

COLEMAN, HENRY.
Henry Coleman papers, 1943-1962

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Coleman, Henry.
Title: Henry Coleman papers, 1943-1962
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 987
Extent: .25 linear ft. (1 box)
Abstract: Papers of Henry Coleman, an African American who lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and a member of the United House of Prayer movement
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

Henry Coleman was an African American who lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and was a member of the United House of Prayer movement. He served in the United States Army during the early 1940s and was discharged following an injury sometime before 1943. In 1943 he took a job as a porter on the Pennsylvania Railroad. Coleman and his wife Estelle lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania most of their lives, apart from a brief move to New Jersey in 1951. Henry Coleman also spent a few months at the Veterans Hospital in Petersburg, Virginia in 1962.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of papers of Henry Coleman from 1943-1962. It contains mostly correspondence from family members. The correspondents include Coleman's brother Webster, who was in state prison in Virginia, his father, and various other relatives discussing the weather, family visits, and general news. A small amount of correspondence with John Paul Causey, a lawyer in Virginia, discusses Webster's court case. There are also two letters from the General Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad concerning the railroad's responsibility to the soldiers returning home from World War II. Only a few letters in the collection refer to the United House of Prayer: Webster Coleman mentions the organization briefly in his May 19, 1948 letter and correspondence to Henry Coleman in 1958 are sent by care of the United House of Prayer.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Correspondence, August 1943-August 1948
1	2	Correspondence, September 1948-December 1948
1	3	Correspondence, 1949
1	4	Correspondence, 1950-1957
1	5	Correspondence, 1958-1962
1	6	Payroll records, 1948
1	7	Photograph, Henry Coleman [?]
