

# UNIVERSAL NEGRO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

## Universal Negro Improvement Association records, 1916, 1921-1989

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### Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Universal Negro Improvement Association.  
**Title:** Universal Negro Improvement Association records, 1916, 1921-1989  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1066  
**Extent:** 11.5 linear ft. (24 boxes) and 8 oversized papers (OP)  
**Abstract:** Records of the Universal Negro Improvement Association including correspondence, administrative records, photographs, writings, printed material, and material relating to other organizations.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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#### Related Materials in This Repository

In Emory's holdings are pamphlets and periodical literature formerly owned by former UNIA President Thomas W. Harvey. These materials may be located in the Emory University online catalog by searching for: [Harvey, Thomas W., former owner](#).

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**Collection Description****Biographical Note**

The Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League (UNIA) was founded in Jamaica on August 1, 1914, by Marcus Garvey. The organization is also known as the UNIA-ACL or simply the UNIA. The motto of the organization is "One God! One Aim! One Destiny!"

After traveling throughout the United States in early 1916, Garvey established the New York Division of the UNIA in 1917. In August of 1918, the UNIA began publishing *The Negro World*, a weekly newspaper, which reported UNIA activities until it ceased publication in 1933. By 1920, the UNIA had over 1,000 divisions in more than 40 countries. That same year, it held its first international convention in New York, New York, which put forth a program based on "The Declaration of Rights of the Negro Peoples of the World."

After Garvey's conviction and imprisonment on mail fraud charges in 1925 and his deportation to Jamaica in 1927, the organization began to take on a different character and internal rivalries prevailed. As a result, the UNIA continued to be officially recognized as the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League, but a rival "UNIA-ACL August 1929 of the World" emerged, headed by Marcus Garvey himself after his deportation to Jamaica. From Jamaica, Garvey settled in England where he established and headed the UNIA 1929, until his death in 1940.

Upon Garvey's death, James R. Stewart, a commissioner from Ohio, was named the successor and in 1949 moved the parent body headquarters to Monrovia, Liberia. Unhappy with this development, a rehabilitating committee held a conference in Detroit, Michigan. The committee denounced the leadership of Stewart and the UNIA became fragmented once again. Former High Chancellor Thomas W. Harvey became President General of the new faction and an international UNIA headquarters was established in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1951. At the first International Convention held in August 1953, William LeVan Sherrill was elected President General and served until he resigned due to ill health in December 1958. Harvey stepped in to finish Sherrill's term and was then elected President General in August 1959, a post he held for nearly 20 years, until his death in June 1978.

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection contains records of the Universal Negro Improvement Association from 1916, 1921-1989. The papers include correspondence, administrative records, photographs, writings, printed material, and material relating to other organizations.

The correspondence series includes letters to and from Presidents General Marcus Garvey, Thomas W. Harvey, and William L. Sherrill. The correspondence documents communications between the Presidents General and other officers and the various Division leaders in the United States, as well as those in other countries. The administrative records relate to the UNIA parent body and its divisions and include minutes of meetings, policies and procedures, and various reports.

The photographs include images relating to the UNIA, in the United States, Africa and the Caribbean Islands. The writings series contains manuscripts and typescripts by several key UNIA officials including Marcus Garvey, Thomas W. Harvey, and William L. Sherrill, as well as others associated with the UNIA. The printed material series includes broadsides advertising various UNIA-sponsored events; brochures relating information about the purpose, programs, and goals of the UNIA; and programs of the UNIA events. The final series consists of records and printed materials created by other organizations from 1921-1989 that were collected by the UNIA. The materials include printed matter such as broadsides, brochures, and programs; minutes, resolutions, and other records.

**Arrangement Note**

Organized into six series: (1) Correspondence, (2) Administrative records, (3) Photographs, (4) Writings, (5) Printed material, (6) Other organizations.

## **Description of Series**

Series 1: Correspondence, 1916, 1934-1980

Series 2: Administrative records, 1926-1987

Subseries 2.1: Parent body records, 1938-1987

Subseries 2.2: Division records, 1926-1977

Series 3: Photographs, 1925-1978

Series 4: Writings

Series 5: Printed material, 1928-1989

Series 6: Other organizations, 1921-1989

**Series 1**  
**Correspondence, 1916, 1934-1980**  
**Boxes 1-13**

**Scope and Content Note**

The series contains correspondence of the UNIA from 1934-1980. The correspondence includes letters to and from Marcus Garvey from 1916, 1931-1940. These letters are mostly between Garvey and Thomas W. Harvey and relate to UNIA business. The correspondence also includes letters to and from Amy Jacques Garvey after her husband's death. These letters are also mainly between Amy Garvey and Harvey and relate to UNIA business.

The majority of the general correspondence is addressed to Thomas W. Harvey (Commissioner of New York and then President General, 1951-1953 and 1960-1978) and William L. Sherrill (President General, 1953-1960). The correspondence documents communications between the President Generals and other officers and the various Division leaders in the United States, as well as those in other countries including Africa, Canada, Caribbean Islands (Cuba and Jamaica), Central America (Costa Rica and Panama), etc.

Major correspondents include: U.S. Senator Theodore G. Bilbo, A.L. Crawford (Brooklyn, New York), Ethel M. Collins (New York, New York), Solomon Fitghue (Cincinnati), N.H. Grissom (Chicago), Clarence William Harding (Liberia), Samuel Alfred Haynes, Charles Lynell James (Chicago), James R. Stewart, and Naomi Williams Taylor (Philadelphia). The remainder of the correspondence is comprised of letters from individuals inquiring about the UNIA.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in chronological order.

