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Bishop Reverdy Ransom Finding Aid

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Box 1

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Title: License to Preach

October 31, 1884, Handwritten exhorters license, Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom's in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Signed by H. Jackson, Presiding Elder.

April 24, 1885, Handwritten certificate of Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom's license to preach in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Signed by H. Jackson, Pastor.

Folder 2

Title: Struggles in the Ministry

May 4, 1903, Newspaper Article, "Church is Dynamited: Enemies of Colored Pastor Seek Revenge for Sermon on Policy Playing" " Article about A.M.E. Church bombed by supposed enemies of Reverend Reverdy Cassius Ransom. Picture also included. {Caption Reads) Church wrecked by dynamite, and its pastor. The picture shows where the door was shattered by the explosion. The pastor is the Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom, D.D., The Chicago Herald.

Newspaper Article, "Policy Men See Writing On Wall: For the First Time in its History in Chicago 150 of the Gambling Shops Shut Down, Article about Reverend Ransom's leadership In closing gambling establishments in Chicago. "Fear of agitation and prosecution of many indictments soon to begin in the criminal court. (No date)

Newspaper Article "Ransom Urges Christianity as Exemplified Causes Doubt" -article about youth cannot be Inspired by American Christianity. (No date)

Newspaper Article, "Declares Only Death will Defeat him Clew to Explosion", Article about the investigation of Institutional Church at 3825 Dearborn (Undated), Hearst Chicago American. (No date)

Folder 3

Title: Report Bishops Council

February 17, 1944, Report of the Third Episcopal District to the Bishops Council, Birmingham, Alabama.
{No date}

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Folder 4

Title: Honors and Recognitions

October 13, 1945, Newspaper Article, "Sixty Years in Christian Ministry Rt. Rev. R. C. Ransom Is Feted by Third District; Mrs. Ransom Shares Honors", Pittsburgh Courier.

August 12-13, 1950 Newspaper Article, Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, "Honored with a marble plaque by his native town" Flushing, Ohio at a gala two-day Homecoming on the occasion of the dedication of its Municipal Building. (No date)

September 8, 1946, Certificate of honorary citizenship from the City of Chillicothe, Ohio to Bishop R. C. Ransom In recognition of merit and distinguished achievement.

Invitation in honor of Bishop and Mrs. R.C. Ransom, "Mrs. W.H.H. Butler requests the pleasure of your company in honor of Bishop and Mrs. R. C. Ransom of Wilberforce, Ohio on Tuesday, the eighteenth of September at eight o'clock 501 Winfield Street, Pittsburgh. {No date}

{October 3, 195?} Newspaper Article, "Third Episcopal District to Honor Bishop Ransom's 60 Years in the Ministry on October 3 at Cincinnati, Ohio".

{September 20, 1900?} Newspaper Article, "Bishop Ransom, 60 Yrs. in the Ministry, West Virginia Preparing for full Participation in this Outstanding Affair" by F. D. Wilkes, The Christian Recorder.

{October 3, 1900?} Newspaper Article, "Third Episcopal District to Honor Bishop Ransom's 60 Years in the Ministry on October 3 at Cincinnati, Ohio".

Newspaper Article "Third Dist. to Honor Bishop Ransom by Alma A. Polk. African Methodist Episcopal Church bestowed distinguished service recognition upon Bishop C. Ransom, mention of Mrs. Georgia Teal Ransom.

Folder 5

Title: Fight to Save Wilberforce University

Newspaper Article, "Church Wrangling at Wilberforce Doomed as Ohio Senate Passes Bill" discusses the passage of a bill by the Ohio State Senate designed to give the Board of Trustees the right to elect the

president for the state-supported administration at Wilberforce University. Decries the overwhelming influence of church politics, Cleveland Call. Includes information of the Board of Directors and those chosen by Governor Thomas J. Herbert.

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September 4, 1947, Newspaper Article, Gazette, "Article: Governor Shuttles State Board at Wilberforce University One Former Member Dies as Herbert Names Eight Trustees Under New Law Giving State Greater Authority.

May 10, 1947, Newspaper Article, "The Background of Wilberforce University", The Ohio State News (2 copies)

May 22, 1947, Newspaper Article, "Wilberforce at the Cross-roads" written by Bishop Joseph Gomez article about Bill 258 in the Ohio Senate questing the accreditation of Wilberforce University, Christian Recorder.

May 1948, "Newspaper Article," A.M.E. Church Fights to Recover O'Neill Hall From State" Article about Ohio challenging Wilberforce University's ownership of O'Neill Hall and the university's rights to use the "official name" Wilberforce University, The Wilberforce Defender.

May 1948, the Wilberforce Defender, "Defender of Wilberforce Bishop Ransom Bears Brunt of Enemies' Attack by Chas. H. Loeb, Cleveland Call and Post.

Newspaper Article, "With Malice toward None" by Stanley Roberts. Article depicting the Wilberforce's demonstrating its powerful force for stability across the United States. Stanley supports the university's fight for Independence, Pittsburgh Couriers, No date

Letter from the Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, President of the Bishops' Council, Presiding Bishop of the Third Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Chairman of the Trustee Boards, Wilberforce University. "Proposal to develop a campaign leading up to the passage of legislation deeding state property at Wilberforce University to the Wilberforce Corporation.

Newspaper Article "Wilberforce Bill Voted Out 5-2," Ohio senate's education committee by a vote of 5-3 sent the Wilberforce bill to the rules committee. The Bill gives the state board of trustees the right to hire and fire the president of the university.

Newspaper article "Force Bill Passes Senate by 19-7 Vote, Article about the Gray Bill with a vote of 19-7, approval of the State Senate. The Bill SB 293 gives Wilberforce University the power to elect,

compensate and dismiss the president of the latter college and set up additional courses leading to a Bachelor of Science degree.

