

Guide to the Dorothy Peterson Collection

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: JWJ MSS 10

CREATOR: Peterson, Dorothy Randolph

TITLE: Dorothy Peterson collection

DATES: 1877-1966

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.6 linear feet (5 boxes + 1 Broadside)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The Dorothy Peterson Collection contains Correspondence to Peterson from such persons as Langston Hughes, Nella Larsen, and Carl Van Vechten, as well as Jerome Bowers Peterson memorabilia.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Dorothy Peterson Collection contains items presented to the James Weldon Johnson Collection by Ms. Peterson and friends of hers.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Correspondence with Rudolph Fisher and Jean Toomer is restricted. Please consult the appropriate curator for further information.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

This finding aid was produced from a previously existing manuscripts inventory. All pertinent information has been retained. Former call number: JWJ MSS Small Collections.

DOROTHY PETERSON

Dorothy R. Peterson (1897-1978), was born June 21, 1897, to Jerome B. Peterson and Amelia S. Peterson in Brooklyn, New York. She as was a teacher of Spanish at Wadleigh High School in New York City and was involved with the Negro Actors' Guild. She died in Northampton, Massachusetts on November 4, 1978.

Scope and Contents

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Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1942-53

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| b. 1, f. 1 | A-M General correspondence To: 28 / From: 0 | 1942-53 |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Alexander, Scholley Pace To: 2 / From: 0 | 1928, n.d. |
| b. 1, f. 3 | American Council of African Education To: 2 / From: 0 | 1944 |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Barthé, Richmond To: 6 / From: 0 | 1956-59, n.d. |
| b. 1, f. 5 | Boardman, Helen Biographical eulogy "Jerome B. Peterson: A Negro Friend" | n.d. |
| b. 1, f. 6 | Bontemps, Arna To: 9 / From: 0 | 1944-57 |
| b. 1, f. 7 | Bosley, Roberta To: 5 / From: 0 | 1945-46 |
| b. 1, f. 8 | Butler, Elizabeth To: 0 / From: 1 | 1949 May 1 |
| b. 1, f. 9 | Byrne, Margaret C. To: 5 / From: 0 | 1943-46 |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Campbell, Constance [Mrs. E. Sims] To: 3 / From: 0 | 1937 |
| | Carter, Elmer A. See: Negro Actors Guild, Box 2, folder 34 | |
| b. 1, f. 11 | Connelly, Marc To: 1 / From: 0 | 1930 Mar 4 |
| b. 1, f. 12 | Cullen, Countee Includes review of Knowlton Mixer's <i>Porto Rico</i> by Dorothy Peterson and letter to Carl Van Vechten from DP To: 7 / From: 0 | 1927-45 |
| b. 1, f. 13 | Delany, Hubert T. To: 1 / From: 0 | 1945 Jul 5 |
| b. 1, f. 14 | Ewing, Max To: 1 / From: 0 | 1933 Feb 20 |

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| | Fisher, Rudolph See: RESTRICTED CORRESPONDENCE, Box 5, folder 74 | 1919-28 |
| b. 1, f. 15 | Harris, Dorothy To: 1 / From: 0 | 1930 Jan 13 |
| b. 1, f. 16 | Harrison, Richard B. Includes correspondence with Harrison, Laurence (To: 1 / From: 1) To: 2 / From: 0 | 1933, 1935 |
| b. 1, f. 17 | Hays, Arthur Garfield To: 1 / From: 0 | 1946 Apr 20 |
| b. 1, f. 18 | Hill, Leemar A. To: 7 / From: 0 | 1943-45 |
| b. 1, f. 19-20 | Hughes, Langston To: 16 / From: 0 Includes: "A House in Taos," "Greetings for Canada Lee," "The Ballad of Dorrie Miller," "Here to Yonder: Noblesse Oblige" and "The Christmas Story" by LH | 1926-59 |
| b. 1, f. 21 | Hull, Elizabeth To: 1 / From: 0 | ca. 1942-43 |
| b. 1, f. 22 | Jackman, Harold To: 4 / From: 0 | 1929, 1933, n.d. |
| b. 1, f. 23 | Johnson, Charles To: 3 / From: 0 | 1928-56 |
| b. 1, f. 24 | Johnson, Georgia Douglas To: 1 / From: 0 | 1946 Feb 26 |
| b. 1, f. 25 | Johnson, James Weldon To: 1 / From: 0 Johnson, J. Rosamond See: Negro Actor's Guild, Box 2, folder 34 | n.d. |
| b. 1, f. 26 | Larsen, Nella To: 6 / From: 0 | 1927, 1933, n.d. |
| b. 1, f. 27 | Lewis, Theophilus To: 1 / From: 0 | 1929 Jan 22 |
| b. 1, f. 28 | Locke, Alain Includes letter from Locke to Alexander Scholley Pace To: 2 / From: 0 | 1929 Feb |
| b. 1, f. 29 | Lutz, Mark To: 0 / From: 16 | 1964-66, n.d. |