**Marcus Garvey**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	1	1916, 1931-1940

**Amy Jacques Garvey [to and from]**

1	2	undated
1	3	1940-1959
1	4	1960-1972

**Marcus Garvey, Jr.**

1	5	1969-1971
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**General correspondence**

2	1	no date
2	2	no date: drafts
2	3	circa 1930s
2	4	1934-1936
2	5	1937

2	6	1938 January-April
2	7	1938 May-December
2	8	1939 January-April
2	9	1939 May-December
2	10	1940 January-April
2	11	1940 May-November
3	1	1941-1949
3	2	circa 1950s and fragments
3	3	1950
3	4	1951 January-June
3	5	1951 July-September
3	6	1951 October-December
3	7	1952 January-March
3	8	1952 April-July
3	9	1952 August-December
4	1	1953 January-July
4	2	1953 August-December
4	3	1954 January-June
4	4	1954 July-December
4	5	1955 January-August
4	6	1955 September-October
4	7	1955 November-December
5	1	circa 1956
5	2	1956 January
5	3	1956 February-March
5	4	1956 April
5	5	1956 May
5	6	1956 June
5	7	1956 July
5	8	1956 August
6	1	1956 September
6	2	1956 October 1-14
6	3	1956 October 15
6	4	1956 October 16-31
6	5	1956 November-December
6	6	circa 1957
6	7	1957 January
6	8	1957 February
7	1	1957 March-April

7	2	1957 May
7	3	1957 June
7	4	1957 July
7	5	1957 August
7	6	1957 September 1-15
7	7	1957 September 16-30
8	1	1957 October 1-9
8	2	1957 October 10-18
8	3	1957 October 19-31
8	4	1957 November
8	5	1957 December 1-15
8	6	1957 December 16-31
8	7	1958 January 1-15
8	8	1958 January 16-31
9	1	1958 February
9	2	1958 March
9	3	1958 April
9	4	1958 May-July
9	5	1958 August-December
9	6	1959 January-February
10	1	1959 March-April
10	2	1959 May-July
10	3	1959 August-December
10	4	1960s undated
10	5	1960 January-June
10	6	1960 July-October
10	7	1960 November-December
11	1	1961 January-June
11	2	1961 July-December
11	3	1962 January-June
11	4	1962 July-December
11	5	1963 January-May
11	6	1963 June-December
11	7	1964
12	1	1965
12	2	1966
12	3	1967
12	4	1968
12	5	1969

12	6	1970
12	7	1971
12	8	1972
12	9	1973
13	1	1974
13	2	1975
13	3	1976 January-June
13	4	1976 July-December
13	5	1977 January-August
13	6	1977 September-December
13	7	1978 January-March
13	8	1978 April-December
13	9	1979
13	10	1980



**Series 2**  
**Administrative records, 1926-1987**  
**Boxes 14-18**

**Scope and Content Note**

The series contains administrative records relating to the UNIA parent body and its divisions from 1926-1987. The parent body records include various versions of the constitution and bylaws; policies, procedures, and guidelines relating to the day-to-day operation of the organization; reports, and minutes and agendas of UNIA meetings including the executive council, rehabilitative committees, and the UNIA international conventions.

Records relating to divisions in the United States as well as in other countries include minutes of meetings, monthly reports of local divisions, charters, and resolutions. Materials may be found from divisions in Brooklyn and New York (New York); Chicago (Illinois); Cincinnati, Cleveland and Dayton (Ohio); Detroit (Michigan); New Orleans (Louisiana); Philadelphia (Pennsylvania); and Raleigh (North Carolina). Records from international divisions include Canada, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Liberia, Nova Scotia, Panama, and South Africa.

**Arrangement Note**

Organized into two subseries: (2.1) Parent body records and (2.2) Division records.

**Subseries 2.1**  
**Parent body records, 1938-1987**  
**Boxes 14-18**

**General records**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
14	1	African Land Project, 1958
14	2	Agendas, various meetings
14	3	Aims and Objectives of the UNIA, no date
14	4	Application form for transportation to Liberia, West Africa under the auspices of the UNIA, no date
14	5	Appointments, 1955-1963
14	6	Articles of Incorporation, 1918 [copy]
14	7	Blank forms
14	8	Book list, no date
14	9	Circular letters
14	10	Constitution and bylaws, with amendments, 1938-1955 [pages 1-93, incomplete]
14	11	Constitution and bylaws revision, 1972
14	12	Constitution and bylaws revision, 1973
14	13	Constitution and bylaws revision, 1975
14	14	Credentials (Appointments), 1952-1977)
14	15	Declaration of Rights of the Negro Peoples of the World, drafted and adopted at Convention held in New York, 1920 over which Hon. Marcus Garvey presided as Chairman, and at which he was Elected Provisional President of Africa
14	16	Delegates names and addresses
14	17	Duties of Commissioners
14	18	Duties of International Organizer
14	19	Financial records, 1936-1974
14	20	Five-Year Plan, no date
14	21	Garvey Memorial Liberty Hall (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), records, 1951-1958
14	22	Ghana Project, 1958
14	23	How to Teach the UNIA
14	24	Ideas for Raising Money
14	25	Instructions to Division
14	26	Instructions to International Organizer
14	27	Instructions to the National Youth Director of the Universal Youth Council
14	28	Legal documents, 1951-1975
14	29	Legal documents, Marcus Garvey exoneration, 1981
14	30	Liberty Farm, inventory, 1946
14	31	Lists, name, etc.

