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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This series of *Papers of the NAACP* documents the activities of NAACP branch offices and state conferences in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The files are arranged alphabetically by state and span from 1940 to 1955.

During the 1940s, the NAACP grew into a mass membership organization. From a nationwide membership of approximately 50,000 in 1940, by 1946 the association could boast almost 450,000 members and over 1,000 branches. Much of the association's membership growth occurred in the Midwest. By the mid-1940s, the Midwest was home to some of the NAACP's largest branches. In 1945, the Detroit branch was the largest NAACP branch with 33,000 members. The Chicago branch boasted 18,500 memberships in 1945. The Cleveland branch grew from 7,000 members in 1945 to over 11,000 by 1947. The Cincinnati branch also enjoyed tremendous growth. With only 275 members in 1941, by 1946 the branch had over 8,000 members.

The NAACP's growth in the Midwest resulted from a massive migration of African Americans from the south to the nation's industrial centers between 1915 and 1945. For example, Cleveland's African American population increased from about 8,500 in 1910 to 71,000 by 1930 and to 84,000 by 1940. Cincinnati's African American population increased by almost 23,000 people between 1940 and 1950. Approximately 50,000 African Americans migrated to Detroit between 1940 and 1943. Finding adequate housing for this new population emerged as one of the principal concerns of the NAACP during the 1940 to 1955 period. This series of branch files documents two of the more violent housing battles.

Beginning in the fall of 1953, African Americans moving into the Trumbull Park Homes project in Chicago faced constant harassment and violent attacks on their homes. The Chicago branch files contain many documents on this situation. For example, a February 15, 1954, branch press release discusses letters sent to President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Chicago Mayor Martin H. Kennelly asking for intervention to protect African Americans living in the project (see the folder beginning at Frame 0001 of Reel 1). A January 25, 1954, letter (Reel 1, Frame 0109) calls for an investigation of the South Deering Improvement Association and the White Circle League. By April 26, 1955, despite continued violence in the Trumbull Park Homes area, twenty-six African American families were living in the development, and the NAACP pledged to support them in their quest for equal housing opportunities.

The other major housing battle chronicled in this series of *Papers of the NAACP* involved the Sojourner Truth Homes in Detroit. During 1942, whites in Detroit attempted to prevent African Americans from moving into these homes. In January 1942 the NAACP, in alliance with other organizations including the National Negro Congress and the Detroit Association of Women's Clubs, filed suit against the Detroit Housing Commission, charging it with discriminatory practices that violated the city charter and the Michigan state constitution. The tensions over housing in Detroit contributed, in part, to the outbreak of a major two-day riot in June 1943. By the time order was restored on June 21, thirty-four African Americans had been killed, another seven hundred suffered injuries, and \$200 million in property had been destroyed. A speech by Donald Jones (Reel 5, Frame 0348) mentions inadequate housing as a cause of the riot and criticizes the report on the causes of the riot, issued by the governor of Michigan's Fact Finding Committee. The subject index of this guide may be consulted for many of the other documents pertaining to housing and discrimination in housing. In addition, the complete files of the NAACP's campaign against discrimination in housing can be found in *Papers of the NAACP, Part 5: The Campaign against Residential Segregation, 1914–1955* and *Supplement to Part 5: Residential Segregation, General Office Files, 1956–1965*.

Another major topic covered in this series of branch files is the NAACP's efforts in the area of employment. The mobilization for World War II created a host of job opportunities for all Americans and the NAACP was one of several organizations fighting to ensure that African Americans received their share of the available employment. In 1941, facing the prospect of a massive March on Washington engineered by labor leader A. Philip Randolph, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 8802, abolishing discrimination in all government and national defense jobs and creating a Fair Employment Practices Committee. The Fair Employment Practices Committee received complaints regarding employment discrimination and held quasi-judicial hearings, after which recommendations were made for remedies. The Midwest branch files contain many documents on the NAACP's campaign for the enactment of state and local fair employment practices legislation.

In the battle for fair employment practices legislation, the NAACP sometimes worked with other organizations, especially with the most progressive elements in the labor movement. This cooperation manifests itself in the Midwest branch files in several documents on the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO). The complete NAACP national office files on employment discrimination and the NAACP's relationship with the labor movement can be found in *Papers of the NAACP, Part 13: The NAACP and Labor, 1940–1955* and *Supplement to Part 13: The NAACP and Labor, 1956–1965*.

The Midwest branch files also reveal that the NAACP's campaign against discrimination in education was not confined to the southern United States. A June 1954 report by the Chicago branch education committee focuses on the extent of segregation in Chicago schools and includes seven recommendations to bring quality education to all Chicago residents (Reel 1, Frame 0109). The Illinois State Conference files contain several reports from June Shagaloff to Thurgood Marshall outlining the progress of school desegregation throughout Illinois. Shagaloff, an assistant to Robert L. Carter in the NAACP's legal department, was assigned the task of devising strategies to unravel *de facto* segregation in school districts outside the South. More on Shagaloff's activities can be found in *Papers of the NAACP, Supplement to Part 17: National Staff Files, 1956–1965*. The files of the Missouri State Conference for 1955 (Reel 10, Frame 0846) include a report on school desegregation in Missouri, entitled: "The First Year: Integration in the publicly supported schools of Missouri." Researchers interested in school desegregation should also consult *Papers of the NAACP, Part 3: The Campaign for Educational Equality, 1913–1965*.

In addition to providing essential local detail on the campaigns against discrimination in housing, employment, and education, the Midwest branch files contain many discussions of other NAACP initiatives and of important local events. Several episodes of direct action protests; political initiatives to secure national, state, and local civil rights legislation; and involvement in political campaigns testify to the growing political power and influence of the NAACP and its members during the 1940s and 1950s. The subject index of this guide may be consulted for many of these specific episodes of NAACP activism. Many of the state conference and branch files in this edition include detailed reports about local conditions. Especially useful in this regard are the Illinois State Conference 1952 annual meeting program (Reel 2, Frame 0454); Kansas State Conference newsletters (Reel 4, Frames 0461 and 0629); monthly and annual reports from the Detroit branch; and the proceedings of the Ohio State Conference (Reel 12, Frames 0636, 0748, and 0836). The Reel Index of this guide may be consulted in order to locate these detailed reports.

Part 26: Selected Branch Files, 1940–1955 of *Papers of the NAACP* represents a continuation of the Selected Branch Files from Part 12 (1913–1939). *Part 27: Selected Branch Files, 1956–1965* and *Part 25: Branch Department Files* supplement Part 26. Of particular value in conjunction with the local branch files are the records of numerous field secretaries in *Part 17: National Staff Files, 1940–1955* and *Supplement to Part 17: National Staff Files, 1956–1965*. The regional staff was one of the chief beneficiaries of increased NAACP dues monies in the 1940s and the national office relied heavily on these staff members for information on local matters.

