty-fourth anniversary, police school, housing, conference with Retail Merchants Association regarding discrimination by department stores, discrimination in employment, speaking engagements, and memberships; voter registration; executive secretary's monthly report for March 1943 covering voter registration, racial discrimination, housing, and memberships; news report for April 1943 covering discrimination in employment, police, and Baltimore Housing Authority; news report for June 1943 covering prevention of riots and voter registration; news report for July 1943 covering employment of African American shipyard workers, voter registration, housing, and membership campaign; news report for October 1943 covering membership campaign, discrimination in public facilities, and voter registration; achievements of Baltimore branch; plans for 1944.

*Principal Correspondents:* Randall L. Tyus; Lucille Black; Gordon C. Davis; Ella J. Baker; Roy Wilkins; Howard W. Jackson.

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0691 **Baltimore, Maryland, January–June 1947.** 113 pp.

*Major Topics:* Memberships; resignation of executive secretary Addison V. Pinkney.

*Principal Correspondents:* Walter White; Lillie M. Jackson; Gloster B. Current; Addison V. Pinkney; Lucille Black; Robert L. Carter; Hans Stefan Santesson; Spottswood W. Robinson III.

0804 **Baltimore, Maryland, July–December 1947.** 143 pp.

*Major Topics:* Membership campaign; relations between African American and Jewish organizations in Baltimore and charges of discrimination against African Americans in Jewish-owned department stores; achievements of Baltimore branch.

*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; Howard Jenkins Jr.; Gloster B. Current; Lillie M. Jackson; LeRoy E. Carter; Mary Demby; Arthur B. Spingarn; Walter P. Zand; Walter White; Sidney Hollander; Roy Wilkins; Marian O. Bond; Carl Murphy; James H. Culver; S. S. Booker; W. M. Howard; Mary L. Stratton; Madison S. Jones Jr.; James W. Ivy.

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0001 **Maryland State Conference, 1941–1949.** 171 pp.

*Major Topics:* Program from first annual meeting (1941); praise for Ella J. Baker's efforts in conducting membership campaigns in Maryland; program from sixth annual meeting (1946); state conference officers; branches chartered; memberships; programs from seventh (1947) and eighth (1948) annual meetings; monthly report of the executive secretary for April 1948 covering citizens speedway committee, University of Maryland, annual meeting, military service, civil rights, voter registration, meetings, and legal cases; Baltimore membership campaign; program from ninth annual meeting (1949); tentative program for tenth annual meeting (1950); dispute between J. V. Strickland of Somerset County branch and Lillie M. Jackson of Baltimore branch.

*Principal Correspondents:* Walter White; Lillie M. Jackson; Enolia P. McMillan; Lucille Black; Ella J. Baker; E. Frederic Morrow; Grayce E. Johnson; M. Priscilla Waters; Juanita J. Mitchell; Addison V. Pinkney; Gloster B. Current; Otis Evans; Milton P. Brown.

0172 **Maryland State Conference, 1950–1955.** 112 pp.

*Major Topics:* Membership statistics; programs from eleventh (1951), twelfth (1952), and thirteenth (1953) annual meetings; discrimination in interstate transportation; legislative statement regarding Taft-Hartley Act and public housing; officers and executive committee; program from fifteenth annual meeting (1955).

*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; Robert L. Carter; Lillie M. Jackson; Princene Hutcherson; Gloster B. Current; George B. Browne; Beatrice F. Martin.

#### Group II, Box C-96

0284 **Jackson, Mississippi, 1940–1955.** 134 pp.

*Major Topics:* Praise for A. W. Wells leadership; election of Carsie A. Hall as branch president; memberships; legal defense; J. B. Dean murder case; *City of Jackson v. John R. Salter Jr.*

*Principal Correspondents:* A. W. Wells; William Pickens; Lucille Black; E. Frederic Morrow; Carsie A. Hall; Thurgood Marshall; Ella J. Baker; Percy Greene; Gloster B. Current; Louis C. Wilcher; LeRoy E. Carter; W. A. Bender; Ruby Hurley; Willie Fleming.

#### Group II, Box C-97

0418 **McComb, Mississippi, 1944–1955.** 40 pp.

*Major Topics:* Establishment of branch; memberships.

*Principal Correspondents:* Carsie A. Hall; Lucille Black; Ella J. Baker; Denman E. Cook.

0458 **Meridian, Mississippi, 1940–1955.** 198 pp.

*Major Topics:* Request for legal assistance; memberships; presentation of official charter at national board of directors meeting; suggested schedule for revitalization of branch; reorganization of branch and election of officers; discrimination in education; resignation of president D. V. Johnson.

*Principal Correspondents:* Roy L. Young; William Pickens; Thurgood Marshall; Charles C. Walker; Ella J. Baker; James A. Burns; D. V. Johnson; Edward Knott Jr.; Lucille Black; Wilson Christian; Gloster B. Current; Marian Wynn Perry; LeRoy E. Carter; George L. Russell; Daniel E. Byrd; Winnie Aristine Smith; Ann S. Keller; C. R. Darden; Wynona Connor; Medgar W. Evers.

- 0656 **Natchez, Mississippi, 1940–1955.** 200 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Presentation of charter; comments by Senator Theodore G. Bilbo regarding prevention of African Americans from voting in Democratic primaries; arrest of two white men for beating Matilda and Frank Pinkney; Associated Press photographer attacked by Representative John Rankin; Mississippi Homestead Exemption Law; comments by CIO president Philip Murray regarding CIO organizing drive in the south and possible defeat of Senator Theodore Bilbo and Representative John Rankin; criticism of Supreme Court by Representative Dan McGehee; Natchez Negro Business League.  
*Principal Correspondents:* William Pickens; Shelby Nelson; Lucille Black; A. M. Mackel; S. A. Briscoe; E. Frederic Morrow; Ella J. Baker; A. C. Curtis; Gloster B. Current; W. J. Oates; Daniel E. Byrd; Theodore C. Johnson.
- 0856 **Vicksburg, Mississippi, 1940–1955.** 103 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Highlights of branch history; report on race relations by A. J. Browne to tenth annual conference; memberships; inadequate school facilities for African American children and recommendation of legal action; dispute regarding election of branch officers.  
*Principal Correspondents:* William Pickens; A. J. Browne; F. E. Pinson Sr.; Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current; J. M. Houston; E. C. Clay; Eddie Thomas; Wright L. Lassiter; John A. Gardner; R. G. Burns; Elmurry C. Burks; W. A. Bender; Walter White; Thelma Watson; J. R. Johnson.