- 14 32 Mailing lists
- 14 33 National Public Relations Committee duties
- 14 34 Officers: Divisions
- 14 35 Officers: Parent Body
- 14 36 Operation Going Home Committee, 1976-1977
- 15 1 Organization chart, no date
- 15 2 Petition to the President of the United States, circa 1941 [calling for U.S. occupation of West Africa by black troops]
- 15 3 Petitions to the United Nations, 1945, 1955
- 15 4 Plans for Keeping Divisions Active and Raising Money
- 15 5 Plans of the Parent Body toward the Carrying out of the Program of the UNIA
- 15 6 Pledge form to purchase printing press, etc. for Ashanti Akim State College (Gold Coast, West Africa), no date
- 15 7 Pledges
- 15 8 Preamble and Manifesto...as announced at their Eighth International Convention...August 1-31, 1946
- 15 9 Press releases/Announcements
- 15 10 Proclamations
- 15 11 Program for African Redemption Fund, 1957
- 15 12 Queen's Contest, 1957
- 15 13 Questionnaire, Conference delegates
- 15 14 Questionnaire, United Nations
- 15 15 Rational for Proposed Change in the Structure of the UNIA
- 15 16 Reorganization UNIA
- 15 17 Resolutions, 1979
- 15 18 Ritual services, etc.
- 15 19 Special bulletins, 1953-1966
- 15 20 Stewart, James R., Prominent people contacted by, no date
- 15 21 Suggestions as to Procedure in Organizing and Setting Up New Divisions
- 15 22 Suggestions for Promoting Mass Meetings for Parent Body Officers
- 15 23 Things to do in Promoting UNIA
- 15 24 Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000) Drive, no date
- 15 25 Universal African Black Cross Nurses, Rules and Bylaws, no date
- 15 26 Universal Negro Youth Administration, Constitution and Bylaws, no date
- 15 27 What We Believe
- 15 28 Work in Africa Forms, 1961, 1977

**Meetings [includes printed programs]**

- 15 29 Meeting minutes, fragments
- 15 30 Executive Council/Commissioners (Chicago, Illinois), February 26, 1940

- 15 31 Executive Council (location unknown), June 2, 1940
- 15 32 Executive Council [Emergency Conference], August 19, 1940
- 15 33 Executive Council (Cleveland, Ohio), February 15, 1941
- 15 34 Executive Council (?) (Dayton, Ohio), April 7-9, 1950
- 15 35 Executive Council (Detroit, Michigan), March 24, 1951
- 15 36 Executive Council (location unknown), October 6, 1951
- 15 37 Executive Council (location unknown), April 4-5, 1953
- 15 38 Executive Council (Cincinnati, Ohio), 1954
- 15 39 Executive Council (unknown location), February 8, 1958
- 15 40 Executive Council/Commissioners (Detroit, Michigan), May 5-6, 1962
- 15 41 Unification Council (Youngstown, Ohio), June 19, 1971
- 15 42 Executive Council (Youngstown, Ohio), October 23, 1971
- 15 43 Executive Council (Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina), February 22, 1975
- 15 44 Executive Council (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), August 28, 1977
- 15 45 Executive Council (Chicago, Illinois), September 23-24, 1978
- 15 46 Executive Council (Detroit, Michigan), March 23-24, 1979
- 15 47 International Convention (Toronto, Canada), August 24-31, 1937
- 15 48 International Convention (Cleveland, Ohio), August 15-20, 1941
- 15 49 International Convention (Cincinnati, Ohio), 1945
- 15 50 International Convention (New York, New York), 1946
- 15 51 International Convention (location unknown), 1949
- 15 52 International Convention (location unknown), 1950
- 15 53 International Convention (Detroit, Michigan), August 26-September 2, 1951
- 15 54 International Convention (Detroit, Michigan), August 26-30, 1953
- 15 55 International Convention (New Orleans, Louisiana?), August 20-22, 1954
- 15 56 International Convention (Liberia, West Africa), September 1-30, 1954 [Stewart presiding]
- 16 1 International Convention (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), August 21-28, 1955
- 16 2 International Convention (Brooklyn, New York), September 15, 1957
- 16 3 International Convention (Chicago, Illinois), 1959
- 16 4 International Convention (Cleveland, Ohio), 1960
- 16 5 International Convention (Brooklyn, New York), 1961
- 16 6 International Convention (Location unknown), 1967
- 16 7 International Convention (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), August 30, 1968  
[incomplete]
- 16 8 International Convention (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), August 28-31, 1969  
[19th]
- 16 9 International Convention (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), August 27-29, 1971  
[21st]

- 16 10 International Convention (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), 1973
- 16 11 International Convention (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), 1974
- 16 12 International Convention (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), August 25-29, 1976
- 16 13 International Convention (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), August 21-28, 1977
- 16 14 International Convention (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), August 21-26, 1979
- 16 15 International Convention (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), August 25-30, 1981
- 16 16 International Convention (Kingston, Jamaica), August 13-20, 1987
- 16 17 International Convention, (location unknown), no date
- 16 18 Rehabilitative Committee (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), August 2, 1943 [agenda only]
- 16 19 Rehabilitative Committee (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), 1944 [agenda only]
- 16 20 Rehabilitative Committee (New York, New York), 1945 [agenda only]
- 16 21 Rehabilitative Committee (Toronto, Canada), August 1946 [agenda only]
- 16 22 Rehabilitative Committee (New Orleans, Louisiana), August 1948
- 16 23 Rehabilitative Committee (Detroit, Michigan), August-September 1949
- 16 24 Rehabilitative Committee (location unknown), March 12, 1950

#### **Other UNIA groups**

- 16 25 General Conference of Liberia (Monrovia, Liberia), Committee on Medical Services, Annual report, 1968
- 16 26 General Conference of Liberia, 5th (Monrovia, Liberia), minutes, August 14-15, 1971
- 16 27 National Emergency Conference (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), minutes, April 1, 1934
- 16 28 National Public Relations Committee, program, no date
- 16 29 Pan-African Community League, program, no date
- 16 30 President's Council (Detroit, Michigan), minutes, June 12-13, 1954
- 16 31 Unification Council, minutes, May 22, 1971
- 16 32 Unification Convention (Youngstown, Ohio), minutes, September 10-12, 1971

