William H. Scott family papers, 1848-1982

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Descriptive Summary

Title: William H. Scott family papers, 1848-1982
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1082
Extent: 4.25 linear feet (9 boxes), 9 bound volumes (BV), 3 oversized papers boxes (OP), 1 extra-oversized (XOP)
Abstract: Papers of William H. Scott, an African American Baptist minister and political activist, and his son William H. Scott, Jr. from 1848-1982, including correspondence, scrapbooks, photographs, broadsides, sermons, writings, and other collected material.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Collection Description

Biographical Note
William H. Scott (1848-1910), was born a slave in Virginia on June 15, 1848. In April of 1862, he escaped and joined the 12th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment. Following the Civil War, Scott studied at Howard University Law School. He taught newly freed slaves in Virginia until he was forced to flee the state as a result of racist intimidation. He then enrolled at Wayland Seminary and was ordained a Baptist minister in 1880. He served churches in Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Massachusetts. He established "Scott's Boston Cheap Bookstore" in the 1880s, selling it in 1892 when he moved to Boston to serve as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. Scott was an advocate for African American rights. He founded the Massachusetts Racial Protective Association in March 1896; he was one of 29 original members of the Niagara Movement; and he helped organize the National Independent Political League in 1908. Scott died in Woburn, Massachusetts, on June 27, 1910.

William H. Scott, Jr. (1887-1976) was the son of William H. Scott and Laura Ann Fields Scott. In 1904, at the age of 17, he joined the Company L of the 6th Massachusetts Regiment, a "colored company" of the United States Army. He enrolled at Harvard in 1906 and attended for one year. Scott followed his father's interest in politics and was active in the National Equal Rights League. He wrote for radical periodicals, including The Clarion and The New Negro. Scott married Mary E. Robinson in 1907 and they had two children: William J. Scott and Henry Thompson Scott. In 1917 Scott enlisted in the Army again and was admitted to the Infantry Central Officers' training school in Camp Pike, Arkansas. He was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corp on January 15, 1919. He spent the same year in attendance at the Northeastern College of Law. He eventually spent most of his working life employed by the Monsanto Chemical Company in Everett, Massachusetts. While employed for Monsanto, Scott also did freelance work for the Baltimore Afro-American as a photographer. He married Lillian Wilson Gaskin in 1948 after the death of his first wife in 1946. William H. Scott, Jr. died in 1976.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of the papers of the William H. Scott family from 1848-1982. The papers of William H. Scott, Sr. include correspondence, personal papers, writings, photographs, and printed material. The majority of the correspondence documents both Scott's religious activity and his political activism, including his involvement with the Anti-Imperialist League, the National Independent Political League, and the Negro Baptist Ministers Conference. Personal papers include a number of scrapbooks of newspaper clippings from African American newspapers concerning politics, African American history, and family history. Printed material consists of rare broadsides, programs and announcements concerning political and religious activity in the African American community in Massachusetts and Washington, D.C., including activities sponsored by groups such as the Boston Suffrage League, the New England Suffrage League, and St. John's Baptist Church in Woburn, Massachusetts. The series also includes a Civil War era sword reportedly captured by Scott during the Battle of Fredericksburg.
The papers of William H. Scott, Jr. include correspondence, personal papers, writings, photographs, subject files, and printed material. Correspondence consists mostly of letters written by William H. Scott, Jr. to his wife while he was serving in the military at Camp Pike, Arkansas, from 1918-1919. The correspondence details black life in the U.S. Army during the Jim Crow era. Writings include a number of short essays, as well as material relating to a biography of William H. Scott, Sr. Photographs are mostly of family members and many were taken by William H. Scott, Jr. Subject files consist of material relating to subjects of interest to Scott and to organizations with which he may have been involved. Printed material primarily includes newspaper clippings relating to Scott and the Scott family.

**Arrangement Note**

Description of Series

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Boxes 1-3, OP1-3, XOP1, BV1-7

Scope and Content Note
The series consists of the papers of William H. Scott, Sr. from 1848-1910, including correspondence, personal papers, writings, photographs and printed material. Correspondence primarily documents the religious activity and political activism of Scott, particularly his involvement with the Anti-Imperialist League, the National Negro American Political League, and the Negro Baptist Ministers Conference. Personal papers include financial records, family marriage and death records, the family bible, and a Civil War era sword. Also included in Scott's personal papers are seven scrapbooks of clippings documenting African American history and politics, as well as Scott family history. Many scrapbooks are annotated.

Writings include numerous sermons and speeches penned by Scott. Photographs are primarily of Scott family members. Finally, printed material includes fliers, programs and clippings documenting African American political activity in Massachusetts and Washington, D.C. during this period, including Scott's personal involvement. Printed material from organizations such as the Boston Suffrage League, the New England Suffrage League, and St. John's Baptist Church in Woburn, Massachusetts are included.