SOURCE NOTE

All documents microfilmed for this edition are held by the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. The branch files selected for this edition were drawn exclusively from Group II (1940–1955), Series C (Branch Department File) of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Records collection.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Professors John H. Bracey Jr. and Sharon Harley compiled this edition of *Papers of the NAACP* after a thorough survey of all branch files in Group II of the NAACP Records collection at the Library of Congress. Every branch whose records contained a substantial amount of correspondence regarding substantive issues was selected. Each file selected has been reproduced in its entirety. Those branch files that have not been selected for this edition may be consulted in the original collection at the Library of Congress.

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used throughout this guide.

AFL	American Federation of Labor
CIO	Congress of Industrial Organizations
CORE	Congress of Racial Equality
FEPC	Fair Employment Practices Commission
NAACP	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
UAW	United Automobile, Aircraft, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America
YMCA	Young Men's Christian Association

REEL INDEX

The following is a listing of the folders comprising *Papers of the NAACP, Part 26: Selected Branch Files, 1940–1955, Series C: The Midwest*. The four-digit number on the far left is the frame at which a particular file folder begins. This is followed by the file title, the date(s) of the file, and the total number of pages. Substantive issues are highlighted under the heading *Major Topics*, as are prominent correspondents under the heading *Principal Correspondents*.

Reel 1

Frame No.

Group II, Series C, Branch Department Files Geographical File

Group II, Box C-46

0001 **Chicago, Illinois, January–May 1954.** 108 pp.

Major Topics: Speech by Kathryn M. Johnson on Abraham Lincoln; Trumbull Park Homes project of Chicago Housing Authority; memberships; teachers; views of candidates for municipal court positions; violence in Trumbull Park area.

Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Mary Ann Parker; Archie L. Weaver; Rachel Ellis; Cora Patton; Zanda Watson; Lucille Black; Annie M. Proctor.

Group II, Box C-47

0109 **Chicago, Illinois, June–December 1954.** 103 pp.

Major Topics: Finances; violence in Trumbull Park Homes project of Chicago Housing Authority; Committee of Racial Equality; discrimination at Pottawottamie Park swimming pool in St. Charles; membership campaign; activities pertaining to civil rights legislation; views of candidates for county offices; discrimination in Lawndale, Bridgeport, and Julia Lathrop Homes of Chicago Housing Authority; discrimination in education.

Principal Correspondents: N. B. Andrews; Gloster B. Current; Nelson M. Willis; Lucille Black; George N. Leighton; Archie L. Weaver; Robert L. Birchman; Gertrude Gorman; A. L. Foster.

0212 **Chicago, Illinois, January–August 1955.** 102 pp.

Major Topics: Discrimination in education; activities pertaining to passage of civil rights legislation; civil rights rally and tribute to Charles J. Jenkins; Negro History Week; Committee of Racial Equality; public schools bond issue; women's auxiliary; Illinois fair employment practices legislation; Trumbull Park Homes; federal aid to school construction bill.

Principal Correspondents: Henry Lee Moon; Robert L. Birchman; Fern Smith; Cora Patton Andrews; Gloster B. Current; Archie L. Weaver.

0314 **Chicago, Illinois, September–December 1955.** 142 pp.

Major Topics: Membership statistics; demonstration regarding violence at Trumbull Park Homes; resolutions regarding Trumbull Park Homes and murder of Emmett Till; demonstration to protest lynching of Emmett Till; discrimination by hospitals.

Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; Lena Smith; Roy Wilkins; Vivian Moore; Archie L. Weaver; Gertrude Gorman; Donald Jones; Willoughby Abner; Cora M. Patton; N. B. Andrews; Robert L. Birchman.

Group II, Box C-51

0456 **Springfield, Illinois, 1940–1945.** 206 pp.

Major Topics: Memberships; racial discrimination; youth; discrimination in public facilities and by hospitals.

Principal Correspondents: Daisy E. Lampkin; R. A. Byrd; William Pickens; Simeon B. Osby Jr.; Lucille Black; J. H. Wilson Sr.; E. Frederic Morrow; Eunice I. Pendergrass; Dorothy Miller; R. Jeannette Ivy; Ella J. Baker; Ruby Hurley; Russell C. Meek Jr.

Group II, Box C-52

0662 **Illinois State Conference, 1941–1948.** 149 pp.

Major Topics: Resolution regarding Citizen's Aeronautical Authority; membership statistics; Matilda Williams; executive committee officers and board members; reorganization of state conference; annual meeting (1948); branch officers.

Principal Correspondents: Alma L. Webster; Lucille Black; Ella J. Baker; Nelson M. Willis; Gloster B. Current; E. B. Jourdain Jr.; Herbert L. Wright; Walter White; R. Jeannette Ivy; LeRoy E. Carter.

0811 **Illinois State Conference, January–March 1949.** 73 pp.

Major Topics: Membership statistics; relationship between national office and Illinois State Conference; discrimination in education.

Principal Correspondents: Lucille Black; Herbert L. Wright; Gloster B. Current; Thurgood Marshall; S. Marion Riley Jr.; Edwin C. Berry; Jessye L. Trotter; R. Jeannette Ivy; Fred L. Harris.

0884 **Illinois State Conference, April–August 1949.** 70 pp.

Major Topics: Report on Decatur, Danville, and Bloomington branches; discrimination in education; report on East St. Louis, Cairo, Centralia, and Springfield branches; report on Wheaton, Maywood, Evanston, Joliet, and Chicago branches; report on Peoria and Tri-Cities branches.

Principal Correspondents: Herbert L. Wright; Lucille Black; Earl B. Dickerson; Loring B. Moore; George N. Leighton.

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0001 **Illinois State Conference, September–December 1949.** 92 pp.

Major Topics: Duties of branch president and executive committee chairman; relationship between national office and Illinois State Conference; AFL and CIO support of membership campaign; finances; reorganization of state conference; Illinois FEPC legislation.

Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; S. Marion Riley Jr.; Lester P. Bailey; R. Jeannette Ivy; Herbert L. Wright; Thurgood Marshall; Lucille Black; Robert Ross Johnson.

0093 **Illinois State Conference, 1950.** 143 pp.

Major Topics: Branch officers; discrimination in education; federal FEPC legislation; discrimination by restaurant in Chicago Heights; discrimination within American Medical Association; home rule for Washington, D.C.; membership statistics; annual meeting (1950).

Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; Herbert L. Wright; Robert Ross Johnson; Ruby Hurley; Faith Rich; William Clark; Leslie V. Warren.

0236 **Illinois State Conference, 1951.** 77 pp.

Major Topics: Membership statistics; discrimination in housing in Cicero; annual meeting (1951); discrimination in education; branch officers.

Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Faith Rich; John E. Washington; Lucille Black; Callye Cobb; Paul Edward Thurlow.

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- 0313 **Illinois State Conference, January–May 1952.** 141 pp.
Major Topics: Communism; branch officers; membership statistics; relationship between national office and Illinois State Conference; discrimination in education; discrimination in public accommodations; branches chartered.
Principal Correspondents: Herbert L. Wright; Gloster B. Current; Paul Edward Thurlow; Thurgood Marshall; Lucille Brown; Kenneth E. Barton; Billy Jones; Faith Rich; June Shagaloff; Roy Wilkins; Leon R. Harris; Albert Ben Stroud; Marie G. Baker.
- 0454 **Illinois State Conference, June–December 1952.** 184 pp.
Major Topics: State conference officers and executive committee members; desegregation of Lake Springfield beaches; Leadership Conference on Civil Rights; school desegregation; membership statistics; speech by Kathryn M. Johnson regarding Abraham Lincoln; criticism of Gloster B. Current and related correspondence; discrimination in education; annual meeting (1952).
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Walter White; A. L. Foster; Lucille Brown; June Shagaloff; Lucille Black; Kenneth E. Barton; Billy Jones; Herbert L. Wright; Kathryn M. Johnson; Faith Rich; Paul Edward Thurlow; Alfred Baker Lewis.
- 0638 **Illinois State Conference, 1953.** 94 pp.
Major Topics: Branch officers; education; branches chartered; Illinois State Conference constitution and by-laws.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Faith Rich; Paul Edward Thurlow; A. L. Foster; Robert L. Birchman.
- 0732 **Illinois State Conference, 1954.** 133 pp.
Major Topics: Housing in Chicago; views of candidates for political offices; activities pertaining to civil rights legislation; David A. Strother; Trumbull Park Homes; recommendations for 1954 Illinois Democratic Party platform; discrimination in education and housing.
Principal Correspondents: Robert L. Birchman; Gloster B. Current; A. L. Foster; Gerald D. Bullock; Billy Jones; Roy Wilkins; Janis Rice; Virgil C. Gordon; Benjamin N. Moore; James E. Lewis; N. B. Andrews; Lucille Black; L. H. Holman; Kenneth E. Barton; Faith Rich.
- 0865 **Illinois State Conference, 1955.** 138 pp.
Major Topics: Activities pertaining to civil rights legislation; views of Chicago mayoral candidates; Trumbull Park Homes; Illinois FEPC legislation; discrimination in Illinois hospitals; membership and Freedom Fund statistics; housing.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Billy Jones; Lucille Black; Roy Wilkins; Archie L. Weaver; Gerald D. Bullock.

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- 0001 **Indianapolis, Indiana, 1940–1944.** 196 pp.
Major Topics: Reorganization of branch; branch officers and executive committee members; memberships; youth council; desegregation of living quarters at Indiana University; Priscilla Dean Lewis.
Principal Correspondents: William Pickens; E. Frederic Morrow; Walter White; Robert Lee Brokenburr; I. Albert Moore; F. E. DeFrantz; Charlotte B. Crump; F. B. Ransom; Lucille Black; Georgia R. Harris; Lowell M. Trice; W. Chester Hibbitt; Edwin A. Sanders; Ella J. Baker; Ollie Mae Weeks; Irvana H. Ming; Helen F. Laster; Ruby Hurley; R. B. McArthur; O. A. Calhoun; L. B. Meriwether; Andrew Ramsey; Priscilla Dean Lewis; Pearl Ball.

- 0197 **Indianapolis, Indiana, 1945–1947.** 180 pp.
Major Topics: Protest of branch election; Priscilla Dean Lewis; War Manpower Commission; speech on democracy by branch president Lowell M. Trice; discrimination at Riverside Amusement Park; discrimination in education.
Principal Correspondents: Priscilla Dean Lewis; Lowell M. Trice; R. B. McArthur; J. C. Carroll; Lucille Black; Emory A. James; Ella J. Baker; Roy Wilkins; Madison S. Jones Jr.; I. Albert Moore; Jacqueline Young; Gloster B. Current; Donald Jones; Betty McCabe; Ollie Mae Weeks; Flonoi Adams; William T. Ray.
- 0377 **Indianapolis, Indiana, 1948–1950.** 143 pp.
Major Topics: Discrimination in public facilities; speech by Gloster B. Current at YMCA Monster Mass Meeting; discrimination in education; memberships; Civil Rights Congress; National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization Committee.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; William T. Ray; Willard B. Ransom; Wilson A. Head; Walter White; Charles K. Harris; Jessie Jacobs; Rufus W. Smith; Lucille Black; Ollie Mae Weeks; Charles S. Preston; Naomi B. Gillespie; Bernard Brown.
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- 0520 **Indiana State Conference, 1948–1949.** 139 pp.
Major Topics: Youth memberships; housing; education; discrimination in employment and fair employment practices legislation; labor unions; Henry A. Wallace; NAACP's nonpartisan policy; membership statistics; resolutions on federal and state civil rights legislation; UAW–CIO.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Willard B. Ransom; Aron S. Gilmartin; Walter White; Roy Wilkins; Lynnville G. Miles; Marian Wynn Perry; LeRoy E. Carter; Edna Johnson; Harry Harris; Lucille Black.
- 0659 **Indiana State Conference, 1950–1952.** 228 pp.
Major Topics: Officers and board of directors; membership statistics; activities of Indiana director of branches, F. Douglas Coker; Indiana University chapter; education; employment; civil rights; housing; armed forces; labor unions; branches chartered; annual meeting (1951); branch presidents; communism; constitution and by-laws for state conferences.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Willard B. Ransom; F. Douglas Coker; Lucille Black; Grant Spears Jr.; Ruby Hurley; William E. Emage; Peggy H. Landers; Mary F. Anderson; Clarence Mitchell; Walter White; Herbert L. Wright; Edna Johnson; Willie Effie Thomas; Aron S. Gilmartin; Daisy E. Hood; Vera Brechtel.
- 0887 **Indiana State Conference, 1953–1955.** 124 pp.
Major Topics: Ethel and Julius Rosenberg case and concerns about radical politics; membership statistics; school desegregation; annual meeting (1954).
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; Jessie Jacobs; Melvin S. Baird; Willie Effie Thomas; Dorothy Carter; F. Douglas Coker; Ocia P. Cowart; Edna Johnson Morris.

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- 0001 **Iowa State Conference, 1941–1946.** 119 pp.
Major Topics: State conference officers and executive committee members; branch officers; membership statistics; NAACP's nonpartisan policy; seventh annual meeting (1946).
Principal Correspondents: E. Frederic Morrow; William Pickens; S. Joe Brown; Georgine C. Morris; Roy Wilkins; Lucille Black; Ella J. Baker; Ethel Spaulding; Milton F. Fields; Albert S. Kilbourn; Rose B. Johnson; Ike Smalls; Gloster B. Current.

