

**BURNHAM, LOUIS E.**  
**Louis E. Burnham collection, 1941-1960**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Burnham, Louis E.  
**Title:** Louis E. Burnham collection, 1941-1960  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1164  
**Extent:** .5 linear ft. (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Collection of materials related to African American journalist and activist Louis Burnham including correspondence, notes, and writings.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Administrative Information**

**Restrictions on Access**

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**Source**

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**Citation**

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**Processing**

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

Louis Everett Burnham (1915-1960), African American journalist and activist. Burnham was a member of the Southern Negro Youth Congress and served as editor of *Freedom* (a newspaper founded in New York in 1951 by Burnham and Paul Robeson) and the *National Guardian*.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection contains material related to Louis Everett Burnham from 1941-1960. The collection includes a small amount of correspondence, notes and other materials related communist and other left-wing organizations, writings, and printed material. Correspondence relates to the Southern Negro Youth Congress and Burnham's editorial work. Organizational material relates to the Southern Negro Youth Conference, the National Negro Labor Council, and Upholsterers' International Union of North America. These materials include Burnham's notes, typewritten copies of speeches and resolutions, and a few newsletters and reports. Writings in this collection are by Burnham and other authors such as Elizabeth Lawson and William Davis. Most concern race relations and the African American community. The writings by others probably are copies given to Burnham for editing. Printed material in this collection includes newspaper clippings about Burnham's death and a flier for the Louis E. Burnham fund. The collection also includes court documents related to the murder trial of James Morris Johnson in Pennsylvania in 1948-1951.

### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged by record type.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Clippings, 1960
1	2	Correspondence, 1947-1958
1	3	James Morris Johnson appeal documents, 1950
1	4	Louis E. Burnham fund, 1960
1	5	Notes

## Organizations

1	6	Marxist Quarterly Review of the Negro Liberation Struggle, prospectus
1	7	Monthly Journal of Negro Thought and Opinion, prospectus
1	8	National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership
1	9	National Negro Labor Council, <i>Calvalcade: The March of Southern Negro Youth</i> , volume 1, number 5, November 1941
1	10	National Negro Labor Council, notes
1	11	National Negro Labor Council, reports
1	12	National Negro Labor Council, resolutions
1	13	National Negro Labor Council, speeches, 1951
1	14	Southern Negro Youth Congress
1	15	Upholsterers' International Union of North America

## Writings

1	16	Burnham, Louis, "2000 Unwed Mothers Each Year," undated
1	17	Burnham, Louis, "How Much Sex Education Should the Schools Teach?," undated
1	18	Burnham, Louis, "A Negro Presidential Candidate," undated
1	19	Davis, William, "Migratory Labor: Toward a Cure," undated
1	20	Lawson, Elizabeth, "Development of the Negro Nation," undated
1	21	"African American Leaders Biographical Sketches," undated
1	22	"How Edward Brown Got on the Chain Gang," undated
1	23	"A Study of Race Relations in Birmingham, Alabama, as a Result of the Impact of the War on the Negro Community," October 1942
1	24	Unidentified

## Printed material

1	25	"Cavalcade," volume 1, number 4, October 1941
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