Glenn W. Rainey papers, 1917-1974

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Abstract: Papers of Glenn W. Rainey, Georgia educator and activist, including correspondence, manuscripts, notes, articles, and subject folders.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Collection Description

Biographical Note
Glenn Weddington Rainey was born in Atlanta, Georgia on April 7, 1907, the son of James G. Rainey and Minnie Weddington Rainey. He attended elementary schools in Atlanta and graduated from the city's Boys' High School in 1924. From 1924-1929, he attended Emory University where he received the A.B. and M.A. (History) degrees. Mr. Rainey was an instructor at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta for one year (1929-1930) where he held a Teaching fellowship in political science for two years (1930-1932). In 1932, he turned to Georgia Tech to reassume his former teaching position in the Department of English. He remained in the Department until he retired as Professor of English in 1974.

Throughout his career, Mr. Rainey was active as a public speaker and as a member of many political, social, civic, and professional organizations. He was particularly active in civil rights groups which flourished during the 1940's, such as the Georgia Commission on Interracial Cooperation (the parent Organization of the Southern Regional Council). He served as president of the Committee for Georgia, an affiliate of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. He also worked with the Citizens’ Fact-Finding Committee of Georgia. Other liberal causes which attracted Mr. Rainey during these years include the early fights waged against Georgia's county unit system, the poll tax, and political influence in the State's University System. Additional groups with which Mr. Rainey has been prominently associated over the years include: the Atlanta Christian Palestine Committee, the Atlanta Chapter of the American Association of the United Nations, the Atlanta Community Planning Council, and the Northside branch of the Atlanta Y.M.C.A. At Georgia Tech, Mr. Rainey was actively associated with the Y.M.C.A., the Wesley Foundation, and many other student groups over the years. He was a founder of the Georgia Tech Chapters of the American Association of University Professors and the Georgia Education Association. He was at various times a member of the Executive Committee and the Administrative and Faculty Councils of Georgia Tech.

Mr. Rainey is the author of numerous articles which have appeared in newspapers, popular magazines, and journals. His poetry has been published in various literary journals, anthologies, and newspapers. Two of his more prominent friends in Georgia literary circles were Ernest Hartsock, an Atlanta poet, and Lillian Smith, novelist and co-editor (with Paula Snelling) of a Southern literary journal (variously titled Pseudopodia, The North Georgia Review, and South Today) which flourished circa 1938-1945. Mr. Rainey was a regular contributor to this publication in its early years.

Mr. Rainey's wife, the former Dorothy Quattlebaum of Columbia, S.C., was for many years a teacher in the Atlanta Public Schools. During the 1940's, Mrs. Rainey was active in Democratic Party politics in Georgia. In 1942, she ran Ellis Arnall's gubernatorial campaign against Eugene Talmadge in Fulton County. For her efforts, she was appointed by Governor Arnall to the State Democratic Executive Committee. Mr. and Mrs. Rainey were married on February 3, 1940. They have four children.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of the papers of Glenn Weddington Rainey from 1917-1974. The papers include correspondence; Mr. Rainey's manuscripts, notes, and published articles, etc.; and a
series of subject folders. The correspondence dates from 1917-1974. Its greatest period of concentration is circa 1933-1949. The majority of the correspondence dealing with Mr. Rainey's organizational activities is filed in this section. Earlier correspondence is generally personal in nature, and later correspondence deals largely with Georgia Tech affairs. Letters of Ernest Hartsock (3 items, 1925-1930) and Lillian Smith (54 items, 1936-1948) are included here. There is also an exchange of letters between Mr. Rainey and his longtime friend, the historian C. Vann Woodward (213 items, 1929-1938).


Subject folders in the collection cover a wide range of Mr. Rainey's activities. Folders with the greatest concentration of material include those concerned with the following: Commission On Interracial Cooperation, Committee for Georgia, Emory University, Georgia Education Association, Georgia Tech (78 folders), miscellaneous material, the poll tax, Lillian Smith and Paula Snelling, Southern Conference for Human Welfare, and the Southern Regional Council.

**Arrangement Note**
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