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- 0001 **Yazoo City, Mississippi, 1948–1955.** 299 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Formation of branch; presentation of official charter at national board of directors meeting; memberships; dispute regarding functioning of branch and election of officers.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; R. W. Wright; Lucille Black; Lucye L. Tarver; J. B. Tarver; R. W. Berry; T. W. Allen; William Love; P. W. Berry; Daniel E. Byrd; Arthur Berry; W. A. Bender; Ernest Miller; James Fleming; Ethel L. Henderson; Andrew Jackson; Rufus McCoy; Ruby Hurley; Walter White; Jasper Mimms.
- 0300 **Mississippi State Conference, 1946–1953.** 232 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Branches chartered; opposition of Gloster B. Current to employment of W. A. Bender by national office and decision by Walter White to offer temporary employment to Bender as special field worker; report by Ruby Hurley regarding May 5, 1951, meeting; membership statistics; report from November 1951 meeting and resolutions on education, religion, political action, and police brutality; report by Ruby Hurley from executive committee meeting; program from eighth annual meeting (1953); voter registration; resolutions from seventh annual meeting (1952) on voting, education, police brutality, FEPC, housing, and courtesy titles; constitution and by-laws for NAACP state conferences and proposed amendments to Mississippi State Conference constitution.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; Mary Withers Brown; Utillus R. Phillips; Isaac M. Peterson; Gloster B. Current; W. A. Bender; Louis C. Wilcher; Rufus W. Smith; Walter White; Thurgood Marshall; Ruby Hurley; A. J. Noel; C. R. Darden; Paul J. Weston; Constance Baker Motley; Mabel W. Spencer.

0532 **Mississippi State Conference, 1954–1955.** 130 pp.

*Major Topics:* Officers of state conference; goals for 1954; application filed by Medgar W. Evers to enter University of Mississippi School of Law in September 1954; membership and Freedom Fund statistics; harassment of NAACP branches in Mississippi; resignation of E. J. Stringer as state conference president because of local responsibilities and economic pressure; Gus Courts, president of Belzoni branch; biographical sketch of Clarence Mitchell; annual report for 1953–1954 by E. J. Stringer covering fund-raising, Columbus branch, and month-by-month summary of state conference activities; harassment of NAACP members and possible responses and program of action; Citizens Council; report by Medgar W. Evers on economic pressures faced by Gus Courts and Fred Myles of Belzoni, T. R. M. Howard of Mound Bayou, Charles Evers of Philadelphia, and Amzie Moore of Cleveland; appeal to President Dwight Eisenhower to intervene in Mississippi because of economic intimidation of African Americans; biographical sketch of Gloster B. Current; branches chartered; excerpts from address by Willard L. Brown at Fight for Freedom Banquet in Jackson; program from tenth annual meeting (1955); report on Mississippi by Medgar W. Evers (1954); *The Eagle Eye* newsletter.

*Principal Correspondents:* E. J. Stringer; Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; Clarence Mitchell; Ruby Hurley; Roy Wilkins; A. M. Mackel.

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0662 **Fayetteville, North Carolina, 1940–1944.** 70 pp.

*Major Topics:* Presentation of charter; 1940 financial statement; resignation of branch secretary Beatrice Evans.

*Principal Correspondents:* William Pickens; Willie P. Byrd; Beatrice Evans; Lucille Black; Roy Wilkins; J. Hollingsworth; Franklin N. McKay; Charlotte Crump; E. Frederic Morrow; Ella J. Baker; C. W. Walker; Conrad A. Walden.

0732 **Fayetteville, North Carolina, 1945–1955.** 124 pp.

*Major Topics:* Inter-council of Civic Organizations; memberships; submission of petition for equal school facilities.

*Principal Correspondents:* Ella J. Baker; Edward R. Dudley; J. Hollingsworth; Franklin N. McKay; Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current; Sara Chesnutt; John McCollum.

0856 **Greensboro, North Carolina, 1940–1955.** 187 pp.

*Major Topics:* Membership campaigns; criticism of Greensboro branch leadership by Ralph Johns; Ku Klux Klan; Methodist Church; Congregational Christian Churches; submission of petition to mayor of Greensboro demanding employment opportunities and desegregation of schools and public facilities.

*Principal Correspondents:* William Pickens; H. R. Arnette; N. L. Gregg; Madison S. Jones Jr.; Lucille Black; Ella J. Baker; T. V. Mangum; David W. Roston; Gloster B. Current; Elworth E. Smith; Ralph Johns; Malachi Chapman; Herbert L. Wright; Thomas D. Wooten; Inez F. Gantt; Catherine Derr Banks.

