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Introduction

The John Edward Bruce Papers is one of five collections included in the *Calendar of the Manuscripts in the Schomburg Collection of Negro Literature* (1942), which was compiled by the Historical Records Survey (HRS) of the Works Projects Administration. The *Calendar* encompasses several of the manuscript collections acquired by Arthur A. Schomburg, including the Bruce, Alexander Crummell and Paul Laurence Dunbar Papers and the Slavery, Abolition and West Indian Collections.

According to the preface prepared by Nicholas T. Shelton, State Supervisor of the HRS, Arthur Schomburg himself organized the collections. Edith R. Dodson, a member of the HRS staff worked with Schomburg classifying the manuscripts into sub-collections, arranging them within these collections , and assigning library call numbers to the separate pieces. This work was completed just two weeks before Schomburg's sudden death on June 10, 1938.

KEY TO COLLECTIONS INCLUDED IN THE
CALENDAR OF THE MANUSCRIPTS OF THE SCHOMBURG COLLECTION

[John E. Bruce Papers, Alexander Crummell Papers, Paul
Laurence Dunbar Papers, Slavery and Abolition Collection,
West Indian Collection]

The Calendar of Manuscripts was prepared by the Historical Records Survey of the Work Projects Administration in 1942. As the project was never completed, the Calendar is somewhat complex to use.

The Calendar lists and describes the materials in each collection in chronological order. A single index includes entries for all the collections. However, the number provided in the index refers back to the calendar entry; it does not signify the location of that document within the manuscript collection.

The physical location of an individual item within a particular collection is indicated by the last notation in the calendar entry, after the item's size. (e.g., Dunbar 2, B.L. 4-53, Ms. Garrison 5). An explanation of the symbols denoting locations within each collection follows.

Please note that there are a number of index entries consisting of a letter and a number (H-1, B-5) which do not refer to an item entry in the body of the Calendar. It appears that these entries refer to appendices to the project that were not completed. In addition, an asterisk preceding a proper name in the index signifies that a sketch for that person exists in the Biographical Index following the body of the Calendar.

JOHN EDWARD BRUCE (1856-1924). PAPERS, 1872-1927, n.d..
7 boxes (3 lin. ft.). 4 microfilm reels.

Biography

John Edward Bruce was born a slave in Piscataway, Maryland, on February 22, 1856. His father, Robert Bruce, was sold south to Georgia three years afterward. From that time, Bruce's mother, Martha Allen (Clark) Bruce, and her son never again heard from him. Although a slave, his mother was allowed to hire herself out on the condition that one-half of her earnings would be delivered to her master, Major Harvey Griffin. A cook, she made her way by selling pies and hot coffee to the Marines located at Fort Washington, which was a mile away. With the cast-off clothing of the Marines, Bruce's mother also built up a second-hand clothing trade.

As a child, Bruce saw both the slave auction block and evidence of the Underground Railroad. The Civil War, however, brought freedom. Bruce recalls that on the eve of the outbreak there was a frantic selling of slaves by those who sensed the impending change. Young Bruce and his mother were freed when the first regiment of Union soldiers passed through Maryland on their way to Washington; the slaves simply marched along with the soldiers.

Bruce's formal education was slight, and he referred to himself as self-taught. For a short while he attended the public schools in Washington, DC, where he grew up and where his mother had secured work as a maid. At intervals his mother traveled to the North with families who employed her; thus, the first school that Bruce attended was in Stratford, Connecticut.

The exact age that Bruce first became interested in journalism is not known, but it must have been in the early 1870s. One of his first jobs was a general helper in the office of the Washington correspondent of the *New York Times*, and before the close of that decade, Bruce had founded *The Argus*, a weekly sheet in Washington. Following in rapid succession, he founded *The Chronicle*, with Charles W. Anderson, (New York), 1877; *The Sunday Item*, 1880; *Washington Grit*, 1884; and the Yonkers (New York) *Weekly Standard*, 1908. He was also editor of *The Republican* of Norfolk, Virginia, in 1882; assistant editor and business manager of *The Commonwealth*, Baltimore, Maryland, 1884; and associate editor of *Howard's American Magazine*, 1896-1901.

From 1880 until his death, Bruce wrote for numerous periodicals other than those he owned and edited. He was a paid contributor to *The Boston Transcript*, *The Albany Argus*, *The Buffalo Express*, *The Sunday Gazette*, the *New York Times*, *New York Herald*, the *Washington Evening Star*, the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, and *The Sunday Republican* of Washington, DC. With the latter he headed a special department. In addition, Bruce was listed as the American correspondent of *The African Times and Orient Review*, which he published in London, England. His articles also appeared in *The West African Record*, *The South African Spectator* and *The Jamaica Advocate* of Kingston, Jamaica.

In addition to his journalistic endeavors, Bruce wrote scores of pamphlets, essays, a few poems and plays, and two books. Some of his better-known pamphlets included "The Blot on the Escutcheon," "A Defense of the Colored Soldiers Who Fought in the War of the Rebellion: A

Shy at Tom Dixons Clansman,” and “Washington’s Colored Society.” In 1910, Bruce produced *Short Biographical Sketches of Eminent Negro Men and Women in Europe and the United States*, and in 1916 appeared *The Awakening of Hezekiah Jones: A Story Dealing with Some of the Problems Affecting the Political Rewards Due the Negro*. A militant writer on political, economic and social issues, Bruce extolled the virtues, beauty and heritage of black people, urged avoidance of integration, and demanded full equality with whites.