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1 12 "The African Preacher," no date
1 13 "Biographies of Prominent Negroes," no date
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1 15 Massachusetts Racial Protection Association, constitution and by-laws, March 26, 1896
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1 18 "Resources of Cuba," no date
1 19 Sermon, "Christians," no date
1 20 Sermon, "God's Care for His Church," no date
1 21 Sermon, "To Members of the Colonial Baptist Association," 1901
2 1 Sermon notes, no date
2 2 Speech, "Go West," [1883?]
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2 5 Anti-Imperialist League, no date
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2 7 [?], Carrie, no date
2 8 Dow, Roland B., 1905
2 9 [?], Mollie, no date
2 10 Muzzey, Loring, W. (Major), no date
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2 13 Scott, Antonio Maceo, no date
2 14 Scott, Irene, circa 1880s-1905
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18 "An Appeal for Brownsville Plank in the Platform," broadside, Republican Party National Convention, March 19, 1908

20 Atlanta Massacre Public Mass Meeting of Protest, flier, Boston, Massachusetts, September 28, 1906

22 Baptist Ministers' Conference of Philadelphia and Vicinity, program, February-June 1907

24 The Bethel Industrial and Bible Training School, donation card, Jacksonville, Florida, no date

26 Boston Literary and Historical Association annual picnic flier, Bass Point, Nahant, August 24, 1908

28 Boston Literary and Historical Society, program calendar, 1908-1909

30 Boston Suffrage League, "An Appeal to the Clergymen of the United States for Garrison's Centenary," broadside, 1905

32 Boston Suffrage League, "Great Mass Meeting for Negro Suffrage," Boston, Massachusetts, flier, April 22, ?

34 Boston Suffrage League and a Citizen's Committee, "Great Memorial Meeting to the Late Judge Albion W. Tourgee," flier, July 30, 1905(?)

36 Bucknell University bulletin, ninth series, number 2, October 1909

38 Calvary Baptist Church, installation of Reverend W. H. Scott, Sr., program, Boston, Massachusetts, October 12, 1893

40 Calvary Baptist Church Pastor's Club, "Musical and Literary Entertainment," flier, Boston, Massachusetts, February 15, 1894

42 Church food sale, broadside, May 3, ?

44 Clippings about William H. Scott, Sr., circa 1895-1910

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48 Clippings, general, 1887-1908

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52 Collins, James., Jr., Collins Diarrhea Cordial flier, no date

54 Colonial Baptist Association of New England flier, no date
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Colored Men's National Convention program, Boston, Massachusetts, August 10, 1896


Constitutional League of the United States, appeal to the Republican Party in National Convention assembled to repudiate and eliminate the color line drawn in the party, card, no date

Faneuil Hall, great mass meeting on Negro rights, flier, Boston, Massachusetts, June 20, 1906

Fortieth Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation program, Faneuil Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1903

"His Soul Is Marching On," broadside, no date

House Resolution 181, joint resolution for the printing of "Colored Troops from and during the Revolutionary War," June 24, 1890

Knights of Pythias Supreme Lodge of the Eastern and Western Hemisphere, annual sermon program, no date

Massachusetts Racial Protective Association, broadside, 1901

Ministers of Boston and Vicinity, "Call for a Convention to Meet at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Boston, Massachusetts," flier, October 16, 1895

Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church, mock trial of the greatest murder case of the age, flier, December 10, ?

National Colored Baptist Convention, opening services program, Boston, Massachusetts, September 15, 1897


National Negro American Political League, "Remember Brownsville and Vote for Mingo Saunders and the Discharged Negro Soldiers," Washington, D.C., circa 1908

National Negro American Political League, "What it is and What it Seeks To Do," broadside, Washington, D.C., no date

National Negro American Political League USA, 2nd annual meeting brochure, Columbus, Ohio, May 26-27, 1909

New England Baptist Missionary Convention, 35th annual session program, Boston, Massachusetts, June 17-21, 1909

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New England Suffrage League, mass meeting flier, St. Pau Baptist Church, Boston, Massachusetts, October 4, 1909
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| 3 |  17 | Niagara Movement, 3rd annual conference, Massachusetts Branch membership roster, 1907 [annotated] |
| 3 |  18 | North East Baptist Missionary Convention broadside, St. Paul's Baptist Church, Boston, Massachusetts, October 19, 1909 |
| 3 |  19 | Pastor's Aid Society, "Santa Claus' Mistake" flier, Rush A.M.E. Zion Church, December 27, 1906 |
| OP3 |   | Original Rights Society statement of purpose, no date |
| 3 |  20 | Pastors and Friends of the Churches and Other Racial Organizations of Boston and Vicinity, Grant Testimonial and Reception program, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Boston, Massachusetts, April 18, 1907 |
| OP3 |   | Quincy, Josiah, "Quincy's Letter Against Lynching of Black Men in the South," no date |
| 3 |  21 | Republican Caucus, unpledged delegates flier, Woburn, Massachusetts, March 31, 1908 |
| 3 |  22 | Republican Party, "Appeal to the Southern Delegates" broadside, June 1904 |
| 3 |  23 | Scott, William H., Sr., lecture at Nicodemus Hall, July 6, 1894 |
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| 3 |  25 | Shiloh Baptist Church, grand rally broadside, June 22, 1902 [includes handwritten notes] |
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| 3 |  28 | Smith, Thomas benefit concert flier, Woburn, Massachusetts, July 16, 1903 |
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| 3 |  29 | St. John's Baptist Church, 16th anniversary program, Woburn, Massachusetts, May 1896 |
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