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- 0001 **North Carolina State Conference, 1943–[1946].** 227 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Itinerary, travel report, and speaking engagements of Madison S. Jones Jr.; inquiry into establishing state conference of branches; Charlotte branch goals; election of officers at meeting in Charlotte; list of North Carolina branch presidents; membership statistics; campaign to abolish poll tax laws; report on first annual meeting (1944); minutes of August 25, 1944, executive committee meeting; program from second annual meeting (1945); constitution of North Carolina State Conference; program from third annual meeting (1946); treasurer's report; executive secretary's report on meetings in High Point and Greensboro.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Roy Wilkins; T. V. Mangum; Ella J. Baker; J. Francis Price; Hattie H. Love; Roy S. Wynn; Buford F. Gordon; Kelly M. Alexander; M. M. Adams; L. A. Mason; A. C. Matthews; Lucille Black; Vernie C. Grady; Thurgood Marshall; W. R. Saxon; L. B. Michael; Madison S. Jones Jr.; Gloster B. Current.
- 0228 **North Carolina State Conference, 1947.** 151 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Branches chartered; Ahsokie Kiwanis Club lottery won by Harvey Jones and refusal of Kiwanis club to grant Jones the award; bill requiring registration of agencies soliciting funds or memberships; discrimination in education and proposal to establish regional schools; constitution and by-laws for North Carolina State Conference.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Rufus W. Smith; T. V. Mangum; Gloster B. Current; N. L. Gregg; Lucille Black; L. B. Michael; A. C. Matthews; Kelly M. Alexander; A. C. Parrish; T. L. Spraggins; Herman L. Taylor; J. B. Harren; Marian Wynn Perry; Walter White.
- 0379 **North Carolina State Conference, 1948.** 107 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Decision by Board of Public Welfare that state solicitation law does not apply to NAACP operations in North Carolina; legal defense; speech by Gloster B. Current on antilynching legislation, civil rights, and white southern resistance; program from fifth annual meeting (1948); relationship between branches, youth councils, and college chapters with state conference; policy and procedure for legal cases; program of action for 1948–1949; activities of state conference president Kelly M. Alexander; voter registration; plans for march on Raleigh to demand a state FEPC and other civil rights legislation.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Ellen Winston; Edward R. Dudley; Walter White; Herman L. Taylor; T. V. Mangum; J. B. Harren; A. M. Wiggins; Kelly M. Alexander; Thurgood Marshall; Lucille Black; Marian Wynn Perry.
- 0486 **North Carolina State Conference, 1949.** 119 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Program of action for 1948–1949; cancellation of proposed march on Raleigh; meeting with Governor W. Kerr Scott regarding civil rights legislation; branches chartered; voter registration; Washington, D.C., conference on civil rights legislation; program from sixth annual meeting (1949); policy and procedure for legal cases; NAACP's nonpartisan policy; treasurer's report; education; annual report of chairman of state legal committee; membership statistics; legal and educational fund drive.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Kelly M. Alexander; Gloster B. Current; J. B. Harren; Henry Lee Moon; N. L. Gregg; J. S. Bowser; Lucille Black.
- 0605 **North Carolina State Conference, 1950.** 174 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Voter registration; education; legal defense; housing; membership statistics; speech by Kelly M. Alexander at seventh annual meeting (1950); program from seventh annual meeting; tenth anniversary of Charlotte branch.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; John D. Williams; Franklin H. Williams; Gloster B. Current; Kelly M. Alexander; N. L. Gregg; W. R. Saxon; Robert L. Carter; Thurgood Marshall.

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0779 **North Carolina State Conference, 1951.** 100 pp.

*Major Topics:* Membership campaign; program from eighth annual meeting (1951); education; request for appointment of an African American to park and recreation commission.

*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Kelly M. Alexander; Lucille Black; Roy Wilkins; Henry Lee Moon.

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0001 **North Carolina State Conference, 1952.** 159 pp.

*Major Topics:* Voter registration; board of directors and branch officials meetings; branches chartered; membership statistics; antisegregation resolutions adopted at forty-second and forty-third annual conventions; ninth annual meeting program (1952); treasurer's report; legal redress; housing; employment; education; recreation; health facilities and services; fund-raising.

*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; Kelly M. Alexander; Charles McLean; John Williams; Gloster B. Current; Roy Wilkins; Herbert L. Wright; N. L. Gregg.

0160 **North Carolina State Conference, 1953.** 79 pp.

*Major Topics:* Branches chartered; defeat of Kelly M. Alexander in campaign for Charlotte city council; election laws and voting rights; membership statistics; tenth annual meeting program (1953); Walter White's comments on Democratic Party.

*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; Kelly M. Alexander; Harry L. Golden.

0239 **North Carolina State Conference, 1954.** 80 pp.

*Major Topics:* Membership and Freedom Fund statistics; branches chartered; state officers and branch officials meeting; action program for 1954; employment; youth work committee; voter registration; activities regarding implementation of *Brown v. Board of Education* decision (1954); plans for eleventh annual meeting; finances; comments by Gloster B. Current on *Brown v. Board of Education* decision at eleventh annual meeting.

*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; Kelly M. Alexander; Roy Wilkins; N. L. Gregg; J. Francis Pohlhaus.

0319 **North Carolina State Conference, January–October 1955.** 141 pp.

*Major Topics:* State officers and branch officials meeting on 1955 program of action; State Bureau of Investigation report on NAACP lottery and NAACP response; Freedom Fund campaign; request to Governor Luther Hodges to repeal all racial segregation laws; reaction to *Brown v. Board of Education II* (1955); twelfth annual meeting program (1955); history of Durham branch; membership statistics; obituary for Walter White; speech by Kelly M. Alexander at twelfth annual meeting covering education, housing, urban renewal, voter registration, and school desegregation; obituary for Zechariah Alexander Sr.; 1955 annual report by field secretary Charles A. McLean; activities regarding implementation of *Brown v. Board of Education* decision.

*Principal Correspondents:* Kelly M. Alexander; Roy Wilkins; J. R. Larkins; N. L. Gregg; Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current.

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0460 **North Carolina State Conference, November–December 1955.** 75 pp.

*Major Topics:* Twelfth annual meeting program (1955); history of Durham branch; comments by Kelly M. Alexander on NAACP's political action program; branches chartered.

*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; Roy Wilkins; Gloster B. Current.

**Group II, Box C-155**

0535 **Boley, Oklahoma, 1940–1955.** 73 pp.

*Major Topics:* Collapse of branch and request for information on organizing a branch; decision by board of directors to grant official charter to branch; plans to reorganize branch and granting of new charter.

*Principal Correspondents:* William Pickens; California T. Turner; E. Frederic Morrow; Lucille Black; J. A. Gillam; C. E. Johnson; Ella J. Baker; George Pope; Aline W. Johnson; Gloster B. Current.