The full scope and flavor of Bruce’s busy pen were recognized at a testimonial dinner in his honor held in September 1905. The invitation stated that “Mr. Bruce has furnished news and special articles to more than one hundred newspapers, white and colored, during the past thirty years in behalf of the Negro, and all who personally know him will testify [that he] has never hesitated to speak his thoughts boldly and fearlessly.” Indeed, Bruce was a hard, courageous fighter with “grit,” and these qualities were the foundation of his forthright publication *Grit*; hence, the sobriquet “Bruce Grit.” Alexander Crummell, who was a close friend, termed Bruce “the Negro satirist of the times.”

Among those, black and white, who felt the effective thrusts of his pen were Senator Blanche K. Bruce (no relation), Arthur Brisbane, William Randolph Hearst, and W. E. B. Du Bois, along with “button-headed” politicians such as Ben Tillman and James K. Vardaman, and “microcephalous lizards” such as Tom Dixon and Cole Blease. Bruce was particularly outraged by what he called “the hog and hominy” policy of Tuskegee Institute, and he wrote a highly critical article on a meeting held in Madison Square Garden by the “slick” Booker T. Washington and his supporters.

At first Marcus Garvey and his Back to Africa Movement were amusing to “Bruce Grit, who thought that Garvey was without influence among the blacks of either Africa or America. Later, however, Bruce became one of Garvey’s trusted lieutenants and defended him. Bruce lambasted the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, raised funds for the Black Star Line, and strategized with William H. Ferris and other Garveyites. He wrote letters to editors, made speeches, and contended that Garvey, in contrast to the other leaders, was sincerely interested in the welfare of the masses.

In politics, Bruce was a Republican. He was a member of the Prince Hall Masons, as well as a member of the Order of African Redemption (Liberia), the African Society (London), the Afro-American League and the Afro-American Council, among other organizations. His correspondents include associates from these organizations. He also counted among his friends and associates many of the prominent black educators, intellectuals, writers and activists of the time.

Bruce’s later years were spent in and about New York, and, in 1897, he was appointed by Governor Levi P. Morton of New York to represent the interests of the colored citizens of that state at a general exposition held in Nashville, Tennessee. Bruce aroused the people of the Empire State and organized an exhibit for the exposition.

In 1911, Bruce, Arthur Schomburg, and others founded the Negro Society for Historical Research. Bruce served as the first president. This cultural league was modeled after the

American Negro Academy, which had been set up by Alexander Crummell in Washington fourteen years previously. Books were collected, papers were read, and American, European, and African scholars were received. By 1922, now in poor health, Bruce retired on a pension from the office of the Collector of the Port. He died on August 7, 1924, in Bellevue Hospital, New York City, and was buried in Yonkers.

Scope and Content

The John Edward Bruce Papers, 1872-1927, n.d., are divided into three series: **LETTERS** (Group A-C), **MANUSCRIPTS** (Group D), and **MISCELLANEOUS** (Group E).

The **LETTERS** series contains letters written to Bruce by black politicians, journalists, intellectuals, and activists including John Wesley Cromwell, Alexander Crummell, Arthur A. Schomburg, J. E. K. Aggrey, Amanda Ira Aldridge, A. Agbebi, Richard T. Greener, T. Thomas Fortune, and Charles W. Anderson. Bruce wrote and received letters from three continents; some of these frank and intimate notes are made even more revealing by marginal comments. The **Letters** in **Group A** are arranged alphabetically by author, with each entry consisting of a letter followed by a number. The **Autograph Letters** in **Group B**, continues the correspondence, but each entry is cataloged under an item number. **Group C, Bruce Letters**, includes letters sent by Bruce and are arranged using a double numerical system. This group also contains a large section of letters sent to Bruce.

The **MANUSCRIPTS** series consists of manuscript and printed copies of Bruce's articles, editorials, short stories, poems, addresses, and other writings concerning national and local politics, race relations, historical black figures, Haiti, Prince Hall Masons, the Ku Klux Klan, and the Universal Negro Improvement Association, and other topics. The Manuscripts are arranged first by type of manuscript and then organized using a numerical system.

Among other items, the **MISCELLANEOUS** series contains four scrapbooks of clippings, letters, invitations and other items; material relating to Mrs. Florence Bruce, including letters; articles and clippings; and manuscript fragments.

Provenance

Gift of the Bruce Family.

Biographical sketch prepared by Lawrence D. Reddick.

Container List

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1	1	1	Group A: LETTERS
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	3		B, 1-21
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	7		G, 1-5
	8		H, 1-15
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	Group B: AUTOGRAPH LETTERS	
1	Jan. 21, 1889	James Theodore Holly
2-17	Oct. 30, 1896-April 1898	Alexander Crummell
18-40	Dec. 5, 1911-n.d. (ca. 1915)	Arthur A. Schomburg
41	Oct. 10, 1915	J. Hamilton
42	Oct. 25, 1915	Hubert Harris
43-44	Jun. 22, 1922- Jun. 24, 1924	S. O. Logemoh
45	Jun. 30, 1922	Vernal J. Williams
46	Jun. 30, 1920	Warren G. Harding
47	Dec. 1-7, 1913	Ahmad Sohrab's Diary
48	Jun. 9, 1916	Minnie French
49	Jan. 1, 1916	Alexander Walters
50	Aug. 3, 1912	Oswald Garrison Villard
51	Mar. 22, 1912	J. E. Robinson

