Descriptive Summary

Creator: Yarbrough, Dean S.
Title: Dean S. Yarbrough papers, 1925-1945
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 989
Extent: 1 linear ft. (3 boxes)
Abstract: Papers of Dean S. Yarbrough, an African American college professor and sociologist, from 1925-1945.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note
Dean Scruggs Yarbrough (1903- ) is an African American college professor and sociologist. He was born in Athens, Alabama on January 18, 1903 to Booker T. and Isabella (Mason)

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Yarbrough. He received an A.B. from Miles College of Birmingham, Alabama in 1923 and a Master of Humanities from Springfield College in Massachusetts in 1925. A year later he married Mary E. Matthews, with whom he would have two children. Yarbrough received his PhD in sociology from the University of Pittsburgh in 1934 with a dissertation entitled, "Racial Adjustment in Small Communities."

Yarbrough was active in the Urban League in both Ohio and New York City, working as an executive secretary and research assistant from 1930-1934. He also worked for the New York City Emergency Relief Bureau from 1934-1938 and the New York State Employment Service from 1938-1939 before accepting a professorship at Wilberforce University in Ohio in the sociology department. In 1944 he spent a year in Italy as a club director in the American Red Cross Overseas Service. He joined the faculty of the College of Education and Industrial Arts at Wilberforce in 1948. Yarbrough has served on a number of commissions and committees, including the Ohio Governor's Committee on Employment Problems of Negroes and the United Negro College Fund.

**Scope and Content Note**
The collection consists of the papers of Dean S. Yarbrough from 1925-1945. The papers include correspondence; financial records, memos and reports created when Yarbrough served as the director of the American Red Cross Overseas Service club in Italy in 1944-1945; and a small amount of printed material from the West Federal Street Branch Y in Youngstown, Ohio. The correspondence, dating from 1925-1945, mostly concerns his work in various organizations and commissions, including the Urban League, the YWCA, the YMCA, the New York Department of Public Welfare, and the American Red Cross. There is some correspondence from University of Pittsburgh and M.C. Elmer, his PhD advisor, concerning Yarborough's dissertation and graduation from the university. The remainder of the correspondence includes letters from family members, responses to Yarborough's job applications from the United States Department of Labor and Lincoln University, and other miscellaneous items.

The records from the Red Cross detail Yarborough's work as a club director for both the Cattolica Club and Lucera Club in Italy during World War II. The clubs provided meals, entertainment, and overnight accommodations for United States soldiers serving overseas. The collection contains budget reports, personnel lists, a supply inventory, payroll lists and a program from the two clubs headed by Yarbrough in 1944-1945.

The Yarbrough papers also contain correspondence related to his teaching career and his career as a college administrator and president.

**Arrangement Note**
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