**Group II, Box C-159**

0608 **Oklahoma State Conference, 1940–1942.** 114 pp.

*Major Topics:* Programs from first annual meetings of northeastern region and southwestern region of Oklahoma State Conference; programs from sixth (1940), seventh (1941), and eighth (1942) annual meetings; suspension of W. M. Holt of Lawton branch.

*Principal Correspondents:* William Pickens; Roscoe Dunjee; E. Frederic Morrow; Lucille Black; H. W. Williamston; Walter White; Randall L. Tyus; Hazel D. Bowman; Thurgood Marshall.

0722 **Oklahoma State Conference, 1943–1944.** 102 pp.

*Major Topics:* Telegram message from Walter White to ninth annual meeting and meeting program (1943); membership statistics; program from tenth annual meeting (1944).

*Principal Correspondents:* Walter White; H. W. Williamston; Roscoe Dunjee; Thurgood Marshall; Lucille Black; T. R. Ragsdale; Ella J. Baker; I. E. Wigley.

0824 **Oklahoma State Conference, 1945–1946.** 176 pp.

*Major Topics:* Program from youth council meeting (1945); constitution and by-laws of Oklahoma State Conference; program from eleventh annual meeting (1945); membership statistics; education; comments on Ada Lois Sipuel/University of Oklahoma desegregation case; program from twelfth annual meeting (1946).

*Principal Correspondents:* Ruby Hurley; Carl R. Johnson; Roscoe Dunjee; H. S. Jarrett; Ella J. Baker; Thurgood Marshall; Walter White; Roy Wilkins; B. B. Chapman; Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current; Clarence Mitchell.

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0001 **Oklahoma State Conference, 1947.** 71 pp.

*Major Topics:* Branch officers; branches chartered; membership statistics; program from thirteenth annual meeting (1947); history of Oklahoma State Conference.

*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Roscoe Dunjee; Lucille Black; Roy Wilkins; Thomas E. Pete; Donald Jones.

0072 **Oklahoma State Conference, 1948–1955.** 195 pp.

*Major Topics:* Branches chartered; reports from fourteenth annual meeting (1948); membership campaign and statistics; fifteenth annual meeting program (1949); biographical sketch of Roscoe Dunjee and testimonial dinner; twenty-second (1952) and twenty-third (1953) annual meeting programs; resolutions from twenty-fourth annual meeting on school desegregation, voting rights, and rejection of communism.

*Principal Correspondents:* H. W. Williamston; Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current; Roscoe Dunjee; D. M. McDaniel; Fedora Moore; Amos T. Hall; Roy Wilkins; A. Maceo Smith; George D. Flemmings; Ada Lois Fisher; J. H. Stephen.

**Group II, Box C-177**

- 0267 **Clarendon County, South Carolina, 1943–1955.** 148 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Request for new election of branch officers because of mishandling of funds by treasurer and related correspondence; J. A. DeLaine, "The Clarendon County School Segregation Case."  
*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current; J. A. DeLaine; G. H. Henry; Roy Wilkins; Ella J. Baker; James M. Hinton; E. E. Richburg; L. B. Rivers; A. C. Redd; Billie S. Fleming.

**Group II, Box C-181**

- 0415 **South Carolina State Conference, 1940–1947.** 270 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Program from first annual meeting (1940); report by Thurgood Marshall on third annual meeting (1942); membership statistics; Thurgood Marshall's advice to John Wrihten not to attend segregated law school in Orangeburg and lack of local support for Wrihten's decision; second annual meeting program (1941); branch officers; voting rights; program and minutes of seventh annual meeting (1947).  
*Principal Correspondents:* William Pickens; A. W. Wright; Rufus W. Smith; Thurgood Marshall; Levi G. Byrd; Modjeska M. Simkins; Lucille Black; James M. Hinton; Ella J. Baker; Essie Sellers; W. Frederic Robinson.
- 0685 **South Carolina State Conference, January–September 1948.** 93 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Branch officers; branches chartered; membership statistics; proposal to hire African American police officers in Columbia; activities of executive secretary Eugene A. R. Montgomery.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; C. B. Richardson; Thaddeus G. Fraser; James M. Hinton; Lucille Black; Eugene A. R. Montgomery; LeRoy E. Carter.
- 0778 **South Carolina State Conference, October–December 1948.** 137 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Finances; speech on civil rights by John H. McCray; resolutions adopted at 1948 meeting on political participation, civil liberties, antilynching and anti-poll tax legislation, voting rights, education, and fair employment practices legislation; eighth annual meeting program (1948); branch officers; activities of Eugene A. R. Montgomery; minutes from eighth annual meeting.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Eugene A. R. Montgomery; Lucille Black; James M. Hinton; Ruby Hurley; Gloster B. Current.

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- 0001 **South Carolina State Conference, 1949.** 164 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Membership statistics; activities of executive secretary Eugene A. R. Montgomery; branch officers; minutes of branch meetings; southeast region state conference officers; branches chartered; attack on James M. Hinton; ninth annual meeting program (1949).  
*Principal Correspondents:* Eugene A. R. Montgomery; Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; Roy Wilkins; James M. Hinton; Thurgood Marshall.
- 0165 **South Carolina State Conference, 1950.** 156 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Branches chartered; branch officers; membership statistics; tenth annual meeting program (1950).  
*Principal Correspondents:* Eugene A. R. Montgomery; Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black.
- 0321 **South Carolina State Conference, 1951.** 106 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Branches chartered; membership statistics; Clarendon County school desegregation case; African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; eleventh annual meeting program (1951); branch officers.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Eugene A. R. Montgomery; Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; W. W. Slade; James M. Hinton.