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1	52	1	Mar. 23, 1914	Alice M. Dunbar
	53		Nov. 20 [no year]	Helen Niles Rogers
	54		Aug. 24, 1885	M. E. Dodge
	55		Aug. 24, 1890	Louvenia Douglass
	56		Jun. 22, 1899	
	57		Jun. 18, 1897	James Hill
	58		Feb. 27, 1909	John Barrett
	59		Jun. 28, 1896	Charles Alexander
	60		Aug. 25, 1909	James J. Dossen
	61		Jul. 31, 1893	Alexander Crummell
	62		Dec. 6, 1882	Martin R. Delany
	63		Jun. 28, 1922	Prof. J. E. K. Aggrey
	64		Oct. 2, 1897	William Griffith
	65		May 6, 1901	Dennis S. Thompson
	66		Jun. 2, 1891	W. Owens King
	67		Jan. 28, 1914	James Wilson
	68		Mar. 20, 1893	H. Cordelia Ray
	69		Jun. 4, 1890	W. M. Robinson
	70		Jul. 30, 1899	?N. Brundage
	71		Apr. 6, 1898	John W. Clark
	72		Jun. 3, 1891	J. E. Gregory
	73		Feb. 14, 1889	Mrs. M. Matthews
	74		Feb. 11, 1913	Daniel Alexander Payne Murray
	75		Sept. 10, 1893	R. T. G. [Richard T. Greener?]
	76		Apr. 29, 1900	F. J. Loudin
	77		Oct. 7, 1897	
	78		Jan. 23, 1923	Amanda Ira Aldridge
	79		Mar. 7, 1923	Amanda Ira Aldridge
	80		May 17, 1890	W. W. Evans
	81		Jul. 21, 1889	W. W. Browne
	82		Jan. 29, 1897	James Hill
	83		ca. 1893	William A. Lavalette
84-85			Apr. 11, Apr. 23, 1901	John H. Wills
	86		Oct. 21, 1897	Edward G. Hitchcock
87-88			Jun. 15, 1922;	
			Jan. 15, 1923	S. O. Logemoh
	89		Apr. 20, 1901	James W. H. Howard and

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1	90	1	Dec. 1, 1897	E. Molyneaux Hewlett
	91		Apr. 12, 1893	E. H. Clement
	92		Nov. 19, 1891	Lee and Shepard, Publishers
	93		Mar. 31 [no year]	E. S. Cochran
	94		Nov. 22, 1898	Rosetta Douglass-Sprague
	95		Aug. 13, 1897	Joseph S. Davis
	96		Dec. 5, 1900	C. H. Pemberton
	97		Dec. 3, 1900	Daniel Webster Davis
	98		Nov. 24, 1893	Henry Johnson
	99		Jun. 3, 1893	Mrs. John A. Logan
	100		Apr. 27, 1891	R. D. Ruffin
	101		Jun. 23, 1893	B. D. Paul
	102		Jul. 7, 1891	W. Owens King
	103		May 12, 1897	Joseph Dana Miller
	104		Aug. 3, 1891	James Matthew Townsend
	105		Apr. 2, 1901	W. R. Hale
	106		Mar. 15, 1898	?N. Brundage
	107		Feb. 22, 1893	S. H. Blocker
	108		Apr. 8, 1890	William Eaton Chandler
	109		Mar. 16, 1903	Pastor, Church of the Pilgrims, H. P. Dewey
			110-111	
	112		ca. 1893	W. Evans
	113		Apr. 16, 1903	Leslie Sutherland
	114		May 9, 1891	James Dean
	115		Mar. 1, 1900	L. Hershaw, R. Thompson, W. Menard, Pen & Pencil Club
	116		Jul. 25, 1898	Rowland B. Mahoney
	117		n.d.	New York and Liberia Steamship Company
	118-119		Aug. 8, Aug. 12, 1891	James Dean
	120		Apr. 7, 1891	Hoodo Hoo
2	121		May 14, 1901	J. H. Merrill
	122		Jun. 14, 1881	A. Pinkwood
	123		Jul. 6, 1890	George Allen Mebane
	124		Jun. 13, 1884	Edwin F. Horn
	125		Apr. 9, 1901	?N. Brundage

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2	126	1	Jul. 16, 1891	J. C. Price
	127		Feb. 6, 1905	James Sullivan Clarkson
	128		Mar. 20, 1899	James V. Bukes
	129-132		Jan. 11-Jan. 18, 1897	James Sullivan Clarkson
	133		Jul. 22, 1891	M. H. Hodder
	134		Sept. 13, 1897	J. Tengo Jabavu
	135		Nov. 10, 1891	Lee and Shepard, Publishers
	136		Jan. 5, 1891	Fannie E. Ware
	137		Sept. 2, 1881	H. M. Shepard
	138		Nov. 2, 1908	Sec. To William H. Taft
	139		May 22, 1922	T. B. Fashola
	140		Dec. 18, 1892	James Matthew Townsend
	141		Jan. 7, 1905	James Sullivan Clarkson
	142		Jan. 29, 1901	William S. Eaton
	143		Jul. 5, 1897	C. H. J. Taylor
	144		Nov. 27, 1899	Albion A. Perry
	145		Aug. 28, 1896	Frank S. Black
	146		Jul. 21, 1892	George M. Rewell
	147		Nov. 4, 1890	Irvine Garland Penn?
	148		Dec. 27, 1898	John C. Davey
	149		Sept. 29, 1893	James Sullivan Clarkson
	150		Mar. 29, 1901	Edwin B. Jourdain
	151		May 19 [no year]	John P. Bocock
	152		ca. 1891	Plymouth Argumentative Lyceum
	153		Nov. 11, 1909	Ernest Lyon
	154		n.d.	William J. Lamborn
	155		Apr. 30, 1916	Henrietta Vinton Davis
	156-159		Apr. 25, 1894-	
			May 21, 1896	J. Robert Love, M. D.
	160		Jul. 4, 1897	Joseph Hamilton Griffiths
	161		Aug. 10, 1897	Tompkins
	162		Mar. 29, 1895	Rosetta Douglass-Sprague
	163		Apr. 8, 1915	Robert A. Pelham
	164		n.d.	Poem
	165		Apr. 16, 1912	C. W. Andrews
	166		Sept. 23, 1884	T. J. Mackey
	167		Apr. 9, 1907	T. Lloyd Harrison
	168		May 4, 1901	J. H. Merrill
	169		Nov. 9, 1918	W. L. Jones