#### **Reports**

- 16 33 Committee for the Reorganization of the UNIA, July 25, 1948
- 16 34 Chicago Mass Meeting, June 10, 1951
- 16 35 High Commissioner to West Africa, 1967-1969, 1973
- 16 36 Trip made by Mr. Solomon Fitghue, International Organizer to Inspect African Project in Liberia, July 22-August 7, 1968
- 16 37 Marcus Garvey Memorial Institute (Monrovia, Liberia), January 7, 1971-December 31-1971
- 16 38 Ebony Women Conference Retreat, Jun 30-July 1, 1973
- 16 39 Observations on the Status of UNIA of Monrovia, Liberia, 1976
- 16 40 Garvey Memorial Institute (Monrovia, Liberia), March 24, 1979

- 16 41 Committee on Findings for Youth and Education, no date
- 16 42 Research and Planning Committee Report (Raleigh, North Carolina Division), no date

**Subseries 2.2**  
**Division records, 1926-1977**  
**Boxes 17-18**

**United States**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
17	1	Brooklyn, New York (no division listed), minutes, 1957
17	2	Brooklyn, New York (Division No. 336), minutes, 1938
17	3	Brooklyn, New York (Division No. 404), minutes, 1938
17	4	Brooklyn, New York (Division No. 404), monthly report of local divisions, 1956-1961
17	5	Chicago, Illinois (Division No. 401), charter, 1953
17	6	Chicago, Illinois (Division No. 401), members, 1973
17	7	Chicago, Illinois (Division No. 401), miscellaneous
17	8	Chicago, Illinois (Division No. 401), monthly report of local divisions, 1955-1958
17	9	Chicago, Illinois (Division No. 401), resolutions, no date
17	10	Cincinnati, Ohio (Division No. 345a), monthly report of local divisions, 1955-1962
17	11	Cincinnati, Ohio (Division No. 345a), newsletter, etc.
17	12	Cleveland, Ohio (Division No. 413), minutes, 1957, 1972
17	13	Cleveland, Ohio (Division No. 413), monthly report of local divisions, 1958-1961
17	14	Cleveland, Ohio (Division No. 413), ordinance, 1976
17	15	Cleveland, Ohio (Division No. 413), proclamation UNIA Day, 1977
17	16	Columbus, Ohio (Division No. 328), monthly report of local divisions, 1957
17	17	Dayton, Ohio (Division No. 371), monthly report of local divisions, 1952-1958
17	18	Detroit, Michigan (Division No. 407), minutes, 1974
17	19	Detroit, Michigan (Division No. 407), monthly report of local divisions, 1956-1958
17	20	Michigan (Universal African Nationalists, Division No. 135), monthly report of local divisions, 1981
17	21	New Orleans, Louisiana (Division No. 400), articles of incorporation, 1954
17	22	New Orleans, Louisiana (Division No. 400), minutes, 1954, 1956, 1960
17	23	New Orleans, Louisiana (Division No. 400), monthly report of local divisions, 1954-1957
17	24	New Orleans, Louisiana (Gentilly Division No. 402), records, 1960-1961
17	25	New Orleans, Louisiana (Gentilly Division No. 402), monthly report of local divisions, 1955-1957
17	26	New York, New York (Central Division), minutes, 1942
17	27	New York, New York (Central Division), monthly report of local divisions, 1938

- 17 28 New York, New York (Division No. 340), minutes, 1938
- 17 29 New York, New York (Division No. 340), monthly report of local divisions, 1938
- 17 30 New York, New York (Division No. 340), oath of the Universal African League, no date
- 17 31 Ohio, members and divisions
- 17 32 Ohio State Conference (Cleveland, Ohio), minutes, 1941
- 18 1 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Division No. 121), Emergency African Redemption Committee (Division 121), rules, no date
- 18 2 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Division No. 121), bylaws, no date
- 18 3 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Division No. 121), fire insurance policy, 1949
- 18 4 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Division No. 121), members, no date
- 18 5 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Division No. 121), minutes, 1952-1953
- 18 6 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Division No. 121), minutes, 1954-1956
- 18 7 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Division No. 121), minutes, 1958-1960
- 18 8 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Division No. 121), miscellaneous
- 18 9 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Division No. 121), monthly report of local divisions, 1952-1956
- 18 10 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Division No. 121), monthly report of local divisions, 1957-1963
- 18 11 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Division No. 121), officers, 1962
- 18 12 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Division No. 121), resolutions, 1940-1943
- 18 13 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Division No. 121), vote on 1609 Columbia Avenue
- 18 14 Raleigh, North Carolina, articles of incorporation, 1974

### **International**

- 18 15 Canada: Montreal Division, members, no date
- 18 16 Costa Rica: Limón (Division 300), members, no date
- 18 17 Costa Rica: Limón (Division 300), minutes, 1941
- 18 18 Cuba: Havana (Division 203), affidavit, 1953
- 18 19 Jamaica: multiple Divisions, minutes, 1956-1961
- 18 20 Jamaica: Cockburne (Division 425), minutes, 1966
- 18 21 Jamaica: Kingston, (Division No. 398), monthly report of local divisions, 1955-1957
- 18 22 Jamaica: Kingston (Harmony Division), resolution, 1957
- 18 23 Jamaica: Kingston (Progressive Division 1), member
- 18 24 Jamaica: Kingston, (Rollington Town Division), records, 1955-1957
- 18 25 Jamaica: Kingston, (Western Star Division), monthly report of local divisions, 1957
- 18 26 Jamaica: Whitfield Town (United African Community Division), monthly report of local divisions, 1957



- 18 27 Liberia: Organization of divisions
- 18 28 Liberia: Secret message codes
- 18 29 Nova Scotia: Glace Bay (Division No. 303), monthly report of local divisions,  
1958
- 18 30 Panama, Republic of Panama (Division No. 244), reports, no date
- 18 31 South Africa: Ludaka (Division No. 2), minutes, 1953
- 18 32 [Location unknown]

**Series 3**  
**Photographs, 1925-1978**  
**Box 19**

**Scope and Content Note**

The series consists of photographs relating to the UNIA, in the United States, Africa and the Caribbean Islands. There are photographs of individuals associated with the UNIA, as well images of the 1929 and 1955 UNIA conventions, and locations and events in Ghana, Liberia, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by subject matter.