0120 **Iowa State Conference, 1947–1949.** 97 pp.
Major Topics: Officers and executive committee members; membership statistics; speech by Gloster B. Current at ninth annual meeting (1948); tenth annual meeting (1949).
Principal Correspondents: Rufus W. Smith; Ike Smalls; Lucille Black; LeRoy E. Carter; Roy Wilkins; Gloster B. Current; Jordan Ray; Luther T. Glanton Jr.; Rose B. Johnson; C. H. Copeland.

0217 **Iowa State Conference, 1950–1955.** 175 pp.
Major Topics: Membership statistics; eleventh annual meeting (1950); state conference officers; twelfth (1951) and thirteenth (1952) annual meetings; Ike Smalls; fourteenth annual meeting (1953); Georgine Morris; branch officers.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Luther T. Glanton Jr.; Mrs. C. H. Copeland; Roy Wilkins; Ike Smalls; Rose B. Johnson; Viola Gibson; Lucille Black; David Singer; Helen C. Calloway; Wilmer S. Johnson; Betty Jane Holsteen; Ed DeMar.

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0392 **Kansas State Conference, 1943–1947.** 59 pp.
Major Topics: Membership statistics; state conference officers and executive committee members.
Principal Correspondents: Ella J. Baker; George E. Van Hook; Clifton Page; Mrs. J. W. Wright; A. Porter Davis; Beulah Duckett; Lucille Black; M. Walker Winchester; Gloster B. Current; Lillian H. Waring.

0461 **Kansas State Conference, 1948–1950.** 168 pp.
Major Topics: Fifth annual meeting (1948); discrimination in education in Topeka; interracial workshop; Fellowship of Reconciliation; CORE; Kansas Clearing House on Civil Rights; seventh annual meeting (1950).
Principal Correspondents: A. Porter Davis; Gloster B. Current; C. R. McClinton; Madison S. Jones Jr.; Thurgood Marshall; Franklin H. Williams; Albert C. Eldridge; Lucille Black; Melton H. Stevens; Mrs. J. W. Wright; Daniel E. Byrd; Avis Martin; Mayme D. Caldwell; Juanita Cates; James C. Wells; Robert L. Carter.

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0629 **Kansas State Conference, 1951–1955.** 222 pp.
Major Topics: Membership statistics; eighth annual meeting (1951); complaint regarding state conference election; Kansas fair employment practices legislation; education; ninth annual meeting (1952); speech by Melton H. Stevens on African American history and race relations.
Principal Correspondents: Melton H. Stevens; Mrs. J. W. Wright; Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; Annie Johnson; Marie Woods; R. B. Brown; E. A. Freeman; A. B. McClendon; W. M. Blount; R. E. Penn; M. S. Trotter; A. Porter Davis; June Shagaloff; Walter White; Uberia Thompson; Carl R. Johnson; B. V. Wickware.

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0851 **Detroit, Michigan, January–June 1942.** 156 pp.
Major Topics: Sojourner Truth Homes; Hamtramck youth council; discrimination in employment; speech by Loring B. Moore at National Negro Youth Week meeting; membership campaign.
Principal Correspondents: Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current; James J. McClendon; Charlotte B. Crump; Walter White; Roy Wilkins; Madison S. Jones Jr.

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0001 **Detroit, Michigan, July–December 1942.** 181 pp.

Major Topics: Meeting on racial discrimination; discrimination in employment; Sojourner Truth Citizens' Committee; memberships; request by Gloster B. Current for leave of absence to take position with Baltimore, Maryland, NAACP branch; third quarterly meeting (August 29–30, 1942) and resolutions on civilian defense activities, employment, restrictive covenants, discrimination in employment, and American Red Cross; Daisy E. Lampkin's concerns about relationship between Gloster B. Current and the CIO; resignation of branch president James J. McClendon and appointment of Gloster B. Current; United States Employment Service report; withdrawal of resignation of James J. McClendon; discrimination in employment in national defense industries.

Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; James J. McClendon; Roy Wilkins; Ernest T. Marshall; Daisy E. Lampkin; Walter White; Donald M. D. Thurber; Joseph A. Beattie; Irene Woods.

0182 **Detroit, Michigan, January–July 1943.** 166 pp.

Major Topics: Education; housing; discrimination in the armed forces; branch officers and committee chairpersons; annual report for 1942 covering discrimination in employment, women workers, and education; memberships; demonstration against racial discrimination; discrimination in housing; Cadillac Charter; CIO; Communist Party; National Negro Congress; statements and recommendations for mayor of Detroit regarding recreation, education, housing, and labor; speech by James J. McClendon at rally for Henry A. Wallace; suggestions for increasing cooperation with labor unions; statement by Walter White in response to comments made by Detroit prosecutor William E. Dowling.

Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; Odette Harper; Roy Wilkins; Joseph S. Woods; Donald Jones; Walter White; Daisy E. Lampkin; Ella J. Baker.

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0348 **Detroit, Michigan, August–December 1943.** 165 pp.

Major Topics: Memberships; speech on Detroit riot by Donald Jones at branch meeting; executive secretary's report covering politics, police, rent control, Office of Price Administration, and memberships; annual report for 1943 covering housing, armed forces, war industries, President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices, education, legal cases, Detroit riot, politics, and public relations activities.

Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Ella J. Baker; Lucy L. Washington; Lucille Black; James J. McClendon; Roy Wilkins; Odette Harper; Frank Marquart; Lucille M. Greene.

0513 **Detroit, Michigan, January–April 1944.** 164 pp.

Major Topics: Financial report; housing; youth council; campaign to abolish poll tax; Greater Detroit Inter-Racial Fellowship; discrimination in housing; meeting on the Dingell-Wagner-Murray bill (social security); War Manpower Commission; police brutality; discrimination by Checker Cab Company worker; memberships; education.

Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Ruby Hurley; Ella J. Baker; Gloria L. Morgan; Roy Wilkins; James A. Felder; Jacqueline Thompson; Thomas David Hawkins; Horace F. Bradfield.

0677 **Detroit, Michigan, May–July 1944.** 129 pp.

Major Topics: Housing; youth council; membership campaign; lawyers and legal services.

Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Fannie Fordham; Charles A. Wess; Ruby Hurley; James A. Felder; J. Edward Charity; Lucille Black; Lucille M. Greene; Roy Wilkins; Walter White; Daisy E. Lampkin; Edward R. Dudley; Harold J. Walden; Ernest Goodman; William M. Graves.