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2	170	1	Mar. 8, 1899	Augustus Murray
	171		Apr. 19, 1893	
	172		Jun. 29, 1915	Editor, <i>New York Times</i>
	173		Apr. 26, 1915	J.P.H.C.
	174		Aug. 9, 1899	James D. Corrothers
	175		Apr. 15, 1905	James F. Adair
	176		Sept. 17, 1883	Joseph Horn
	177		Aug. 23, 1879	William V. Turner
	178		Mar. 21, 1924	Ettie (Marie Duchatellier)
	179		Aug. 14, 1895	Erwin Wardman
	180		n.d.	To: James Hale Porter
	181		Oct. 19, 1923	Olur Statt Gabriel
	182		n.d.	The Century Company
	183		Jun. 30, 1924	Ettie (Marie Duchatellier)
	184		Dec. 30, 1923	Poston
	185		Dec. 28, 1923	J. J. Adam
	186		Jan. 13, 1924	J. R. Ralph Casimir
	187		Sept. 19 [no year]	Anna H. Clarkson
	188		Nov. 1, Nov. 18, 1920	"Right Oh!"
	189		Jan. 12, 1920	Dr. E. A. Reid
	190		Nov. 15, 1919	Adeola Agbebi
	191		Jul. 12, 1919	D. E. Headley
	192		Apr. 5, 1922	A. E. Jacques
	193		Dec. 15, 1890	John M. Langston
	194		Feb. 9, 1917	Nathaniel Barnett Dodson
	195		Sept. 5, 1916	
	196		Apr. 27, 1907	George W. Ellis
	197		Mar. 6, 1914	James Wilson
	198		Aug. 30, 1905	Lyon and Lyon
	199		Jan. 21, 1921	John W. Cromwell
	200		May 12, Jun. 24, 1907	Ira Jackson, R. A. Jackson
	201		Oct. 26, 1896	E. B. Cantine
	202		Jul. 6, 1904	Thomas Wallace Swann
	203		Aug. 15, 1921	Robert A. Pelham
	204		Jun. 11, 1923	James S. Long
	205		Jun. 8, 1923	Arthur A. Schomburg
	206-207		Feb. 24, Mar. 20, 1915	J. R. Aggrey
	208		Feb. 7, 1910	James C. Smith
	209		Mar. 30, 1910	John E. Burke

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2	210	1	Mar. 21, 1910	Joseph H. Beall
	211-213		Oct. 9-16, 1911	Moses Da Rocha
	214		Jul. 1, 1899	James D. Corrothers
	215		Nov. 30, 1911	Sarah J. Ware
	216-217		Aug. 18, Oct. 18, 1911	John W. Cromwell
	218		Oct. 1, 1911	J. B. Sullivan
	219		ca. 1910	Charles F. Adams
	220		Mar. 18, 1914	Moses Da Rocha
	221		Oct. 6, 1911	John Mitchell, Jr.
	222		Feb. 21, 1912	P. P. Kelsey
	223		Mar. 21, 1912	Gabrielle Barnett
	224		May 17, 1913	W. E. Hawkins
	225		Feb. 13, 1912	Henry A. Wise
	226		Feb. 14, 1912	Mrs. Ernest Braxton
	227		Feb. 3, 1912	John W. Cromwell
	228		Mar. 10, 1909	Reginald
	229		Feb. 1899	National Biographical Cyclopeda Company
	230-232		Dec. 23, 1898- Jun. 30, 1899	Edward E. Cooper
	233		Jul. 6, 1899	S. L. Corrothers
	234		Feb. 3, 1908	Reginald
	235		Mar. 25, 1907	A. K. Soga
	236		Aug. 27, 1921	Carl Butler
	237		Jan. 13, 1900	Addie Hamilton Jewell
	238		Jun. 26, 1917- Feb. 12, 1920	Adeola Agbebi
	239		Nov. 10, 1908	Thomas N. Stenson
	240		Feb. 11, 1909	Mojola
	241		Apr. 1, 1895	Thomas L. Jones
	242		Sept. 7, 1921	E. D. Thompson
	243		Sept. 21, 1898	Rosetta Douglass-Sprague
	244		Aug. 2, 1897	Richard Hill
	245		Feb. 22, 1908	Joseph H. Beall
	246		Feb. 7, 1900	P. R. Nelson
	247		Oct. 21, 1892	S. H. Blocker
	248		Oct. 28, 1892	James Sullivan Clarkson