- 0427 **South Carolina State Conference, 1952–1953.** 146 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Resignation of executive secretary Eugene A. R. Montgomery and hiring of Albert C. Redd; membership statistics; branches chartered; Ku Klux Klan; finances; thirteenth annual meeting (1953).  
*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; Eugene A. R. Montgomery; Gloster B. Current; James M. Hinton; Albert C. Redd; Herbert L. Wright; Channing H. Tobias.
- 0573 **South Carolina State Conference, 1954–1955.** 197 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Fourteenth annual meeting (1954); Fighting Fund for Freedom rally; testimonial dinner in honor of J. Waties Waring, former U.S. district court judge; South Carolina Citizens Committee; membership and Freedom Fund statistics; fifteenth annual meeting (1955) including excerpts from speech by Thurgood Marshall and conference statement on freedom, education, and civil rights.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; Albert C. Redd; Gloster B. Current; James M. Hinton; J. A. Bacoats; Modjeska Simkins.
- Group II, Box C-187**
- 0770 **Tennessee State Conference, 1946–1947.** 116 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Constitution and by-laws for Tennessee State Conference; branch and state conference officers; branches chartered; speech by Gloster B. Current on international relations and civil rights at November 16, 1947, meeting.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Ella J. Baker; B. B. Evans; E. B. Cowan; Utillus R. Phillips; Lucille Black; Rosa M. McGhee; Gloster B. Current; LeRoy E. Carter; Ulysses Oliver.

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- 0001 **Tennessee State Conference, 1948–1950.** 176 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Second annual meeting (1948); NAACP policy regarding separate educational facilities; resignation of president Ulysses Oliver; membership statistics; third annual meeting (1949); voter registration drive; resolutions on education, politics, transportation, public accommodations, and the armed forces adopted at fourth annual meeting.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Ulysses Oliver; Gloster B. Current; E. B. Cowan; B. E. Washington; LeRoy E. Carter; Hollis F. Price; Utillus R. Phillips; Lucille Black; Roy Wilkins.
- 0177 **Tennessee State Conference, 1951–1955.** 192 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Fund-raising for University of Tennessee and Anderson County High School legal cases; activities of southeast regional coordinator Ruby Hurley; minutes of executive meeting; constitution and by-laws for Tennessee State Conference; fifth annual meeting (1951); resolutions on segregation, education, political activity, and foreign affairs adopted at sixth annual meeting (1952); branches chartered; seventh annual meeting (1953); state conference and branch officers.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Utillus R. Phillips; E. B. Cowan; Ruby Hurley; W. J. Faulkner; Lucille Black; Walter White; Lee Lorch; B. H. Netherland; J. F. Grimmatt; J. Isolene Grimmatt; Fetta Holland.
- Group II, Box C-188**
- 0369 **Austin, Texas, 1941–1946.** 92 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Presentation of charter; proposal to establish a lobby at Texas legislature; discussions of *Sweatt* case; communism.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Walter White; Bertha M. Sawyer; Lucille Black; Mary E. Branch; Ruby Hurley; Sylvia M. Collins; Ella J. Baker; Kenneth R. Lamkin; Mildred B. Goss; J. H. Morton; Lulu B. White; A. Maceo Smith.

0461 **Austin, Texas, 1947–1955.** 149 pp.

*Major Topics:* Support for Heman Marion Sweatt; NAACP opposition to communism, concerns about communist involvement in the Austin branch and University of Texas chapter, and questions about status of university chapters; Civil Rights Congress; Socialist Party; report on thirty-eighth annual NAACP conference.

*Principal Correspondents:* J. H. Morton; Robert L. Carter; Walter White; Marion C. Ladwig; Gloster B. Current; A. Maceo Smith; Roy Wilkins; Lulu B. White; [Oliver W.] Harrington; Lucille Black; Ruby Hurley; Thurgood Marshall; Bernice Collins.

**Group II, Box C-190**

0610 **Dallas, Texas, [1940]–1943.** 136 pp.

*Major Topics:* Dallas Negro Chamber of Commerce; bombings, arson, and violence targeting African Americans; housing; appointment of African American military police.

*Principal Correspondents:* William Pickens; E. E. Ward; B. W. Goodwin Jr.; G. F. Porter; Roy Wilkins; Walter White; Lucille Black; B. E. Howell; R. Q. Mason; Randall L. Tyus; Thurgood Marshall.

0746 **Dallas, Texas, 1944–1945.** 126 pp.

*Major Topic:* Memberships.

*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; G. F. Porter; Ella J. Baker; M. A. Flanagan; A. Maceo Smith; H. M. Morgan; B. E. Howell; Anyne Penn-Barnwell; Walter White; Juanita J. Craft; James McCary.

0872 **Dallas, Texas, 1946–1947.** 139 pp.

*Major Topics:* Branch officers and executive committee; memberships.

*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; G. F. Porter; Ella J. Baker; Daisy E. Lampkin; C. D. Knight; Gloster B. Current; Walter White; Roy Wilkins; A. Maceo Smith; W. Barton Beatty Jr.; Donald Jones.

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0001 **Dallas, Texas, 1948–1949.** 159 pp.

*Major Topics:* Branch officers and executive committee members; finances; memberships; 1948 election results.

*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; Donald Jones; G. F. Porter; Gloster B. Current; Roy Wilkins; Juanita J. Craft; Lulu B. White; F. D. Jones; Pearl C. Anderson.

0160 **Dallas, Texas, 1950–1953.** 158 pp.

*Major Topic:* Memberships.

*Principal Correspondents:* Pearl C. Anderson; Lucille Black; Juanita Jean Spencer; Gloster B. Current; B. R. Riley; J. T. Humphrey; Walter White; Ralph J. Bunche; Marvin C. Griffin; Juanita J. Craft; Bernard Brown; F. D. Jones; Doris M. Anderson; U. Simpson Tate.

**Group II, Box C-191**

0318 **Dallas, Texas, 1954.** 127 pp.