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| b. 1, f. 30 | McClendon, Rose To: 1 / From: 0 | 1932 Apr 2 |
| b. 1, f. 31 | Morris, Newbold To: 1 / From: 0 | 1944 Dec 26 |
| b. 1, f. 32 | N-Z General correspondence To: 16 / From: 0 | 1943-56 |
| b. 1, f. 33 | Namara, Marguerite To: 3 / From: 0 | n.d. |
| b. 2, f. 34 | Negro Actors Guild Letters signed by Elmer A. Carter, J. Rosamond Johnson, Mabel A. Roane and Noble Sissle To: 33 / From: 0 | 1945-46 |
| b. 2, f. 35 | Nugent, Bruce To: 8 / From: 0 | 1928-29, n.d. |
| b. 2, f. 36 | Peterson, Carla To: 8 / From: 0 | 1953-58, n.d. |
| b. 2, f. 37 | Peterson, Danna To: 26 / From: 0 | 1951-59, n.d. |
| b. 2, f. 38 | Peterson, Jane To: 15 / From: 0 | 1952-59, n.d. |
| b. 2, f. 39 | Peterson, Jerome S. [Sid] To: 3 / From: 0 | 1946 |
| b. 2, f. 40 | Peterson, Vera To: 2 / From: 0 | 1954, n.d. |
| b. 2, f. 41 | Reckling, Frances Kraft To: 1 / From: 0 | 1946 Feb 2 |
| b. 2, f. 42 | Redding, Saunders To: 1 / From: 0 | 1956 Mar 12 |
| b. 2, f. 43 | Robeson, Paul To: 1 / From: 0 | 1943 Dec 9 |
| b. 2, f. 44 | Rutherford, Thomas Includes letter from Snowball Crump To: 1 / From: 0 | 1936-42, n.d. |
| b. 2, f. 45 | Schuyler, George To: 1 / From: 0 | 1956 Sep 27 |

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| | Sissle, Noble See: Negro Actors Guild, Box 2, folder 34 | |
| b. 2, f. 46 | Southwest Harlem Neighborhood Council, Inc. To: 7 / From: 0 | 1946 |
| | Toomer, Jean See: RESTRICTED CORRESPONDENCE, Box 5, folder 74 | 1925-1934 |
| b. 2, f. 47-52 | Van Vechten, Carl To: 105 / From: 0 | 1925-41 |
| b. 3, f. 53-65 | Van Vechten, Carl To: 215 / From: 2 | 1942-54 |
| b. 4, f. 66-69 | Van Vechten, Carl To: 101 / From: 0 | 1954-59, n.d. |
| b. 4, f. 70 | White, Walter To: 1 / From: 0 | 1944 Jun 21 |
| b. 4, f. 71 | Wright, Richard To: 1 / From: 0 | 1940 Sep 15 |
| b. 4, f. 72 | Yurka, Blanche To: 1 / From: 0 | 1945 Mar 18 |
| b. 4, f. 73 | Unidentified correspondents To: 2 / From: 0 | 1942, 1944 |

Series II. Jerome B. Peterson memorabilia, 1877-1904, undated

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| b. 6 (Broadside) | Diploma, New York (City), Department of Public Instruction <i>1 Item</i> Inscribed, in part, "for punctual and regular attendance." | 1877 April 3 |
| b. 6 (Broadside) | Certificate of appointment as Consul at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela <i>1 Item ; 38 x 50 cm</i> Signed by Theodore Roosevelt. | 1904 June 2 |
| b. 6 (Broadside) | The first colored senator and representatives, in the 41st and 42nd Congress of the United States (print) <i>1 Item</i> | undated |

RESTRICTED CORRESPONDENCE, 1919-28

Restricted material. For further information consult the appropriate curator.

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| b. 5, f. 74 | Fisher, Rudolph 14 letters | 1919-28 |
| b. 5, f. 75-76 | Toomer, Jean 27 letters | 1925-1934 |

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

African American authors -- 20th Century --
Archives
Authors, American -- 20th Century -- Archives

Names

Hughes, Langston, 1902-1967
Larsen, Nella, 1891-1964
Peterson, Dorothy Randolph
Peterson, Jerome Bowers
Van Vechten, Carl, 1880-1964