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2	249	1	Mar. 18, 1898	Virginia Building, Loan and Trust Company
	250		May 13, 1901	C. T. Walker
	251		n.d.	Irvine Garland Penn
	252		Oct. 7, 1912	York Russell
	253		Jul. 25, 1899	James Sullivan Clarkson
	254		Jun. 22, 1917	Charles W. Anderson
	255		Jul. 19, 1897	Henry C. Mercer
	256		Jan. 29, 1889	Edwin F. Horn
	257		Apr. 13, 1891	John E. Bruce to F. G. Barbadoe
	258		May 15, 1920	Adeola Agbebi
	259		Jul. 6, 1918	James P. Tumulty
	260		Sept. 5, 1919	Chizzy (George G. Crawford)
	261		May 7, 1918	Unknown
	262-263		Dec. 13, 14, 1895	George N. Southwick
	264		Dec. 10, 1895	T. S. P. and Amanda Miller
	265		Mar. 8, 1919	William G. Willcox
	266		Apr. 28, 1918	Maude Pearl La Van
	267		May 18, Apr. 15, 1920	A. Kinbami; Adeola Agbebi
	268		Sept. 12, 1919	Duse Mohamed Ali
	269		Aug. 16, 1891	Henry P. Cheatham
	270		Oct. 9, 1897	The Helman-Taylor Company
	271		Jun. 21, 1909	Charles M. Andrews
	272		May 6, 1915	Robert A. Pelham
	273		Sept. 27, 1911	W. E. B. Du Bois
	274		Mar. 22, 1910	Henry A. Spencer
	275		Jul. 1, 1908	J. W. Nassi
	276		Oct. 18, 1911	Arthur A. Schomburg
	277-282		1914-Jan. 17, 1917	Arthur A. Schomburg
	283		Jan. 12, 1917	Fleming H. Revell Company
	284-289		Nov. 24, 1911- Apr. 22, 1913	Arthur A. Schomburg
	290		Jun. 15, 1914	Samuel Fallows
	291-292		Mar. 5, 1910	William S. McElroy, Dr.
	293		Mar. 10, 1910	W. E. Hawkins
	294-295		Mar. 8, 10, 1910	Samuel Davis
	296		Mar. 29, 1915	May Childs Nerney
	297		Aug. 8, 1911	Mrs. Ernest Braxton

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2	298	1	Apr. 11, 1910	Samuel S. Koenig
	299		n.d.	Sadie Minor
	300		Mar. 3, 1915	Elmer Cornbeck
	301		Oct. 25, 1911	C. A. Franklin
	302		Feb. 16, 1915	A. B. F. Perry
	303		Mar. 22, 1915	George W. Ellis
	304		Apr. 26, 1915	George Washington
	305		Mar. 29, 1915	Philip H. Brown
	306		Jul. 5, 1899	Edward E. Cooper
	307		Apr. 21, 1915	George W. Harris
	308		Jun. 26, 1899	Edward E. Cooper
	309		Jun. 28, 1899	James D. Corrothers
	310		Jan. 23, 1912	Sterling Lambert
	311		Jan. 30, 1899	John C. Dancy
	312		Jun. 20, 1899	Edward E. Cooper
	313		n.d.	A. Goldsmith
	314		Oct. 10, 1911	Mrs. Ernest Braxton
	315		Dec. 6, 1898	James Harold Coleman
	316		n.d.	Arthur A. Schomburg
	317-319		May 31-Jun. 16, 1899	Edward E. Cooper
	320		Mar. 23, 1910	Samuel Davis
	321		Apr. 7, 1915	Casely Hayford
	322-323		Oct. 15, 1898, Mar. 10, 1899	John W. Cromwell
	324		Nov. 16, 1898	William Hopper Council
	325		Apr. 3, 1899	John W. Cromwell
	326		May 26, 1914	Arthur A. Schomburg
	327		n.d.	
	328		Jun. 6, 1906	Senator Thomas C. Platt
	329		Feb. 20, 1917	L. E. Wilkes
	330		ca. 1899	Arthur A. Schomburg
	331-332		Mar. 20, Mar. 12, 1906	James Sullivan Clarkson
	333		1890	C. W. Anderson
	334-335		Mar. 21, 1912- Jun. 1, 1914	Arthur A. Schomburg
	336		Jun. 26, 1911	Nathaniel Barnett Dodson
	337		Nov. 10, 1898	Edward E. Cooper

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2	338	1	Jan. 16, 1899	Nick Chiles
	339		Jan. 15, 1899	W. E. H. Chase
	340		Nov. 25, 1898	William Hopper Council
	341		Feb. 29, 1917	Laura Stewart
	342		Dec. 29, 1900	G. F. Franklin
	343		Jul. 30 [no year]	Alice B. Steenis
	344		Dec. 13, 1894	J. B. Wilson
	345		May 31, 1922	T. H. Saunders
	346		Jun. 2, 1922	New York City Police Commissioner
	347		Apr. 16, 1907	Edward E. Cooper
	348		Feb. 17, 1914	Dr. York Russell
	349		n.d.	C. A. ?Franklin
	350		May 1, 1913	Sauce-Box
351-352			Oct. 19, 1911, Mar. 21, 1912	Nathaniel Burnett Dodson
	353		Jun. 30, 1899	James Sullivan Clarkson
	354		Jul. 1, 1899	Edward E. Cooper
	355		Mar. 7, 1899	James C. Cunningham
	356		Feb. 26, 1899	John W. Cromwell
	357		Apr. 24, 1899	Edward E. Cooper
	358		Mar. 3, 1899	n. s.
	359		Oct. 6, 1911	John W. Cromwell
	360		Jan. 5, 1911	Nathaniel Barnett Dodson
	361		May 9, 1915	Philip H. Brown
	362		May 19, 1915	M. A. Majors and H. D. Middleton
	363		May 3, 1915	George W. Ellis
	364		Nov. 17, 1898	H. R. Clarke
	365		Feb. 16, 1910	A. Loden Mitchell
	366		Mar. 6, 1909	Reginald
	367		Feb. 3, 1912	C. A. Franklin
	368		Apr. 24, 1915	J. William Boyd
	369		n.d.	Arthur A. Schomburg
	370		Mar. 3, 1917	Nathaniel Barnett and Evelyn Dodson
	371		Jul. 188?	William Still
	372		Aug. 4, 1920	A. Kimbami
	373		n.d.	David Starr Jordan