*Major Topics:* Membership campaign; finances; fund-raising; hiring of J. Harold Jones II as executive secretary; NAACP goals, operations, accomplishments, rejection of communism, view of education, and relationship with National Urban League; speech by Edwin C. Washington Jr. at meeting in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; W. D. Combs; U. Simpson Tate; Lucille Black; Caroline E. M. Burks; A. Maceo Smith; B. E. Howell; Mable Lee Geary; Haywood Montgomery; Franklin H. Williams; C. Anderson Davis; J. Harold Jones II; Edwin C. Washington Jr.

0445 **Dallas, Texas, 1955.** 142 pp.

*Major Topics:* Activities of southwest region assistant field secretary Edwin C. Washington Jr.; dismissal of J. Harold Jones II as executive secretary; discrimination in public facilities; membership and Freedom Fund statistics; school desegregation; annual report (1955) by Edwin C. Washington Jr.; press releases; fund-raising.

*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Edwin C. Washington Jr.; Georgia M. Battle; Lucille Black; Kenneth F. Holbert; Roy Wilkins; Jewel Price Ross; U. Simpson Tate.

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0587 **Houston, Texas, 1954.** 132 pp.

*Major Topics:* New Year's greeting; request for investigation of branch for possible violations of NAACP constitution and by-laws and related correspondence; branch accomplishments; finances; standing committee chairs, officers, and executive committee members; dispute regarding election of officers.

*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; C. V. Adair; Charlie Long; A. Maceo Smith; L. H. Simpson; H. B. Tapp; Lulu B. White.

0719 **Houston, Texas, [January–July] 1955.** 138 pp.

*Major Topics:* Criticism of branch administration by J. E. Robinson; concerns about administration of Houston branch; minutes from March 21, 1955, branch executive board meeting; refusal of national office to approve C. V. Adair as branch executive secretary and related correspondence.

*Principal Correspondents:* Lulu B. White; J. E. Robinson; Gloster B. Current; Roy Wilkins; Lucille Black; C. V. Adair; H. Boyd Hall; L. H. Simpson; George T. Nelson; S. L. Criswell; Sedalia Carter; James M. Calhoun; L. E. Smith; Hobart Taylor; L. H. Spivey; Ozelia J. Dixon; N. H. Fitch; M. J. Davis; A. Maceo Smith; Lullelia W. Harrison; Quentin R. Mease; Rannie Durden Cook; Fred W. Scott; Ann Robinson; A. R. Spillers; L. A. Greenwood; Edward V. Hill; A. W. Harley; Roscoe A. Cavitt; M. L. Ward.

0857 **Houston, Texas, August–December 1955.** 69 pp.

*Major Topics:* Refusal of national office to approve C. V. Adair as branch secretary; request to national office for assistance in conducting membership campaign; endorsement of Roy Hofheinz for mayor; membership campaign.

*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; J. E. Robinson; A. Maceo Smith; L. H. Simpson; C. V. Adair; Lucille Black; Mildred L. Bond; Edwin C. Washington Jr.

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0001 **Texas State Conference, 1940–1942.** 112 pp.

*Major Topics:* Fourth annual meeting (1940); Dallas Negro Chamber of Commerce; Progressive Voters League of Dallas; constitution and by-laws for state conferences; fifth annual meeting (1941); report from sixth annual meeting (1942) regarding Texas Democratic primary case.

*Principal Correspondents:* E. Frederic Morrow; Lucille Black; A. Maceo Smith; H. M. Morgan; Roy Wilkins; G. F. Porter; Walter White; Ernest C. Estell; William Pickens; M. H. Jackson; W. J. Durham; George L. Allen; Thurgood Marshall; Randall L. Tyus; Proncell Woods.

0113 **Texas State Conference, 1943–1945.** 156 pp.

*Major Topics:* Minutes, resolutions, and program from seventh annual meeting (1943); branch officers; eighth annual meeting (1944); preliminary strategy for lawsuit against University of Texas.

*Principal Correspondents:* Walter White; Lulu B. White; A. Maceo Smith; Thurgood Marshall; Lucille Black; A. E. Warner; Ida Lewis; J. A. Gilliam; Odis Lewis; Ella J. Baker; John Jay Jones; Estella Saunders.

- 0269 **Texas State Conference, 1946.** 202 pp.  
*Major Topics:* List of active and prospective branches; membership campaign; speech by Gloster B. Current on civil rights and international relations at meeting in Longview, Texas; resolutions on antilynching legislation, education, and labor unions; branch officers.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Ella J. Baker; A. Maceo Smith; A. A. Lucas; Lucille Black; Henry G. Hudson; James McCary; Gloster B. Current; John Jay Jones; Lulu B. White.
- 0471 **Texas State Conference, 1947.** 171 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Housing; scheduling of oral arguments in *Sweatt* case; branches chartered; eleventh annual meeting (1947) resolutions on civil rights, peonage, fair employment practices legislation, education, college chapters, repeal of Taft-Hartley Act, housing, Farmers Home Administration, anti-poll tax and antilynching bills, transportation, Heman Marion Sweatt, and discrimination in business; Freedom Fund campaign; district and zone organization plan for Texas branches; dispute between Lulu B. White, A. Maceo Smith, and Carter Wesley regarding Texas Conference for the Equalization of Educational Opportunities, strategy for school desegregation lawsuits, and charges of communist influence; resignation of Lulu B. White as executive secretary of Houston branch.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; A. Maceo Smith; C. D. Daniel; J. B. Rutland; Arthur Givens; Josie Lee; Lucille Black; Thurgood Marshall; Roscoe Dunjee; LeRoy E. Carter; Donald Jones; Roy Wilkins; Marian Wynn Perry.
- 0642 **Texas State Conference, 1948.** 152 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Branches chartered; fund-raising; Texas State Conference constitution and by-laws; program, excerpts from speech on civil rights and international relations by Gloster B. Current, and excerpts from minutes of twelfth annual meeting (1948); membership statistics.  
*Principal Correspondents:* A. Maceo Smith; J. M. Floyd; Gloster B. Current; Franklin H. Williams; Walter White; Joseph Guidry; Lulu B. White; Roy Wilkins; Juanita J. Craft; John Jay Jones.
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- 0794 **Texas State Conference, 1949–1950.** 193 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Branches chartered; Senate filibuster of civil rights legislation; membership campaign; minutes of thirteenth annual meeting (1949); fund-raising campaign to deter enemies of NAACP; discrimination in public facilities and education; *Sweatt* victory fund; program and minutes from fourteenth annual meeting (1950).  
*Principal Correspondents:* A. Maceo Smith; Donald Jones; Gloster B. Current; John Jay Jones; Roy Wilkins; George D. Flemmings; F. D. Jones; Lulu B. White.