- 0806 **Detroit, Michigan, August–September 1944.** 129 pp.
Major Topics: Lawyers and legal services; housing; membership campaign; armed forces; employment; public relations activities; finances; education; voter registration; Provisional Government of the Congo Free State West Africa in Exile.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Edward R. Dudley; Lucille Black; Donald S. Hoccock; Walter White; Ella J. Baker; Lucille M. Greene; Joe T. Thomas.

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- 0001 **Detroit, Michigan, October–December 1944.** 173 pp.
Major Topics: NAACP's nonpartisan policy; Provisional Government of the Congo Free State West Africa in Exile; memberships; "Negro-Jewish Relationships" by Eleanor Paperno Wolf, Alvin D. Loving, and Donald C. Marsh; Robert C. Weaver; election of 1944; housing; civil rights; Romulus school district case; education; Willow Run Region Intercultural Conference; membership campaign.
Principal Correspondents: Ruby Hurley; Lucille Black; James J. McClendon; Gloster B. Current; Joe T. Thomas; Glenwood T. Brown; Lucille M. Greene; Ella J. Baker; Roy Wilkins; Walter White.
- 0174 **Detroit, Michigan, January–April 1945.** 183 pp.
Major Topics: Housing; health facilities and services; race relations; education; armed forces; memberships; veterans; legal cases; Michigan FEPC legislation; politics; Michigan civil rights legislation.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Charles F. Edgecomb; Consuelo C. Young; Roy Wilkins; Lucille M. Greene; Ella J. Baker; Edward R. Dudley; Lucille Black; James J. McClendon.

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- 0357 **Detroit, Michigan, May–August 1945.** 150 pp.
Major Topics: Dinner honoring branch president James J. McClendon; memberships; radio broadcast on the NAACP and race relations in Detroit; report of NAACP in-service training institute covering discrimination in employment, housing, race relations, branch administration, law enforcement agencies, politics, veterans, and public relations; housing conference proceedings.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Roy Wilkins; D. M. Grant; Ira W. Jayne; Walter White; Thurgood Marshall; Edward R. Dudley; Lucille Black; Harold G. Donnelly; Ella J. Baker; LeRoy E. Carter; Lucille M. Greene; Daisy E. Lampkin; James J. McClendon; F. James Jones; Carolyn D. Moore.
- 0507 **Detroit, Michigan, September–December 1945.** 113 pp.
Major Topics: Memberships; discrimination in housing and restaurants; youth; first annual youth leadership conference (1945); Cadillac Charter; Birdhurst Recreation Center.
Principal Correspondents: Ruby Hurley; Roberta M. McGuire; Lucille Black; Daisy E. Lampkin; Lucille M. Greene; Nina M. Garner; Walter White; Charles W. Mosley; Alma Strong Lanqua; Louise R. Johnson; James J. McClendon; Gloster B. Current; Roy Wilkins.

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- 0620 **Detroit, Michigan, 1948.** 228 pp.
Major Topics: Memberships; legal cases; labor and employment; education; youth; 1947 branch achievements; Michigan National Guard; Leon Mosely police brutality case; complaint regarding 1948 branch election; financial report.
Principal Correspondents: Edward M. Swan; Gloster B. Current; Rufus W. Smith; A. P. Galli; Lucille Black; Mamie L. Thompson; Marian Wynn Perry; R. L. Bradby Jr.; Walter P. Reuther; Alfred McClung Lee; Charles A. Hill; Madison S. Jones Jr.; J. L. Leach; Barbara Helm; James A. Jones; Hodges E. Mason; Roy Wilkins.

- 0848 **Detroit, Michigan, 1949.** 222 pp.
Major Topics: Interracial Welfare League; fund-raising; correspondence regarding complaint about 1948 branch election; membership campaign; UAW-CIO; finances; City of Detroit Mayor's Interracial Committee annual report (1948); resignation of executive secretary Edward M. Swan; plans for branch revitalization; branch accomplishments in 1948; financial report.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; R. L. Bradby Jr.; LeRoy E. Carter; Edward M. Swan; Roy Wilkins; James J. McClendon; Lucille Black; Charles H. Kerrigan; Madison S. Jones Jr.; Helen Lounzie Graham; Alfred Baker Lewis.

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- 0001 **Detroit, Michigan, 1950.** 215 pp.
Major Topics: Finances; UAW-CIO; revitalization of Detroit branch; summary of NAACP program and accomplishments in Detroit; Heywood Patterson; Civil Rights Congress; memberships.
Principal Correspondents: Clarence Mitchell; Madison S. Jones Jr.; Arthur L. Johnson; Gloster B. Current; Elizabeth Curtis; Lucille Black; Alma Bailey; Joseph McCusker; Edward J. Cote; Alex Fuller; Joseph B. Robison; Walter White; Carolyn Dean; Thurgood Marshall; Edward M. Turner; Harvey C. Jackson Jr.
- 0216 **Detroit, Michigan, January-July 1951.** 124 pp.
Major Topics: Membership statistics; financial report.
Principal Correspondents: Roy Wilkins; Edward M. Turner; Gloster B. Current; James J. McClendon; Arthur L. Johnson.

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- 0340 **Detroit, Michigan, August-December 1951.** 96 pp.
Major Topics: Memberships; defeat of fair employment practices legislation; 1951 election; annual report for 1951 covering legislation, discrimination in the armed forces and in public accommodations, legal cases, education, relations with other organizations, youth, communism, public relations, and finances.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; J. Frank Norris; Arthur L. Johnson; Joseph A. Craigen; Samuel J. Simmons.
- 0436 **Detroit, Michigan, January-June 1952.** 95 pp.
Major Topics: Fund-raising; housing; opposition to House resolution 561 (Cox resolution regarding special committee to investigate tax-exempt philanthropic and educational organizations); defeat of fair employment practices legislation; discrimination in the automotive industry; *White v. City of Hamtramck and Hamtramck Housing Commission* (discrimination in housing).
Principal Correspondents: Henry Lee Moon; Arthur L. Johnson; Gloster B. Current; William M. Seabron; Walter White; Barbara Helm; James J. McClendon; Rufus W. Smith; Lucille Black.
- 0531 **Detroit, Michigan, July-December 1952.** 79 pp.
Major Topics: Memberships; UAW-CIO; *Lewis v. Cobo* (discrimination in housing); get-out-the-vote drive; finances; annual report for 1952 covering Michigan fair employment practices legislation, civil rights legislation, voting, employment, education, housing, due process of law, police brutality, and finances.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Barbara Helm; Lucille Black; Samuel J. Simmons; Dick Campbell; Arthur L. Johnson; Rufus W. Smith; Herbert L. Wright; Edward M. Turner; Joseph A. Craigen.