**Individuals**

Box	Folder	Content
19	1	Alleyne, J., Captain and Chief of the 1st N.Y. African Legion, no date [photographer: Morais Photo Studio, Kingston, Jamaica]
19	2	Asiko, Harriet Ruth and Phyllis Violet Oyieza (daughters of Mr. And Mrs. Obina)
19	3	Brantley, James, no date
19	4	Dinzey, Israel [in Universal African Legion uniform], no date
19	5	Garvey, Amy Ashwood, no date
19	6	Garvey, Amy Jacques, Jamaica Minister Edward Seaga, Eustace Whyte and Martin Luther King, Jr., at Marcus Garvey Shrine, June 1965 [photographer: Gleaner Photo, Kingston, Jamaica]
19	7	Harvey, Thomas W., with Georgina Thornton and Arnold Lemuel Crawford, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, circa 1972
19	8	Howard, Humbert, no date
19	9	Kennedy, Edna M., no date
19	10	Liberty Gospel Singing Chorus, Mrs. Susie Griffin
19	11	Nkrumah, Kwame, no date
19	41	Prescott, Ruth Peart (Marcus Garvey's niece), no date
19	12	Sherrill, Joya, no date [photographers: Murray Korman and James J. Kriegsmann] (7 photos)
19	13	Sherrill, William L., no date (4 photos) [Includes photograph of (left to right) William Sherrill, Harold Bledsoe, Thomas Drum, William L. Dawson, Emmett Cunningham, and Joseph A. Craigen, November 20, 1948]
19	14	Stewart, James R, no date
19	15	Watson, Richard, no date

**UNIA Conventions**

19	16	International Convention, 6th (Edelweis Park, Kingston, Jamaica), 1929 [photographer: Shreaves]
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- 19 17 International Convention (?), (Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina), no date (12 photos)

### **UNIA International**

- 19 18 Dominican Republic: UNIA officials (?), no date [photographer: John Robles] (2 photos)
- 19 19 Ghana: Independence Day (Accra, Ghana), March 1957 [includes photographs of Vice President Richard Nixon and photo of Kwame Nkrumah] [photographer: Information Services Dept., Accra, Gold Coast] (2 photos)
- 19 20 Ghana: Queen Elizabeth II visit, 1961 [photographer: Information Services Dept., Accra, Gold Coast] (2 photos)
- 19 21 Ghana: Accra visit William L. Sherrill, 1957 (14 photos)
- 19 22 Ghana: Unidentified individual, no date [photographer: Alhaji's Studio, Wenchi]
- 19 23 Ghana: Unidentified group, no date [photographer: Frank Dodoo's Studio, Accra]
- 19 24 Jamaica: Kingston Division, no date
- 19 25 Liberia: Scrapbook of UNIA photographs and reports, 1967
- 19 26 Liberia: Universal African Legion, Annual Inspection and Review (Monrovia, Liberia), August 1976 [includes Universal African Vanguards (juveniles) and Black Cross Nurses in native dress] (7 photos)
- 19 27 Liberia: Universal African Legion, Annual Inspection and Review (Monrovia, Liberia), August 1977 (9 photos)
- 19 28 Liberia: Marcus Garvey Memorial Institute (Monrovia), graduating class, 1978
- 19 29 Liberia: African Village Cafeteria (Monrovia), no date ["UNIA and ACL first commercial business in Africa]
- 19 30 Liberia: Edna M. Kennedy Clinic, UNIA-ACL, Medical Program for Africa, no date (4 photos)
- 19 31 Liberia: Liberian troops, no date
- 19 32 Liberia: UNIA Metropolitan Division, Executive Officers, no date
- 19 33 Liberia: Universal African Legion (Monrovia), no date

### **Other**

- 19 34 Brewster Housing Project (Detroit, Michigan), circa 1952 [pictured William L. Sherrill, G.B. Bryant, Rev. Henry E. Thurman, and C.C. Williams] [photographer: O.B. Pitts]
- 19 35 Garvey Memorial Liberty Hall (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), no date [photographer: Gaston Devigne]
- 19 36 Loring Air Force Base (Limestone, Maine), African American soldiers and base, 1952 (15 photos)
- 19 37 Marcus Garvey Institute (Monrovia, Liberia), Graduating Class of 1977
- 19 38 Organization of African Unity, 4th Summit (Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo), 1967 [includes photograph of Liberian delegation] (3 photos)
- 19 39 Groups

19 40 Individuals

## Series 4

### Writings

### Boxes 20-21

#### Scope and Content Note

The series consists of manuscript and typescript writings by several key UNIA officials including Marcus Garvey, Thomas W. Harvey, and William L. Sherrill; as well as others associated with the UNIA. Writings by Garvey include two notebooks containing speeches (1928-1929) and essays, as well as typescripts of speeches and essays, some which are published in his *Philosophy and Opinions*. Writings by UNIA Presidents Thomas W. Harvey and William L. Sherrill are mainly essays relating to the work of the UNIA. Sherrill's material also includes typescripts of some of his "We, the Negro," a column he wrote as President of the Afro-American Institute and Federated Fireside Group. Additional "We, the Negro" columns may be found in Series 6: Printed Material.

#### Arrangement Note

Arranged by type of record, then in alphabetical order.