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- 0001 **Texas State Conference, 1951.** 144 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Discrimination in education; historical sketch of Texas State Conference; *Sweatt v. Painter*; membership statistics; finances; statement by Bernard Brown and program from fifteenth annual meeting (1951); poll tax registration.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; A. Maceo Smith; U. Simpson Tate; J. H. Clouser.

- 0145 **Texas State Conference, 1952–1953.** 178 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Charges of misuse of funds; program from meeting entitled “To Secure These Rights”; testimonial dinner in honor of A. Maceo Smith; branches chartered; program from Texas State Conference on Youth and Human Rights (1952); membership statistics; finances; sixteenth (1952) and seventeenth (1953) annual meetings.  
*Principal Correspondents:* A. Maceo Smith; Thurgood Marshall; George E. Bradshaw; Lucille Black; Juanita J. Craft; William F. McKinney; U. Simpson Tate; W. Astor Kirk; C. V. Adair; Roy Wilkins; John Jay Jones; Walter White; H. Boyd Hall.
- 0323 **Texas State Conference, 1954–1955.** 132 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Texas Council of Negro Organizations; nonpartisan character of NAACP; Federal Housing Administration; Texas Social and Legislative Conference; monthly report of southwest region assistant field secretary Edwin C. Washington Jr.; minutes from nineteenth annual meeting (1955) and resolutions on education, voting, employment, Texas state fair, and communism; retirement of A. Maceo Smith as state conference executive secretary; civil rights mobilization rally.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Thurgood Marshall; A. Maceo Smith; Lucille Black; Edward R. Dudley; H. Boyd Hall; John Jay Jones; W. J. Durham; U. Simpson Tate; Clarence Mitchell; Henry Lee Moon; E. M. Rhodes; Harry V. Burns; Edwin C. Washington Jr.; Roy Wilkins; Lulu B. White; Gloster B. Current.

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- 0455 **Fairfax County, Virginia, 1944–1955.** 152 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Formation of branch; executive committee members; memberships; brief biographical sketch of Edwin Bancroft Henderson.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Ella J. Baker; Edwin Bancroft Henderson; William A. West; Lucille Black; Milton Sheppard; Charlie Drew.

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- 0607 **Newport News, Virginia, 1942–1944.** 81 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Branch charter; *Home Front* (branch monthly magazine).  
*Principal Correspondents:* J. Rupert Picott; Lucille Black; Walter White; John B. Henderson; Ella J. Baker; William R. Walker Jr.
- 0688 **Newport News, Virginia, 1945–1955.** 163 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Branch officers; memberships; first anniversary celebration of *Brown v. Board of Education* decision.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Ella J. Baker; J. Rupert Picott; O. D. Henry; Lucille Black; Dorothy R. Watkins; M. A. Corbin; W. Hale Thompson; V. B. Williams; Jerry C. Fautleroy Jr.; W. Lester Banks; O. L. Simms; Norvleate Downing; Helen Thompson; Roy Wilkins; Henry Lee Moon; E. C. Downing.

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- 0001 **Norfolk, Virginia, 1940–1943.** 128 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Membership campaigns; branch officers.  
*Principal Correspondents:* William Pickens; E. Frederic Morrow; Octavia M. Longley; Jerry O. Gilliam; Walter C. Fulford; T. Ione Diggs; Lucille Black; Ella J. Baker; David E. Longley; J. Beatrice King; Walter White; Betty Holt-Brazeal; Charles B. Williamson; Donald Jones.

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- 0129 **Norfolk, Virginia, 1944–1945.** 137 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Youth council; memberships.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Ella J. Baker; W. L. Hamilton; Ruby Hurley; Barbara Hollis; M. W. Jackson; Lucille Black; C. A. Palmer; V. L. Davidson; Noah W. Griffin; Naoma C. Bailey.

- 0266 **Norfolk, Virginia, 1946–1947.** 176 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Membership campaign; speaking engagements of Rufus W. Smith for April 1946; education; employment; Citizens Emergency Committee for Rent Control.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Jerry O. Gilliam; Ella J. Baker; Naoma C. Bailey; G. W. C. Brown; Rufus W. Smith; Madison S. Jones Jr.; Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current; P. L. Harvey; Julia E. Baxter; Frank Merritt; John B. Henderson.
- 0442 **Norfolk, Virginia, 1948–1949.** 121 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Membership campaign; resignation of Jerry O. Gilliam as branch executive secretary and intention to run for Congress on Progressive Party ticket; annual report for 1947 covering education, employment, civil service, housing, poll tax and voter registration, civil rights, national guard, police brutality, and youth activities; National Alliance of Postal Employees.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; Jerry O. Gilliam; Gloster B. Current; C. E. Griffin; S. H. Williamson; Roy Wilkins; Walter White; John B. Henderson; Naoma C. Bailey.
- 0563 **Norfolk, Virginia, 1950–1955.** 142 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Request to national office for financial advice; memberships; branch officers; Freedom Fund drive.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; F. W. Merritt; Melvin E. Diggs; W. B. Westbrook; Ruby Hurley; S. H. Williamson; Jerry O. Gilliam; W. Lester Banks; E. C. Walton; Robert D. Robertson; Willie Mae Watson.
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- 0705 **Petersburg, Virginia, 1940–1944.** 97 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Branch officers and executive committee members; finances; Luther P. Jackson on NAACP legal strategy; memberships.  
*Principal Correspondents:* William Pickens; H. E. Fauntleroy; Ethel M. Hailes; Ella J. Baker; Walter White; Madison S. Jones Jr.; Luther P. Jackson; Lucille Black; Roy Wilkins.