- 0610 **Detroit, Michigan, 1953.** 188 pp.
Major Topics: Discrimination in employment; housing; legal cases; Michigan fair employment practices legislation; membership campaign.
Principal Correspondents: Lucille Black; Samuel J. Simmons; Arthur L. Johnson; Gloster B. Current; Irene A. Graves; L. Pearl Mitchell.
- 0798 **Detroit, Michigan, 1954.** 221 pp.
Major Topics: *Jones et al. v. City of Hamtramck and Hamtramck Housing Commission* (discrimination in housing); Detroit Commission on Community Relations; Michigan fair employment practices legislation; membership campaign; testimonial dinner honoring Prince Clark; financial report; police brutality; Michigan civil rights legislation.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; James J. McClendon; Arthur L. Johnson; Lucille Black; Walter White; Edward M. Turner; Mildred L. Bond; Lillian Hatcher.

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- 0001 **Detroit, Michigan, 1955.** 196 pp.
Major Topics: Fight for Freedom Week; membership campaign; by-laws for NAACP neighborhood units; financial report.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Arthur L. Johnson; Lucille Black; Edward M. Turner; Wonnie Terry; Roy Wilkins; Thurgood Marshall.

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- 0197 **Flint, Michigan, 1940–1949.** 202 pp.
Major Topics: Memberships; Michigan fair employment practices legislation; Michigan branch officers.
Principal Correspondents: William Pickens; W. A. Vaughn; Joseph N. Birch II; E. Frederic Morrow; J. Leonidas Leach; J. D. Wilson; Ella J. Baker; Roger Townsend; Lucille Black; Henry G. Reynolds; Roy Wilkins; H. H. Clark; Gloster B. Current; Elisha Scott Jr.; Marie T. Norman.
- 0399 **Flint, Michigan, 1950–1955.** 172 pp.
Major Topics: Walter Reuther; branch officers and board members; memberships; protest regarding 1954 branch election and related correspondence; speech by Gloster B. Current at branch meeting.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Lester P. Bailey; Clarence Mitchell; Lucille Black; Marie T. Norman; J. L. Leach; Rosa Stearns; Herman Gibson; Joseph A. Craigen; J. Wesley Caldwell; Muriel Cuff; Blanche Brooks Seldon; Robert L. Carter; Roger B. Townsend; Roy Wilkins.
- 0571 **Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1940–1944.** 97 pp.
Major Topic: Memberships.
Principal Correspondents: William Pickens; Gwendolyn Pace; Albert C. Keith; Lucille Black; Mrs. Myles L. Woods; Floyd H. Skinner; J. Arthur Kelly; E. Frederic Morrow; Carl A. Thomasson; Loney Opal Clinton; Ella J. Baker.
- 0668 **Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1945–1947.** 137 pp.
Major Topics: Education; memberships; teachers; Henry A. Wallace.
Principal Correspondents: Ella J. Baker; Carl A. Thomasson; Mary Thomasson; Lucille Black; Fred Davey; Gloster B. Current.
- 0805 **Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1948–1950.** 165 pp.
Major Topics: Memberships; Michigan Civil Rights Committee; CIO; Michigan FEPC legislation.
Principal Correspondents: Floyd H. Skinner; Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current; Franklin H. Williams; Hillary Bissell; Thurgood Marshall; Annette H. Peyser; Samuel A. Williams.

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- 0001 **Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1951–1952.** 236 pp.
Major Topics: Membership drive; white participation in the branch; Urban League; discrimination in employment; UAW–CIO; Michigan Committee on Civil Rights.
Principal Correspondents: Hillary Bissell; Gloster B. Current; Floyd H. Skinner; Lucille Black; Herbert Hill; Carl A. Thomasson.

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- 0237 **River Rouge–Ecorse, Michigan, 1944–1949.** 120 pp.
Major Topic: Memberships.
Principal Correspondents: Ella J. Baker; Elbert L. Collins; Roy Wilkins; Dores B. McCrary; Lucille Black; David J. Copeland; Gloster B. Current; Frances Petross.
- 0357 **River Rouge–Ecorse, Michigan, 1950–1955.** 137 pp.
Major Topics: Employment; United Steel Workers of America, CIO, Local 1299; membership statistics; education.
Principal Correspondents: Johnnie Lou Gaudy; Madison S. Jones Jr.; Louis Jordan; Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; Dred Scott Neusom; Lillian Calabrese; Daniel B. Neusom.

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- 0494 **Michigan State Conference, 1940–1947.** 173 pp.
Major Topics: Branch officers; state conference officers; resolutions on absentee ballot for soldiers, civilian defense, employment, restrictive covenants, discrimination in employment, and American Red Cross; membership statistics; Michigan State Conference constitution and by-laws; annual meeting program (1947).
Principal Correspondents: William Pickens; Cleo Taylor; Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current; J. L. Leach; Constance Baker Motley.
- 0667 **Michigan State Conference, 1948–1949.** 152 pp.
Major Topics: Discrimination in Michigan National Guard; annual meeting (1948); membership statistics.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; J. L. Leach; W. Rankin Lewis; Elisha Scott Jr.; William H. Oliver; Walter White; Lucille Black; Mazel Heller.
- 0819 **Michigan State Conference, 1950–1951.** 114 pp.
Major Topics: Fair employment practices legislation; branch officers; statement by J. L. Leach on discrimination in employment; annual meeting (1951); Michigan State Conference constitution and by-laws; membership statistics.
Principal Correspondents: J. L. Leach; Gloster B. Current; Roy Wilkins; Ruby Hurley; Joseph L. Francois; Jack Greenberg; Edward M. Turner.

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- 0001 **Michigan State Conference, 1952–1955.** 210 pp.
Major Topics: Membership statistics; state conference officers and executive committee members; fair employment practices legislation and FEPC demonstration in Lansing; Michigan State Conference constitution and by-laws; seventeenth annual meeting (1953); branch officers; nineteenth annual meeting (1955); discrimination in education and housing; legal cases; annual report covering discrimination and FEPC legislation.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; August Scholle; Barney Hopkins; Herbert L. Wright; Edward M. Turner; Floyd H. Skinner; George L. Maxwell; Herbert Hill; Lucille Black; John W. Roxborough II.

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0211 **Minnesota State Conference, 1949–1955.** 145 pp.

Major Topics: Establishment of state conference; state conference officers and executive board members; Minnesota State CIO; first annual meeting and resolutions on housing, labor and employment, fair employment practices legislation, antismunitions bill, and Minnesota civil rights legislation; second annual meeting; third annual meeting resolutions on civil liberties, government loyalty program, equal employment opportunities, and police brutality; 1954 annual meeting resolutions on Fighting Fund for Freedom, farming, migratory labor, McCarthyism, civil liberties, and housing.

Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; William E. Cratic; Ruby Hurley; Ashby U. Gaskins; Herbert Hill; Luther W. Youngdahl; Ruth Blumberg; Roy Wilkins; John M. Culver; R. C. Jacobson; Eva A. Belisle; Doris P. Olds.