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2	374-380	1	Jan. 1, 1912- Sept. 14, 1914	Arthur A. Schomburg
	381		Memorandum	Arthur A. Schomburg
	382		Dec. 7, 1885	George Peabody Wetmore
	383		Aug. 19, 1887	Hobart Brooks
	384		n.d.	
	385		Aug. 30, 1900	George Birrell
	386		Jul. 21, 1887	Stewart C. Hoyt
	387		Jul. 27, 1887	J. B. Massiah
	388		Sept. 21, 1884	H. Libbey
	389		Aug. 15, 1887	L. Murray Brown
	390		Sept. 16, 1885	Richard T. Greener
	391		Who's Who Excerpt	F. L. Mather
	392		Nov. 24, 1891	C. S. Montague
	393		n.d.; Aug. 17, 1883	George T. Westly
	394		Feb. 21, 1906	Lewis H. Douglass
	395		Feb. 24, 1888	Phillips Brooks
	396		Aug. 1, 1884	H. C. Lodge
	397		Jan. 3, 1923	Maloney
	398		n.d.	Billie [William H. Wilkes?]
	399		1922	Wilhelmina Cumberbatch
	400		Jan. 6, 1923	John W. Cromwell
	401		Jan. 25, 1923	J. R. Clifford
	402		Nov. 14, 1922	Arthur A. Schomburg
	403		Jan. 16, 1923	Carter G. Woodson
	404		Apr. 21, 1888	John D. Long
	405		Feb. 27, 1923	Billie [William H. Wilkes?]
	406		Jan. 14, 1923	John W. Cromwell
	407		Feb. 25, 1916	Theodore Stephens
	408		Jan. 10, 1913	Burt G. Wilder
	409		Oct. 16, 1922	J. R. Clifford
	410		Dec. 1898	F. Z. S. Peregrino
	411		Business Card	F. Z. S. Peregrino
	412		Nov. 16, 1893	Alexander Crummell
	413		Oct. 9, 1900	A. Goldsmith
	414		Feb. 19, 1886	Leland Stanford
	415		Oct. 1, 1884	H. Leibling
	416		Aug. 12, 1882	A. F. Bissell
	417		Aug. 22, 1884	B. J. Jones

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2	418	1	May 10, 1893	Hoke Smith
	419		n.d.	
	420		Jul. 13, 1891	?Johnson
	421		Apr. 20, 1907	Dr. York Russell
	422		Apr. 24, 1907	Hattie B. Sprague
	423		Aug. 26, 1891	W. Owens King
	424		Mar. 29, 1922	Robert S. Kearney and Jacob W. Starr
	425-427		1895-1915	Invitations
	428		1898 Invitation	Douglass Monument Committee
	429		1901	Invitation to Testimonial Banquet
	430		n.d.	
	431		Feb. 2, 1891	Alexander Crummell
	432		Oct. 17, 1907	W. E. Chandler
	433		Dec. 20, 1898	Dr. Paulus Moort
	434		Apr. 11, 1896	C. H. Taylor
	435		Mar. 1, 1901	Award to Phil Walters
	436		n.d.	William H. Wilkes
	437		Aug. 1904	Justin Lherissons
	438		n.d.	John W. Cromwell
	439		n.d.	F. Z. S. Peregrino
	440		Sept. 9, 1893	Alexander Crummell
	441		Jan. 5, 1899	F. Z. S. Peregrino
	442		Mar. 10, 1906	Alexander Crummell
	443		Jul. 5, 1921	John W. Cromwell
	444		Jul. 16, 22, 1894	William Henry Dorsey
	445		Jul. 30, 1913	Receipt
			Group C: BRUCE LETTERS (4-1 to 4-84)	
			Letters Sent by Bruce	
3	1		n.d.	Editor, <i>Age</i>
	2		n.d.	Editor, <i>The Evening Sun</i>
	3		Apr. 7, 1891	Editor, <i>The Press</i>
	4		n.d.	Editor, <i>The Sun</i>
	5		Jun. 8, 1891	Editor, <i>The Government Official</i>
	6		n.d.	Editor, <i>The Colorado Infamy</i>
	7		n.d.	Editor, <i>The Herald</i>
	8		n.d.	Editor, <i>The World</i>
	9		Jul. 18, 1921	Editor

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3	10	1	Sept. 4, 1894	Editor
	11		n.d.	Editor
	12		n.d.	Editor, <i>The Albany Evening Journal</i>
	13		n.d.	Editor, <i>The Boston Traveller</i>
	14		n.d.	Editor, <i>The Evening Sun</i>
	15		n.d.	Editor, <i>The Sun</i>
	16		Aug. 8, 1908	Editor, <i>The World</i>
	17		Nov. 30, 1911	Editor, <i>New York Sun</i>
	18		Oct. 25, 1913	Editor
	19		n.d.	Editor, <i>The Tribune</i>
	20-21		Aug. 5, 1907	Editor, <i>The Evening Sun</i>
	22		Oct. 9, 1919	Editor, <i>The Globe</i>
	23	1	n.d.	Editor, <i>The Planet</i>
	24		Jan. 16, 1922	Editor, <i>The Globe</i>
	25		n.d.	Editor
	26		Jan. 9, 1890	Editor
	27		Jan. 17, 1922	Editor, <i>The World</i>
	28		Jun. 22, 1922	Mrs. Florence Bruce
	29		Jul. 1, 1923	Mrs. Florence Bruce
	30-31		Jun. 23, 30, 1922	Mrs. Florence Bruce
	32		Sept. 4, 1923	Mrs. Florence Bruce
	33		Jan. 1, 2, 1924	Hon. Casely Hayford; Mrs. Florence Bruce
	34-35		Jul. 1, 1922; Oct. 24, 1922	Mrs. Florence Bruce
	36		Mar. 8, 1890	From E. S. Williams
	37		Jun. 21, 1922	Mrs. Florence Bruce
	38		Mar. 23, 1900	Hon. Jesse S. Phillips
	39		Sept. 20, 1921	Dr. Alfred Lefkow, D. C.
	40		Apr. 3, 1920	Justice James J. Dossen
	41		Apr. 3, 1920	C. D. B. King
	42		Nov. 6, 1897	Alexander Crummell
	43		Jan. 19, 1923	John W. Cromwell
	44		n.d.	T. T. F. [T. Thomas Fortune?]
	45		Dec. 3, 1912	Principal of Banneker School
	46		Aug. 20, 1915	Prof. F. H. Giddings

