

**WILLIAMS, CHARLES H. (CHARLES HALSTON), 1886-  
Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association  
records, 1912-1976 (bulk 1930-1956)**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Williams, Charles H. (Charles Halston), 1886-  
**Title:** Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association records, 1912-1976 (bulk 1930-1956)  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1289  
**Extent:** .5 linear ft. (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Records of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, collected by founder Charles H. Williams, including constitutions, annual reports, correspondence, financial records, and printed material.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Administrative Information**

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**Source**

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**Citation**

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**Processing**

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## Collection Description

### Historical Note

The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) was founded in 1912 and is the oldest African-American athletic conference in the United States. Originally known as the Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association, it changed to the current name in December 1950. Representatives from Howard University, Virginia Union University, Hampton Institute, and Lincoln University met on the campus of Hampton Institute in Hampton, Virginia, on February 2, 1912 to discuss the formation of the organization, citing a need to "promote physical welfare of the students in Colored Educational Institutions of higher grade." Although the membership has changed since its founding, the organization is still comprised of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and members include both private and public colleges and universities. The CIAA was elected to membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association in 1921 and The United States of America Sports Federation in 1937.

### Scope and Content Note

The collection contains records of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA), collected by Charles H. Williams, one of the founding members of the organization. Records include the original constitution and by-laws, annual reports, correspondence, and printed material. Other materials include the revised constitution published in 1971, annual reports dated from 1912-1921, 1951-1952, 1962, and 1976, and the early handwritten versions of the institutional records. Correspondence contains mainly competition scheduling requests and applications from individuals seeking positions as officials with the organizations. Financial records include expense reports for Charles William's travel during his work with the CIAA. *The Bulletin*, a printed annual, gave updates on the organization and also reported the annual meeting proceedings.

### Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Annual meeting reports, 1912-1976
1	2	Committee reports, 1935-1952
1	3	Constitutions, 1912, 1971
1	4	Correspondence, officials applications, 1924
1	5	Correspondence, Charles William, on offering vocational opportunities, 1934
1	6	Fifth Annual National Classic, 1951
1	7	Financial expenses, Charles Williams, 1923
1	8	Printed material, <i>The Bulletin</i> , 1920, 1930, 1932-1933, 1935-1937
1	9	Printed material, <i>The Bulletin</i> , 1944-1945, 1948-1950
1	10	Printed material, <i>The Bulletin</i> , 1951-1954
1	11	Telegram, request for Hampton Institute-Bluefield Institute football game, 1928

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