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#### Group II, Box C-210

- 0001 **Virginia State Conference, 1940–1941.** 129 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Minutes of fifth annual meeting (1940); branch officers; activities of Ella J. Baker; sixth annual meeting including summary of speech by Walter White and reports by president, secretary, treasurer, resolutions committee, legal staff, and branches.  
*Principal Correspondents:* J. M. Tinsley; Thurgood Marshall; E. Frederic Morrow; William Pickens; Roy Wilkins; Ella J. Baker; Lawrence D. Bolling; Madison S. Jones Jr.
- 0130 **Virginia State Conference, 1942–1943.** 109 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Minutes of February 1, 1942, executive board meeting; branch officers; activities of Ella J. Baker; voter registration; eighth annual meeting (1943).  
*Principal Correspondents:* E. Frederic Morrow; J. M. Tinsley; Ella J. Baker; Lawrence D. Bolling; Lucille Black; Walter White; Luther P. Jackson.

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- 0239 **Virginia State Conference, 1944–1946.** 91 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Membership statistics; tenth annual meeting (1945).  
*Principal Correspondents:* Ella J. Baker; Lucille Black; J. M. Tinsley; Roy Wilkins; Robert L. Carter; Gloster B. Current.
- 0330 **Virginia State Conference, 1947.** 116 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Fayette County fair employment practices committee; selection of W. Lester Banks as executive secretary of Virginia State Conference; twelfth annual meeting (1947); membership statistics; plans for campaign against discrimination in education.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Rufus W. Smith; J. M. Tinsley; Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; W. Lester Banks; A. H. Light; Spottswood W. Robinson III; Marie M. Medley; Walter White; Oliver W. Hill.

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- 0446 **Virginia State Conference, 1948.** 156 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Request for formation of new branch and decision by state conference to require prospective members to join either Dinwiddie County or Nottaway County branch; legal cases regarding salary equalization, school facilities, police brutality, and discrimination in transportation; membership statistics; thirteenth annual meeting (1948); finances.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; W. Lester Banks; J. M. Tinsley; Edward B. Harris; G. W. King; James Jordan; Lucille Black; Walter P. Offutt Jr.; Henry Lee Moon; Madison S. Jones Jr.
- 0602 **Virginia State Conference, 1949.** 260 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Fourteenth annual meeting (1949); Martinsville Seven rape case; *Ashley v. Gloucester County School Board*; voter registration campaign; speech by J. M. Tinsley at fourteenth annual meeting; profiles of Oliver W. Hill, Martin A. Martin, and Spottswood W. Robinson III, members of Virginia State Conference legal staff; criticism of Walter White for marriage to a white woman by John F. Williams, president of Newport News branch; National Civil Rights Mobilization.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; Esther J. Cooper; Gloster B. Current; W. Lester Banks; Roy Wilkins; J. M. Tinsley; P. F. Thomas; Martin A. Martin; John T. DuVal; N. Brandon; Henry Lee Moon; Jerry Fauntleroy; V. B. Williams; Luther P. Jackson.

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- 0001 **Virginia State Conference, 1950.** 91 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Status of civil rights legislation in Virginia General Assembly; proposal to unite all civil rights organizations in Virginia; Voice of America; membership statistics; resolutions on education, political action, employment, internal affairs, and religious organizations adopted at fifteenth annual meeting (1950).  
*Principal Correspondents:* W. Lester Banks; Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; Robert A. Spicely.

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- 0092 **Virginia State Conference, 1951.** 129 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Lawsuits in Pulaski and Prince Edward counties regarding discrimination in education; discrimination in interstate transportation; membership statistics; discrimination in public facilities; Baptist General Association of Virginia; sixteenth annual meeting (1951); minutes of November 4, 1951, executive board meeting.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; W. Lester Banks; T. Nelson Parker; Ralph J. Bunche; M. W. Kelley; Madison S. Jones Jr.; J. M. Tinsley; Gloster B. Current; Edwin B. Henderson.
- 0221 **Virginia State Conference, 1952.** 130 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Minutes of conference to protest violence in Florida, voting rights, and opposition to segregation; state conference officers and executive board members; order from Supreme Court regarding *Brown v. Board of Education* (including *Davis v. County School Board of Prince Edward County*); finances; membership statistics; background information on *Davis v. County School Board of Prince Edward County*.  
*Principal Correspondents:* W. Lester Banks; Gloster B. Current; J. M. Tinsley; Lucille Black.
- 0351 **Virginia State Conference, 1953.** 120 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Eighteenth annual meeting (1953); speech by Sarah Patton Boyle at seventh district branches meeting; criticism by Hubert T. Delany of appointment of South Carolina Governor James Byrnes as U.S. representative to the United Nations; membership and fund-raising workshop.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Lucille Black; W. Lester Banks; Gloster B. Current; Roy Wilkins; J. M. Tinsley; Osceola C. Turner; Edwin B. Henderson.

- 0471 **Virginia State Conference, 1954.** 72 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Statement by Oliver W. Hill to Richmond City Council regarding discrimination in public facilities and transportation and request for creation of race relations board; nineteenth annual meeting (1954); Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties; finances.  
*Principal Correspondents:* W. Lester Banks; Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current; Charles D. Fowler Jr.; V. C. Daniels; William Abbot; S. F. Coppage.
- 0543 **Virginia State Conference, 1955.** 171 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Finances; report of executive secretary to executive board covering memberships, Freedom Fund, education programs, nineteenth annual meeting, and school desegregation; report on Prince Edward County school desegregation case; twentieth annual meeting (1955); school desegregation; memorial dinner in honor of Luther P. Jackson.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Gloster B. Current; W. Lester Banks; Roy Wilkins; Lucille Black; Ray Bell; Charles D. Fowler Jr.; Edwin B. Henderson.

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