#### Notebooks

Box	Folder	Content
20	1	Notebook I: Garvey, Marcus, speeches, 1928-1929 and essays [in Garvey's hand]
20	2	Notebook II: Garvey, Marcus, essays, no date [2 notebooks, not in Garvey's hand]
20	3	Notebook III: Harvey, Thomas W., various essays
20	4	Notebook IV: Harvey, Thomas W., various essays
20	5	Notebook V: Sherrill, William L., [12th Dynasty Egypt, incomplete]

#### Manuscripts/Typescripts

20	6	Agyeman-Dickson, Y.D.
20	7	Anderson, W.D.
20	8	Azikiwe, Nnamdi
20	9	Cayton, Horace
20	10	Cole, Eric S.A.
20	11	Cox, Ernest Sevier
20	12	Daniels, Ronald D.
20	13	Diggs, Charles C.
20	14	Ekwueme, Alex I.
20	15	Garvey, Marcus: <i>Philosophy and Opinions</i> essays, June 19, 1923-March 16, 1924
20	16	Garvey, Marcus: Other
20	17	Grissom, N.H.
20	18	Harper, Frances Ellen Watkins
20	19	Harvey, Thomas W.

20	20	Harvey, Thomas W., biographical
20	21	Huggins, Willis N.
20	22	Kaunda, K.D.
20	23	Langdon, Henry J.
20	24	Nkrumah, Kwame
20	25	Obadele, Imari Abubakari
20	26	Poems: Various authors
21	1	Reynolds, Elder M.
21	2	Robinson, E.R.
21	3	Rowan, Carl
21	4	Sanders, W.E.
21	5	Sherrill, William L., biographical
21	6	Sherrill, William L., manuscripts
21	7	Sherrill, William L., speech notes, etc.
21	8	Sherrill, William L., speech notes, etc.
21	9	Sherrill, William L., speech notes, etc.
21	10	Sherrill, William L., typescripts
21	11	Sherrill, William L., "We, The Negro"
21	12	Tobias, Channing H.
21	13	Willis, George
21	14	Unknown authors, manuscripts
21	15	Unknown authors, typescripts (1 of 2)
21	16	Unknown authors, typescripts (2 of 2)
21	17	Unknown author, "Wonderful Ethiopians"

**Series 5**  
**Printed material, 1928-1989**  
**Box 22; OP 1-3**

**Scope and Content Note**

The series consists of printed materials created by the Universal Negro Improvement Association from 1928-1989. The UNIA material includes broadsides advertising various UNIA sponsored events; brochures relating information about the purpose, programs; and goals of the UNIA; and programs of the UNIA events. Programs relating to the international conferences of the UNIA may be found in Series 2: Administrative Records under Meetings-Parent Body.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order by record type.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
22	1	British Postal Orders (containing donations from Ghana and Gold Coast), 1958
22	2	Broadsides, no date
22	3	Broadsides, 1928-1959
22	4	Broadsides, 1960-1969
22	5	Broadsides, 1970-1977
OP1		Broadsides, Oversized, 1924-1953 and no date
22	6	Brochure, "African - Every Blackman's Business," by William L. Sherrill, Sr., no date
22	7	Brochure, "Hon. Thomas W. Harvey - Commissioner-Ohio," no date [includes three poems written by Harvey]
22	8	Brochure, "National Public Relations Committee of the NIA Program," Detroit, Michigan, no date
22	9	Brochure, "Negro War Aims," by Lester Taylor, 1943
22	10	Brochure, "New Africa Faces the World," by William L. Sherrill, Sr., no date
22	11	Brochure, "The Rehabilitative Committee of the UNIA and African Communities League," resolution adopted at Philadelphia, August 1, 1943
22	12	Brochure, "The UNIA and African Communities League - What it is and how it operates," no date
22	13	Brochure, "This is our Day," by William L. Sherrill, Sr., no date
22	14	Brochure, "We are not Subversive," no date
22	15	Brochure, "Your Guide to Operation Going Home," [1976]
22	16	Bundles for Africa, various printed
22	17	Business card, Thomas W. Harvey, President General
22	18	Bylaws book, Black Cross Nurses Division 405
22	19	Cards, Marcus Garvey
OP2		Certificate, The Black Cross Navigation & Trading Co., Inc., 1924

- 22 20 Certificate, Marcus Garvey Institute (Monrovia, Liberia), for Kesselly Joseph, December 13, 1968
- 22 21 Christmas circular letters, Editor of the *Garvey Voice*, no dates
- 22 22 Christmas greetings from High Commissioner in Canada [from unknown publication], no date
- 22 23 Contribution cards
- 22 24 Credentials of Official Delegate to the Regional Conference (Philadelphia), August 1945
- 22 25 Dues cards
- 22 26 Financial book (blank), Black Cross Nurses Division 405
- 22 27 Form, Loan
- 22 28 Invitation, Brooklyn Unit, Annual Dance and Floor Show, October 22, 1955 (New York, New York)
- 22 29 Invitation, Chicago Isaiah Morter Division, Installation of Officers, January 12, 196
- 22 30 Invitation, Philadelphia Division No. 121, An African Feast, January 1, 1961 (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)
- 22 31 Membership application forms, Harmony Division, Kingston, Jamaica
- 22 32 Membership application, Universal African League, 1st Corp Area of the UNIA (New York, New York), no date
- 22 33 Membership cards
- 22 34 Membership certificates
- 22 35 Newsletter: *Community News* (Raleigh, North Carolina), Vol. II, No 22, June 1973
- 22 36 Newspaper clippings, 1945-1977
- 22 37 Newspaper clippings, Sherrill, William L., "We, the Negro"
- 22 38 Newspaper clippings (in scrapbook), UNIA Convention Notes, 1921
- 22 39 Palm card (?), E.S. Robinson, Sr., Secretary-General UNIA
- 22 40 Poem, "All Around the World," by Margaret R. Fallon, no date
- 22 41 Poem, "Garvey's New Day," by Rubie Blackwell, 1961
- OP3 Poster, Thomas W. Harvey, born 1893 - died 1978
- 22 42 Press pass and credential form
- 22 43 Press releases
- 22 44 Program, Garvey Memorial Hall (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), dedication, no date
- 22 45 Program, Tentative Agenda for Conference of the Rehabilitating Committee to be held at Philadelphia Division 121, August 1-2, 1943
- 22 46 Program, UNIA Welcomes Home its President General The - Hon. William L. Sherrill (Detroit, Michigan), December 19, 1954
- 22 47 Program, The African Land Project (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), February 2, 1957



