

**RANSOM, REVERDY C.  
(REVERDY CASSIUS), 1861-1975.  
Reverdy C. Ransom collection, 1936-1975**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Ransom, Reverdy C. (Reverdy Cassius), 1861-1975.  
**Title:** Reverdy C. Ransom collection, 1936-1975  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1043  
**Extent:** .5 linear ft. (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Collection of material relating to Reverdy C. Ransom, an African American bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### **Administrative Information**

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[Reverdy Cassius Ransom papers](#), Rembert E. Stokes Learning Resource Center, Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio.

#### **Source**

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#### **Citation**

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#### **Processing**

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## Collection Description

### Biographical Note

Reverdy C. Ransom (1861-1959), 48th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, was born January 4, 1861, in Flushing, Ohio, to George and Harriet Ransom. He entered Wilberforce University in 1881 and graduated with a degree in theology in 1886. He was licensed to preach in October 1883 at Wilberforce, ordained deacon in 1886, and ordained elder in 1888. Ransom served as a pastor in numerous AME congregations across Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, and Illinois and was elected Bishop in 1924, serving in that role until 1952. He also served as an editor of the *AME Church Review* and chairman of the Board of Trustees of Wilberforce University from 1932-1952. Ransom was married to Emma S. Ransom. He died in 1959.

### Scope and Content Note

The collection contains material related to Reverdy C. Ransom from 1936-1975. The collection contains printed minutes and conference material related to the African Methodist Episcopal Church, particularly in Ohio and New England, reports and minutes from Wilberforce University, and a small amount of correspondence, photographs, and collected material. Much of the printed material in the collection was either edited by Ransom or contains information about him. Of particular interest is a 1942 letter from Bishop Richard R. Wright regarding Wilberforce University and segregation policies within college associations and fliers from the Imperial Agricultural Corporation, a cooperative centered in Hartford, Connecticut.

### Arrangement Note

Arranged by document type.

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## Container List

### Personal papers

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Correspondence, 1937-1946
1	2	Cruise diary, 1937
1	3	Southern clergy permits [some photocopies]
1	4	Reverdy and Emma Ransom 50th Wedding Anniversary invitation, October 25, 1937
1	5	Photograph, Reverdy C. Ransom and Emma S. Ransom
1	6	Photograph, Reverdy C. Ransom II, Reverdy C. Ransom IV, Reverdy C. Ransom III
1	7	Photograph, Reverdy C. Ransom III and Emma S. Ransom
1	8	Photograph, Reverdy C. Ransom, Reverdy C. Ransom II, Reverdy C. Ransom III
1	9	Ribbon, Mid-Summer Session, Council of Bishops of the AME Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, June 1942

### Printed material

1	10	<i>Adult-Teacher Quarterly of the AME Church</i> , Spring Quarter 1975
1	11	African Methodist Episcopal Church, blank certificates
1	12	<i>Christian Recorder</i> , January 27, 1944 (volume 95, number 44)
1	13	Central District Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Greenfield, Ohio, April 27, 29, 1943
1	14	<i>The District Bulletin</i> , Springfield, Ohio, Spring 1945 (volume 16, number 37)
1	15	<i>Herald of the Epiphany</i> , July 15, 1940 (volume 21, number 4)
1	16	Imperial Agricultural Corporation Easter Service bulletin for Jamaican Workers, Hartford, Connecticut, April 1, 1945
1	17	Imperial Agricultural Corporation flier, Windsor, Connecticut
1	18	Imperial Agricultural Corporation Thanksgiving Service bulletin for Jamaican Workers, Hartford, Connecticut, November 24, 1946
1	19	Ohio African Methodist Episcopal Church conference pledge card, 1943
1	20	Quadrennial Report of the Department of Finance to the 30th Session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, New York, May 6, 1936
1	21	Quadrennial Report of the Sunday School Union of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, New York, May 6, 1936
1	22	New England Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Official Minutes, Providence, Rhode Island, June 12-16, 1946
1	23	Service-Canteen of Hartford flier, [1940s]
1	24	"Spare Time: A War Asset for War Worker," Federal Security Agency Office of Community War Services, 1943

- 1 25 *The Spokesman*, March-April 1943 (volume 1, number 3)  
1 26 Voting ballots

**Wilberforce University**

- 1 27 Bishop R.R. Wright, Jr., College of Education and Industrial Arts report, May 14, 1942  
1 28 Literature of the Bible course midterm exam  
1 29 Payne Theological Seminary annual report, 1944  
1 30 President's and Secretary Treasurer's report, June 10, 1941  
1 31 Superintendent C.C. Jenkins report, April 20, 1936  
1 32 Tawawa School of Religion Conference announcement, "The Church Planning for Post War Period," August 3-6, 1943  
1 33 Tawawa School of Religion and Ministers' Conference and Religious Education Association of the 3rd Episcopal Church annual meeting, August 3-7, 1942  
1 34 Tawawa School of Religion, blank certificate of merit  
1 35 Unidentified minutes, 1939-1945
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