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Reel</u>			
3	47	1	Nov. 19, 1888	n.n.	
	48		Mar. 26, 1923		Mrs. Kendall (Dame Madge Robertson)
	49		Aug. 4, 1920		“Haich Haich
	50		Aug. 17, 1920		Marcus Garvey
	51		n.d.		Friends
	52		Jul. 28, 1920		Dr. Moses Da Rocha; Judge Dossen; A. Cole
	53		Feb. 20, 1905		General James Sullivan Clarkson
	54		Sept. 10, 1919		Old Chizzy
	55		n.d.		Mr. Young
	56		Jul. 24, 1911		White
	57		Jan. 18, 1922		George C. Skerloch
	58		n.d.		n.n.
	59		ca. 1890		Dink Botts
	60		n.d.		n.n.
	61		Jun. 17, 1916		Hon. Charles Anderson
	62		Jan. 1, 1894		Doctor
	63		Mar. 23, 1923		Mr. King
	64		Oct. 22, 1891		Frederick Douglass
	65		Jun. 13, 1921		Mr. Perrault
	66		Jul. 30, 1911		Mrs. White
	67		Sept. 27, 1917		Mrs. Agbebi
	68		May 16, 1915		Arthur A. Schomburg
	69		n.d.		n.n.
	70		Apr. 30, 1909		W. E. Chandler
	71		Feb. 8, 1916		Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Lambert
	72		Jan. 13, 1912		J. N. Bruce
	73		Jan. 13, 1912		Paul H. Bray
	74		n.d.		Ladies
	75		n.d.		Editor, <i>The World</i>
	76		n.d.		Letter in German with n.n.
	77		ca. 1908		Invitation
	78		ca. 1912 Invitation		For Mrs. York Russell and Blandine Russell
	79		Apr. 30, 1917		_____ Feeder
	80		May 1909		Exposition Announcement
	81		Mar. 14, 1914		Arthur A. Schomburg
	82		Aug. 12, 1907		Arthur A. Schomburg

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Reel</u>		
3	83	1	Aug. 2, 1916	To Whom It May Concern
	84		n.d.	List of Authors
			Letters to Bruce (4A-1 to 4A-82)	
	1		Dec. 20, 1899	William Eaton Chandler
	2		Jul. 24, 1893	J. W. E. Brown
	3		Dec. 6, 1904	James Sullivan Clarkson
	4		Apr. 7, 1903	J. W. Lyons
	5		Sept. 11, 1891	James Sullivan Clarkson
	6		Jul. 11, 1899	Albert E. Pillsbury
	7		Apr. 11, 1898	John Addison Porter
	8		May 23, 1898	Benjamin B. Odell, Jr.
	9		Dec. 4, 1893	Marshall Cushing
	10		Aug. 22, 1891	A. B. Nettleton
	11-12		n.d.; Apr. 1, 1903	James Sullivan Clarkson
	13		Aug. 15, 1890	Clarence Johnson
	14		Apr. 1, 1890	To Mr. Townsend, from William Eaton Chandler
	15		Dec. 1, 1904	George Addington
	16		Apr. 26, 1889	William O. Platt
	17		Aug. 3, 1891	George Chandler
	18		May 14, 1891	George Redway
	19		Dec. 28, 1890	John C. Spooner
	20		Apr. 4, 1901	W. A. Pledger
	21		Oct. 11, 1898	J. J. McEirlyly
	22		Mar. 27, 1903	Senator John C. Spooner
	23		Jun. 8, 1889	George Chandler
	24		May 8, 1890	E. M. Halford
	25		Apr. 27, 1891	James Sullivan Clarkson
	26		Aug. 5, 1897	James Addison Porter
	27		Mar. 10, 1890	Senator John C. Spooner
	28		Jun. 20, 1891	James Dean
	29-31		Apr. 17, 21, 24, 1903	James Sullivan Clarkson
	32		Jun. 20, 1890	Frank F. Doyle
	33		Oct. 9, 1897	Cornelius N. Bliss
	34		May 12, 1890	Henry Plummer Cheatham
	35		Nov. 23, 1900	Timothy L. Woodruff