- 22 48 Program, [Ghana Independence Celebration] (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), April 7, 1957
- 22 49 Program, Honoring the Coming of Mr. William L. Sherrill (recently returned from Ghana, Africa) (Toledo, Ohio), May 5, 1957
- 22 50 Program, Re-Interment of the Remains of the Late Marcus Mosiah Garvey, Georgia IV Memorial Park (Kingston, Jamaica), November 15, 1964
- 22 51 Program: Operation Africa, Report from Liberia (Detroit, Michigan), November 24, 1968
- 22 52 Program: 90th Birthday Celebration of the Late Honorable Marcus Garvey (Chicago, Illinois), August 4, 1977
- 22 53 Raffle tickets, Grand Freedom Feast (Detroit, Michigan), June 13, 1953
- 22 54 Receipt book [blank]
- 22 55 Song book, New York Vanguard Local 301
- 22 56 Songs
- 22 57 Stationery
- 22 58 Stationery, William L. Sherrill for Councilman (Detroit, Michigan), no date
- 22 59 Ticket, UNIA International Convention (Brooklyn, New York), August 31, 1961
- 22 60 Ticket, Testimonial Dinner (Detroit, Michigan), August 31, 1963

**Series 6**  
**Other organizations, 1921-1989**  
**Box 23-24; OP 4-8**

**Scope and Content Note**

The series consists of records and printed materials created by other organizations from 1921-1989 that were collected by or sent to the UNIA. The materials include printed matter such as broadsides, brochures, and programs; minutes, resolutions, and other records. Many of the organizations represented here relate to Marcus Garvey, Black Nationalism, Pan-Africanism, and the Back-to-Africa movement.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
23	1	"Abraham Lincoln on the Question of Negro Colonization and Acts of the Congress Authorizing him to Institute his Negro Colonization Program," brochure (distributed by Earnest Sevier Cox, Richmond, Virginia)
23	2	African American Repatriation Association, agenda, 1969
23	3	African Continental Art and Cultural Centre (New York, New York), African Voluntary Air Concert, broadside, September 14, 1957
23	4	The African-Liberation Heritage Association (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), tickets to "What is Your African Heritage," August 22, 1969
OP4		African Jazz-Art Society & Studios (Harlem, New York), "Naturally '70 - The Original African Coiffure, Fashion & Culture Affair Designed to Restore our Racial Pride & Standards," event poster, December 13, 1970
23	5	African National Congress (Northern Rhodesia), agenda, December 8-12, 1957
23	6	African Nationalist Activist Movement (New York, New York), broadside for Garvey Day Eve Festival, August 16, 1970
23	7	African Nationalist Federated Council (New York, New York), broadside for mass rally, September 14, 1963
23	8	African Nationalist Federated Council, (New York, New York), press releases
23	9	African Nationalist Pioneer Movement (Harlem, New York, New York), broadside for Garvey Day Celebration, 1966, 1972, 1975
23	10	African Nationalist Union, aims and objectives, no date
23	11	African Nationals in America, flyer, no date
23	12	African Studies Association of the West Indies, 1972
23	13	The African Reconstruction Association (New York, New York, New York), membership bank, no date
23	14	Afro-American Advancement Society (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), brochure, no date
23	15	Afro-American Commission to the Republic of Liberia, charter, no date
23	16	Afro-American Institute and Federated Fireside Groups, records, 1938

- 23 17 Afro-American Society, "Who is Who Know Why," no date  
OP5
- 23 18 Afro-West Indian Welfare League, "Back to Africa Memorandum & Petition, Submitted to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the Parliament of the British Commonwealth of Nations," broadside, April 14, 1961
- 23 19 All-African People's Revolutionary Party, ideology, no date
- 23 20 All African Women's Conference, flyer announcing a send off party for Queen Mother Moore, July 14, 1972
- 23 21 American Colonization Society (Washington, D.C.), brochure, no date
- 23 22 American Committee to Keep Biafra Alive (New York, New York), flyers, circa 1968
- 23 23 American Foundation for Negro Affairs, officers, no date
- 23 24 Ancient Order of Sphinx of the World (Detroit, Michigan), various, no date
- 23 25 Arusha-Konakri Institute (Chicago, Illinois), flyer, 1972
- 23 26 Back to Africa Movement, broadside for Dr. Lewis Henri Micheaux's lectures at Harlem Square, no date
- 23 27 Bell, William K., *15 Million Negroes and 15 Billion Dollars*, book advertisement
- 23 28 Bishop Lewis, "God's Great Mystery Man from New Orleans, La.," broadside for appearance in Philadelphia, no date
- 23 29 Black Star Line, Inc., receipt book [blank]
- 23 30 Black Star Line, Inc., stock certificate, 1921
- 23 31 Booker T. Washington Trade Association, 9th Annual Exhibit and Show (Detroit, Michigan), ticket, no date
- 23 32 Chester, A. Chester, Secretary-Treasurer, Home and Foreign Missionary Department of the African Methodist Episcopal Church
- 23 33 Conference in Support of African Liberation, Proposal for Kenya Aid Program, Friendship Baptist Church (New York, New York), April 24, 1954
- 23 34 Conference on the Participation of the Negro in National Defense, Hampton Institute, Report of the Committee on Findings for Military and Navel Defense, November 25-26, 1940
- 23 35 Cronon, E. David, *Black Moses*, book advertisement
- 23 36 Davis, S. A., "Author and interpreter of Biblical predictions as they apply to the black and white race," various printed, no date
- 23 37 Davis, William, funeral program, Four Mile Baptist Church (New Ellenton, South Carolina), 1989
- 23 38 Detroit Civic Rights Committee, open letter to Councilmen of the City of Detroit, July 19, 1935
- 23 39 Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church (Mutchmore Memorial) (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), broadside for fashion show, March 14, 1959
- 23 40 Friends for Independence of Namibia, flyer, no date
- 23 41 Garvey Club (New York, New York), records, 1938, 1946