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0356 **Missouri State Conference, 1942–1945.** 32 pp.

Major Topics: First annual meeting (1943); proposed amendments to Missouri State Conference constitution and by-laws; membership statistics.

Principal Correspondents: Ella J. Baker; Elmer Jackson; Sidney R. Redmond; Marshall Currin; Carrie Mae Coursey.

0388 **Missouri State Conference, 1946–1949.** 118 pp.

Major Topics: Membership statistics; reorganization of state conference; resolutions on civil rights, voting and voter registration, housing, employment, education, and armed forces passed at 1948 annual meeting; minutes of fourth annual meeting (1946); Missouri State Conference constitution and by-laws; minutes of special executive committee meeting (March 5, 1949); speech by Gloster B. Current on human rights at Missouri State Conference dinner meeting (October 9, 1949); minutes of meetings of branch presidents (November 13, 1949, and December 11, 1949).

Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Ella J. Baker; Marshall Currin; Gloster B. Current; Vanue B. Lacour; Lucille Black; Velma E. Woodson; L. L. Haynes; Stuart P. Parker; Carl R. Johnson.

0506 **Missouri State Conference, 1950–1952.** 185 pp.

Major Topics: Missouri State Conference constitution and by-laws; discrimination by Ball Clinic in Excelsior Springs; membership statistics; annual meeting (1950) and speech by Bernard Brown; state conference officers; highlights and program from annual meeting (1951); program, highlights, and president's report from 1952 annual meeting.

Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Velma E. Woodson; James H. Culver; Mary E. Brooks; Stuart P. Parker; Bernard Brown; Dorothy B. Devin; Lucille Black.

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0691 **Missouri State Conference, 1953–1954.** 155 pp.

Major Topics: Minutes of executive board meetings (January 10, 1953, and August 8, 1953); report of first vice president on civil rights legislation; annual meeting (1953); minutes of January 9, 1954, executive board meeting; annual meetings (1952 and 1954); state conference officers; eulogy for Harvey E. Parham.

Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Harvey E. Parham; Velma E. Woodson; Carl R. Johnson; Thurgood Marshall; E. J. Stringer; A. P. Marshall; Pauline S. Parham; Joyce Dotson.

0846 **Missouri State Conference, 1955.** 69 pp.

Major Topics: School desegregation; branches chartered; executive board meeting (August 13, 1955); speech on desegregation of schools and public facilities by A. P. Marshall at October 8, 1955, meeting; annual meeting program (1955).

Principal Correspondents: A. P. Marshall; A. Clifford Jones; Velma E. Woodson; Gloster B. Current.

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- 0001 **Cincinnati, Ohio, January–June 1948.** 91 pp.
Major Topics: Campaign against discrimination by Coney Island, Inc.; police brutality hearing; youth council; finances; discrimination by Yellow Cab company; West End Civic League; discrimination in employment at Bell Telephone Company; discrimination in public facilities.
Principal Correspondents: Joseph B. Weathersby; Lester P. Bailey; Gloster B. Current; Ethelbert Anderson; Harold D. Snell.
- 0092 **Cincinnati, Ohio, July–December 1948.** 97 pp.
Major Topics: Police brutality hearing; expense account of Rufus W. Smith; West End Civic League; employment; youth conference; campaign for employment at telephone companies; Cincinnati fair employment practices legislation; housing; Action Now Committee.
Principal Correspondents: Lester P. Bailey; Rufus W. Smith; LeRoy E. Carter; Gloster B. Current; Roy Wilkins; Charles R. Brown.
- 0189 **Cleveland, Ohio, 1940–1941.** 161 pp.
Major Topics: Future Outlook League; Urban League; employment; charitable organizations; annual report covering national defense, employment, education, legal cases, housing, membership, women's auxiliary, and youth council.
Principal Correspondents: Daisy E. Lampkin; William Pickens; Roy Wilkins; L. Pearl Mitchell; Walter White; Grant Reynolds; Lucille Black; Harold G. Nixon; Madison S. Jones Jr.; Harry E. Davis; Juanita C. Thomas; E. Frederic Morrow; Arthur L. Taylor; Mary Minor; Bella Taylor McKnight; Sidney Williams.
- 0350 **Cleveland, Ohio, 1942–1943.** 223 pp.
Major Topics: Protest regarding refusal by American Red Cross to accept African American blood donors; housing; Metropolitan Council on Fair Employment Practice; membership campaign; rules and regulations for full-time branch employees.
Principal Correspondents: Bella Taylor McKnight; E. Frederic Morrow; L. O. Baumgardner; Walter White; Madison S. Jones Jr.; E. L. Keenan; Clayborne George; Roy Wilkins; L. Pearl Mitchell; Eleanor Alexander; Lucille Black; William S. Cooper; Clarence L. Sharpe; Harold W. Coleman; Shirley Graham; Ella J. Baker; Thurgood Marshall; Harry E. Davis; Milton R. Konvitz; Pearl K. Selby.

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- 0573 **Cleveland, Ohio, 1944.** 216 pp.
Major Topics: Discrimination by public skating rink; membership campaign.
Principal Correspondents: Wilton Nichols; August Meier; Ella J. Baker; Lucille Black; Ruby Hurley; Nathan K. Christopher; Roy Wilkins; Howard M. Metzenbaum; Irvana H. Ming; James Batie; Norman Cecil Gowens; L. Pearl Mitchell; Walter White.
- 0789 **Cleveland, Ohio, 1945.** 156 pp.
Major Topics: Youth council; employment statistics.
Principal Correspondents: L. Pearl Mitchell; Ruby Hurley; Ella J. Baker; M. Juanita Carroll; Roy Wilkins; Lucille Black; Fedalma Boyd; Nathan K. Christopher; Charles P. Lucas; Walter White.
- 0945 **Cleveland, Ohio, 1946.** 104 pp.
Major Topics: CIO and collective bargaining; memberships.
Principal Correspondents: Margaret H. Evans; Roy Wilkins; Charles P. Lucas; Ella J. Baker; Leslie S. Perry; Lucille Black; Madison S. Jones Jr.

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0001 **Cleveland, Ohio, 1947.** 153 pp.

Major Topics: Memberships; voter registration; statement by Charles P. Lucas regarding economic conditions; police; cooperation with national office; Ohio FEPC legislation; desegregation of Lakeshore Golf Course; support for workers' rights; youth council; women's auxiliaries.

Principal Correspondents: Charles P. Lucas; Lucille Black; Walter P. Offutt Jr.; Gloster B. Current; Roy Wilkins; Nathan K. Christopher; Madison S. Jones Jr.; Thurgood Marshall; Daisy E. Lampkin; Walter White; Margaret H. Evans.

0154 **Cleveland, Ohio, 1948.** 176 pp.