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3	36	1	Jan. 1, 1904	Brucey
	37		Mar. 11, 1890	Byron M. Cutcheon
	38		Aug. 18, 1896	C. E. Prior, Foraker & Prior
	39		Jul. 13, 1892	James Sullivan Clarkson
	40		Dec. 16, 1898	A. R. Miller
	41		Mar. 10, 1900	George Curtis Treadwell
	42		Oct. 21, 1890	J. M. E. Briscoe
	43		May 26, 1894	William Eaton Chandler
	44		Feb. 5, 1900	James Sullivan Clarkson
	45		Apr. 12, 1893	James K. Jones, Jr.
	46		Nov. 26, 1904	M. Linn Bruce
	47		Aug. 12, 1907	James Sullivan Clarkson
	48		Nov. 4, 1890	George D. Ruffin
	49		Dec. 9, 1892	Lewis and Wood
	50		n.d.	A. H. Underdown
	51-52		Mar. 22, 1897,	
			Jul. 11, 1899	Harper & Brothers
	53		Apr. 20, 1901	The Orion Publishing Company
	54		Feb. 1, 1898	The Helman-Taylor Company
	55		Apr. 21, 1900	Mary Worswick
	56		Jun. 23, 1891	George W. Dickey
	57		Apr. 21, 1893	Joseph E. Smith
	58		May 11, 1888	T. Thomas Fortune and Peterson, Publishers
	59		Jan. 17, 1896	Richard T. Greener
	60		Sept. 30, 1892	Mrs. John A. Logan
	61		Mar. 21, 1891	James Sullivan Clarkson
	62		Sept. 17, 1914	Leigh Whipper
	63		Feb. 14, 1923	T. Thomas Fortune
	64		Jun. 5, 1916	Duse Ali Mohamed
	65		Mar. 25, 1901	J. Ormond Wilson
	66		[Missing]	
	67		Oct. 24, 1919	George R. Dyer
	68		Aug. 12, 1884	B. F. Jones
	69		Sept. 1, 1900	William Eaton Chandler
	70		Oct. 10, 1900	Henry F. Downing
	71		Aug. 6, 1887	A. R. Spofford
	72		Jul. 25, 1900	Wu Ting Fang
	73		Aug. 25, 1908	Leslie Sutherland

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3	74	1	Apr. 3, 1922	Prince Hall Lodge
	75		Apr. 8, 1903	James Sullivan Clarkson
	76		Mar. 2, 1897	T. Thomas Fortune
	77		Aug. 24, 1910	Arthur A. Schomburg
	78		Mar. 14, 1910	A. J. Gary
	79		Jun. 24, 1895	William B. Derrick
	80		Feb. 25, 1910	B. W. Willett
	81		Jul. 26, 1919	Liberia's Natal Day Program
	82		Jun. 1900	Thomas Wallace Swann
	5-6	2	5-1 to 5-20	
	7-9		5-21 to 5-52	
	10-14		Group D: MANUSCRIPTS	
			Manuscripts 43-86	
4	1-3		Manuscripts 7 82-104	
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	6-9		Manuscripts - Editorial Notes 9E 1-80	
	10-12		Manuscripts 9E 81-139	

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5	1	3	Manuscripts-Drama 10 1-8
	2		"Which One?"
	3		"Our Old Kentucky Home"
	4		"Our Old Kentucky Home"
	5		"Miscellanies"
	6		"Dedication"
	7		"Digging a Pit"
	8		"The Differlee"
			"Foussaiut L' Ouverturo"
			Manuscripts-Fiction F10 1-21
	1		"The Crucial Moment"
	2		"Retribution"
	3		"A Weird Experience"
	4		"The Humanity of the Negro"
	5		"The Call of a Nation"
	6		"What Brudder Cephas Saw"

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5	7	3	"Who Was the Thief?"
	8		"Preaching (vs.) Practice"
	9		"Luther Bowman: A Tale of the Old Smith"
	10		"Basil's Vision: A Story of Ante Bellum Days"
	11		"Coals of Fire: A Tale in Three Chapters"
	12		Part 2 ??
	13		"The Tie That Binds"
	14		"Solving the Problem"
	15		"The Incriminating Pink Spot"
	16		"Heaping Coals of Fire"
	17		"Skinnem and Doolittle"
	18		"Short Stories"
	19		"The African Aeroplane"
	20		"Charlotte Smokes a Clay Pipe"
	21		"Washington's Colored Society"
			 Bruce Poetry BP10 1-18
	1		"Tulsa Field of Blood"
	2		no title
	3		"Of Little Colored Men One Was a Coleman Told Mr. Daugherty"
	4		no title
	5		--
	6		"When Africa Awakes"
	7		no title
	8		"A Collection of Original Poems and Sayings"
	9		"To Florence"
	10		"The Old Flag Never Touched the Ground"
	11		"Douglass"
	12		Song: Text by JEB, Music by W. H. Wilkes
	13		Two Hymns Dedicated to Prince Hall Lodge #38
	14		Hymn
	15		"The Douglass Centenary Poem"
	16		no title
	17		"Midnight Reflections"
	18		"The Old Flag Never Touched the Ground"
Folder	7-8		Manuscripts - Bruce "Grit" - (B11) Column 1-33
			Group E: MISCELLANEOUS
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6		3	Miscellaneous 13 61-107 Bruce - Magazine Articles and Letters - War Department and WPA Listings Miscellaneous Articles - Property of John E. Bruce - "Grit" Bruce Scrapbooks 1-4
7			Mrs. Bruce (Florence) Letters to Mrs. Florence Bruce
	3		n.d. James Sullivan Clarkson
	4		Jul. 26, 1914 Arthur A. Schomburg
	5		Dec. 23, 1919 Brucey
	6		n.d. Ettie (Marie Duchatellier)
	7		Aug. 20, 1924 Arthur A. Schomburg
	8		Jun. 10, 1924 William H. Wilkes
			Apr. 20, 1921 Sterling Lambert
	10		Dec. 10, 1899 C. J. Allen Debauce
			Unnumbered
			Feb. 25, 1925 to Miss Grant
			Nov. 5, 1906 to Madam Mary Church Terrell
			Mar. 20, 1924 from William H. Wilkes
			Feb. 10, 1914 from Mrs. A. M. Dahl
			Bruce Fragments No. 1 - Bruce Ms. 1-137
		4	Group E Continued - Miscellaneous Not Cataloged