- 23 41 Garvey International Library and Educational Institution (New York, New York), broadside to grand opening, August 16, 1959
- 23 42 Garvey Memorial Foundation (Detroit, Michigan), minutes, March 4-5, 1978
- 23 43 George VI Memorial Park (Kingston, Jamaica), programme for unveiling of Marcus Garvey bust, November 4, 1956
- 23 44 Ghana, various brochures
- 23 45 Ghana Independence Day, Parking passes, March 1957
- 23 46 Ghana Students Association of the USA and Canada, reception program, July 29, 1958
- 23 47 Greater Detroit Youth Assembly, Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 1, January 15, 1941
- 23 48 House of Knowledge (Chicago, Illinois), advertising cards, no date
- 23 49 Institute of Black Nationalists, flyer, 1972
- OP6 International African Students Aid Association, program, July 18, 1923
- 23 50 International Committee on African Affairs (New York, New York), brochure, no date
- 23 51 International Committee of Young Men's Christian Association, brochure, no date
- 23 52 The Jolly Handicap Club (Detroit, Michigan), raffle ticket, November 20, 1954
- 23 53 Kongo University Committee of One Hundred, invitation, July 1, 1960
- 23 54 Liberty Building and Trading Company, stock certificate, 1927-1928
- 23 55 Marcus Garvey Memorial Educational Foundation (Brooklyn, New York), brochure, no date
- 23 56 Marcus Garvey Elementary School (Chicago, Illinois), dedication program, October 4, 1974
- 23 57 Marcus Garvey School for African Education: Instructor's Guide, no date
- 23 58 Maryland Petition Committee, *MPC Bulletin*, January 1957
- 23 59 Michigan Committee for Academic Freedom, "Without Fear or Favor: The Case of the Michigan Students," September 1940
- 23 60 The National Christian Liberty Front of America (Washington, D.C.), brochure, "The Coming Liberation of America," no date
- 23 61 National Institute for Negro Advancement, Constitution, no date
- 23 62 National Negro Alliance, Constitution and Bylaws
- 23 63 National Negro Congress, various, circa 1945
- 23 64 National Negro Labor Council (Detroit, Michigan), brochure, "Therefore, be it resolved...to end discrimination in the railroad industry," 1953
- 23 65 National Negro Scholarship Plan, flyer, no date [Melvin Allen, organizer-director]
- 23 66 "Negro Masses Lack Government," broadside, no date
- 23 67 Negro Nationalist Society of America, brochure, no date
- 23 68 Negro Protective Association (Cincinnati, Ohio), broadside for mass meeting re Emmett Till, November 13, 1955

- 23 69 Negro Protective Association (Cincinnati, Ohio), membership card
- 23 70 Nigerian Students Union, ANAM and African Jazz-Art Society & Studios (Harlem, New York), broadside for Black Solidarity Festival, March 28, 1970
- 24 1 Philadelphia Fellowship Commission, flyer, no date
- 24 2 Prince Hall Masonic Temple (Detroit, Michigan), Breakfast Dance, advertising card, June 4, 1955
- 24 3 Republican National Committee, "Where Lies the Real Danger to Our Freedom and Liberties," by Emmett J. Scott, press release, June 12, 1941
- 24 4 Self Determination Committee (Los Angeles, California), flyers, 1960s-1970s
- 24 5 South African Committee for Youth Work (Chicago, Illinois), program for Town Hall Meeting, December 7, 1952
- OP7 "St. Ann's Motion, An original musical production based on James G. Spady's Marcus Garvey, African and the UNIA," poster, 1987
- 24 6 Strong, Bill, sketch of Marcus Garvey
- 24 7 Thornhill, R.D. (Rev.), Finite Infinite Mentalist and Consultant, New York, New York, business card, no date
- 24 8 Union Better Life Gospel Campaign of the Community Churches (Chicago, Illinois), pledge card, no date
- 24 9 United African Nationalist Movement, Unit 2 (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), conference agenda, 1948
- OP8 United African Nationalist Movement (New York, New York), broadside for Marcus Garvey Day celebration, August 1, 1953
- 24 10 United Associates (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), directory advertisement, no date
- 24 11 United Nations, brochure, "Out Rights as Human Beings," 1951
- 24 12 United Nations, Ad Hoc Committee on Slavery, circulars, "Questionnaires on Slavery and Servitude," 1950
- 24 13 United Negro Progressive Association, brochure, no date
- 24 14 United States Congress, House Concurrent Resolution 159, June 5, 1985, regarding Marcus Garvey pardon
- 24 15 United States Constitution Council, various printed, 1970s
- 24 16 Universal African Nationalist Movement, 1953-1956
- 24 17 [Unknown organization], Aims and objects
- 24 18 White America Society (Richmond, Virginia), brochure, "Abraham Lincoln: His Efforts to Make America a White Nation," no date
- 24 19 YM & YWHA (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), broadside for Spring Peach Forum, May 22, 1956
- 24 20 Young Afro-Americans of South Philadelphia, flyer, no date
- 24 21 YWCA (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), broadside for mass meeting, March 31, 1946 [Andronicus Jacobs speaker]
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