

SCOTT, WILLIAM A. (WILLIAM ALBERT), 1905-2001.
William A. Scott papers, 1920-1962

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Descriptive Summary

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Title: William A. Scott papers, 1920-1962
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Abstract: Papers of William A. Scott, an African American Baptist minister who served as a chaplain in the United States Army during World War II.
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Biographical Note

William Albert Scott (1905-2001) was an African American Baptist minister who served as a chaplain in the United States Army during World War II. Born in Fort Scott, Kansas, on June

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16, 1905, he graduated from Garnett High School in 1924 and completed his undergraduate education in 1929 at Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kansas, majoring in English. Following graduation, he became a minister in the Baptist Church, serving in numerous congregations. In 1936 he was admitted as a graduate student at the University of Kansas, leaving a year later and never earning a degree. From 1938-1942 he was the pastor of the Pleasant Green Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri and served in a number of denominational roles including acting Dean of the Theological department of Western Baptist Seminary (Kansas City, Missouri), President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and Secretary of the New Era District Baptist Association.

Scott joined the United States Army in July 1942. He attended Chaplain School at Harvard University in 1943 and was commissioned as a Chaplain during World War II, serving in Algeria and Tunisia with the 46th Quartermaster Regiment, and in North Burma with the 45th Engineer Regiment. He was discharged from service in 1946, having achieved the rank of Captain. Following his military service, Scott returned to his ministry; Newstead Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, was the final congregation he served. He died on March 7, 2001.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of papers of William A. Scott from 1920-1962. The papers include photographs, transcripts from Scott's graduate and undergraduate education, and military service records. Scott's military records from his service as a chaplain in the United States Army during World War II in the 46th Quartermaster Regiment and the 45th Engineer Regiment make up the majority of the collection and include commissioning papers, separation reports, military orders to Algeria, Tunisia and North Burma, and a certificate Scott received upon his promotion to the rank of captain. Transcripts from the University of Kansas, where Scott did a year of graduate work, and Ottawa University, where Scott received an A.B., record the courses he took and the grades for each class. The papers also include Scott's diploma from grammar school, his grade book from Ottawa University, photographs of Scott in his military uniform, and a program from the 82nd annual meeting of the National Baptist Convention USA, in which Scott took part.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Certificate of Award, General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, [undated]
1	2	Commission certificate, Chaplain, United States Army, December 5, 1946
1	3	Course book, Ottawa University, 1924-1929
1	4	Diploma, Garnett High School (Garnett, Kansas), May 19, 1924
OP1	1	Diploma, Grammar Department, Weir Public Schools (Weir, Kansas), April 30, 1920
1	5	Military service records, 1942-1943
1	6	Military service records, 1944
1	7	Military service records, 1945-1946
1	8	Military service records, certificate of ecclesiastical endorsement, General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, June 1942
1	9	Military service records, report of separation, [1946?]
1	10	Military service records, separation qualification record, US Army, [undated]
1	11	Photograph, William A. Scott, [undated]
1	12	Photograph, William A. Scott in Army Chaplain's uniform, [1945?]
1	13	Program, 82nd Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention USA, Chicago, September 4-9, 1962 [Scott mentioned on page 2]
1	14	Transcripts, Ottawa University, 1929, 1949
1	15	Transcripts, University of Kansas, 1937, 1949