Major Topics: Memberships; discrimination at Cleveland Trade School; Ohio National Guard; discrimination in building trades unions; Edward Jackson; Ingram Defense Fund (Rosa Lee Ingram case); mass meeting on FEPC legislation; membership campaign.

Principal Correspondents: Margaret H. Evans; Nathan K. Christopher; Gloster B. Current; Charles P. Lucas; Lucille Black; Roy Wilkins; Ann Koblit; Walter P. Offutt Jr.

0330 **Cleveland, Ohio, 1949–1950.** 131 pp.

Major Topics: Antidiscrimination housing ordinance; memberships; concerns about communism; Natalie Hinderas concert.

Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Walter White; Juanita B. Morning; Charles P. Lucas; Roy Wilkins; Ralph W. Findlay; Franklin H. Williams; Madison S. Jones Jr.; Grant Reynolds.

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0461 **Massillon, Ohio, 1943–1951.** 101 pp.

Major Topics: Memberships; John J. Aker; employment; housing; health facilities and services; Urban League; youth; public relations activities; permanent FEPC; President's Committee on Civil Rights; African Americans and labor unions.

Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Ella J. Baker; Rosella Richardson; G. T. Allen; Lucille Black; Edna Grant; Gloster B. Current; Henry Grant; Wesley L. Scott.

0562 **Niles, Ohio, 1950–1953.** 74 pp.

Major Topics: FEPC legislation; Charles Carney; Ohio youth councils; housing; executive committee members; discrimination in recreational facilities.

Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Louie Tabor; Raymond D. Watts; Roy Wilkins; Walter P. Offutt Jr.; Albert Henderson; Constance Baker Motley; Clarence G. Smith.

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0636 **Ohio State Conference, 1940–1945.** 112 pp.

Major Topics: Wilberforce University; Future Outlook League (Cleveland); Vanguard League (Columbus); branch presidents; annual meeting (1944); branch officers; annual meeting (1945) and resolutions on housing and urban development, education, employment and labor, veterans, and the army; Ohio State Conference constitution.

Principal Correspondents: Emmer Martin Lancaster; William Pickens; William A. McClain; Ruth Chapman; E. Frederic Morrow; Roy Wilkins; Prentice Thomas; Ella J. Baker; J. Maynard Dickerson; A. P. Bentley.

0748 **Ohio State Conference, 1946.** 88 pp.

Major Topics: Membership statistics; employment in building trades; Ohio FEPC legislation; annual meeting (1946); branch officers.

Principal Correspondents: A. P. Bentley; J. Maynard Dickerson; Gloster B. Current; Clarence Mitchell; Lucille Black; Henry J. Sullivan.

- 0836 **Ohio State Conference, 1947.** 186 pp.
Major Topics: Comments by William O. Walker regarding Walter White; communism; Columbus branch; discrimination in education; J. Maynard Dickerson; employment; annual meeting (1947); finances; Ohio FEPC legislation; housing; President's Committee on Civil Rights; membership statistics; discrimination at Warren swimming pool; Henry A. Wallace.
Principal Correspondents: J. Maynard Dickerson; William H. Staton; Gloster B. Current; Leonard L. Holland; Robert L. Carter; Raymond R. Brown; Thurgood Marshall.
- 1022 **Ohio State Conference, 1948.** 95 pp.
Major Topics: Minutes from meeting with Charles L. Sherwood, welfare director for state of Ohio; Ohio CIO Council report on the Ohio legislature; membership statistics; annual meeting (1948) and resolution on Ohio FEPC legislation, education, housing, armed services, and voter registration; finances.
Principal Correspondents: LeRoy E. Carter; J. Maynard Dickerson; L. Pearl Mitchell; A. P. Bentley; L. M. Shaw; Leonard L. Holland; Charles P. Lucas; Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black.

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- 0001 **Ohio State Conference, 1949.** 160 pp.
Major Topics: Winter meeting in Columbus (February 26, 1949); Ohio FEPC legislation; discrimination in recreational facilities; annual meeting (1949); Ohio State Conference Constitution; finances.
Principal Correspondents: J. Maynard Dickerson; Lucille Black; S. S. Booker; Maude B. Ford; William H. Brooks; L. Pearl Mitchell; Roy Wilkins; Gloster B. Current; Raymond D. Watts; A. P. Bentley.
- 0161 **Ohio State Conference, 1950–1951.** 210 pp.
Major Topics: Membership statistics; FEPC legislation; legal cases; annual meeting (1950); state conference officers and executive committee members; annual meetings (1951 and 1952).
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Harold Turney; Clarence G. Smith; Walter White; Roy Wilkins; Ellis Ross; Cora B. Robinson; J. Maynard Dickerson; Harold Johnson; Jacob A. Jones; Donald Jones.

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- 0371 **Ohio State Conference, 1952.** 104 pp.
Major Topics: Membership statistics; branch officers; FEPC legislation; speech by Walter White at 1952 annual meeting; discrimination by restaurants; annual meeting (1952).
Principal Correspondents: A. P. Bentley; William H. Brooks; Gloster B. Current; Barbee William Durham.
- 0475 **Ohio State Conference, 1953.** 112 pp.
Major Topics: Annual meeting (1953); past presidents and membership statistics; Ohio FEPC legislation.
Principal Correspondents: William H. Brooks; Marion Spencer; A. P. Bentley; James E. Levy; Charles P. Lucas; John L. Francis.
- 0587 **Ohio State Conference, 1954–1955.** 154 pp.
Major Topics: Membership statistics; annual meetings (1954 and 1955).
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; John L. Francis; Lucille Black; Donald Jones; Bertha Irvin.

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- 0741 **West Virginia State Conference, 1945–1950.** 152 pp.
Major Topics: Membership statistics; branches chartered; state conference officers and executive committee members.
Principal Correspondents: Ella J. Baker; T. G. Nutter; Donald Jones; Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black; J. Carl Mitchell; Dewey Fox; Madison S. Jones Jr.; Clarence Mitchell.
- 0893 **West Virginia State Conference, 1951–1955.** 205 pp.
Major Topics: Membership statistics; branch officers; annual meeting (1953); active and inactive branches in West Virginia; school desegregation; annual meetings (1954 and 1955).
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; T. G. Nutter; Donald Jones; Herbert L. Wright; Charles E. Price; Grace E. Marr; Gertrude Gorman; Lucille Black; Memphis T. Garrison; G. William Dunn; Joe McClure.
- 1098 **Wisconsin State Conference, 1953–1955.** 102 pp.
Major Topics: Membership statistics; establishment of state conference; annual meeting (1953); Wisconsin State Conference constitution; board of directors meeting (February 20, 1954); state conference and branch officers; public relations activities.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Ardie A. Halyard; Wilbur Halyard; Herbert L. Wright; Lucinda J. Gordon; Roy Wilkins; Clarence Mitchell.

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