June 10, 1948, the Evening Gazette, Xenia, Ohio, "Wilberforce U. Not 'For Sale' -Walker Bishop Tells 44 Graduates Church Will Win Fight with State; 85¹h Commencement Held Thursday.

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Folder 6

Title: Wilberforce University

Recommendation for the tentative organization of the College of Education and Industrial Arts for consideration of the faculty for Wilberforce University.

Bulletin College of Education and Industrial Arts at Wilberforce University, Wilberforce University, 1947-48, Published at Wilberforce University. The bulletin contains pertinent data concerning registration, academic regulations, and general organization. A complete catalog, containing detailed information.

Folder 7

Title: Notice of Preaching Engagements

Program Announcement, Bishop R. C. Ransom, D. D. and Bishop F. M. Reid, D. D. at Morris Brown A.M.E. Church, Program, March 2, 1945, Address delivered by Bishop R. C. Ransom.

Newspaper Article, Copeland A.M.E. Church Marks 66¹h Anniversary Bishop Delivers Address. Article describing Bishop R. C. Ransom serving as the guest speaker to mark the anniversary of Copeland A.M.E. Church (No date)

Folder 8

Title: General Conference

Newspaper Article, "Cora Jordan Writes on AME Conference" Article about the 33'd General Conference, Kansas City, Kansas, features information about a resolutions creating a department of research and history, resolution about rotating the bishops every eight years and Bishop Ransom's request to delegates o f the General Conference request to remain as an active bishop and head the department of research and historiography. (No date)

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Folder 9

Title: Sermons (No date)

Sermons by Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom

"Episcopal Saboteurs"

"The Finished Product of American Womanhood" (2 copies)

The Gate of the Temple Which is Called Beautiful

Grandmother

"Greetings from the Missionary Women of America"

"Hobbies" (2 copies)

"Old Men for Counsel, Young Men for War"

"Out of the Midnight Sky" A Thanksgiving Address Delivered by Rev. R.C. Ransom, November 30th, 1893 in Mt. Zion Congregational Church, Cleveland, Ohio Fraternal Printing and Publishing Com, 543 Erie Street. Address discussing brutalities that African Americans suffer at the hand of unjust treatment.

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"Us in the Face of the New Age" 2 pages (pages missing)

"Wilberforce University Observes Annual Fall Convocation" 1 (pages missing)

Folder 10

Title: Proclamations

May 19, 1932, Proclamation from Governor Joseph B. Ely calling for a proper observance of the anniversary of the Boston Massacre.

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Folder 11

Title: Revision of the Discipline Support of Bishops

Revision of the Discipline Support of Bishops

Salary of active Bishops

Extra Session of the General Conference

One Connectional Board of Finance and Management

Connectional Board

Revision of the Discipline

Committee of Investigation

Judicial Administration

The Judicial Council

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Folder 12

Title: Vinyl Records (3)

Record 1

Side 1 Bishop R. C. Ransom, August 10, 1950 Side 2 Jewish Songs the Hatikvah, September 23, 1950

Record 2

Side 1 Bishop R. C. Ransom, II Side 2 Dr. Wright

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Record 3

Side 1 Bishop R. C. Ransom Side 2 Rev. Ricks - soloist, Rev. J. Henderson - organ, Bishop R. C. Ransom speaker, Jones Auditorium, August 10, 1950

Photo of unidentified child

Group picture of identified child Folder 7

Folder 13

Title: Miscellaneous and Ephemera

Senior Citizen News, Published by the National Council of Senior Citizens, Inc. December, 1976

AME Report, Volume 10. Number 6 November 1976

Corner Reports, Volume II-Number 2, November 1976

African Methodist Church Conference Being Held Here

Bishop Ransom, continued from page one

Leaders Oppose Ohio Senate Bill

Circulation

Ebb Tide of General Conference by Bishop R. C. Ransom

Business card: Dramatic Recital Mrs. Esther Richardson, Trinity A.M.E. Church

Envelope: Allen Methodists' S. S. Union Printers and Publishers hand written message: "Read but do not destroy enclosed matter" on front of envelope

Interoffice Correspondence List, Office of the President, Wilberforce University, March 6, 1946

Alumni of WU Back Wesley His Administration Gets Confidence Vote

Comments and Criticisms

When I was presiding elder...September 6, 1945, Pritchard Alabama

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Folder 14

Title: Photographs

Photo of unidentified child

Group picture of identified group of children

Framed photograph of child

Newspaper Photograph titled Bibles for Servicemen- (Caption Reads) Members of the Women's Missionary Society of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, AME Conference. Are shown presenting Bibles to Miss Brisker of the War Activities Department of the American Red Cross. Bible is for men in service. Photograph features Mrs. R. C. Ransom.

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Box 2

Folder 1

Title: The Gate of the Temple

Newspaper Article: "The Gate of the Temple Which Is Called Beautiful-Acts 3:2 (Christian Recorder, No date)

Folder 2

Title: Mrs. Gould Upholds

March 1, 1918, Newspaper Article: The World, "Mrs. Gould Upholds Negro Candidate to Help Race: She Wishes to See Colored Man in America Get Simple Justice-Our Treatment of Him Worst Page in Our History, Her View of Him Worst Page in Our History, Her View-Admires Ransom's Platform.

Folder 3

Title: Hit Legislation for Wilberforce

April 30, 1945, Newspaper Article: "Hit Legislation for Wilberforce 1,000 at St. James' Hear Charge of State Garb, Cleveland Plain Dealer. Discusses a measure before the Ohio State Legislature described by opponents as giving the state power to remove Wilberforce's university's College of Liberal Arts from church control drew unanimous opposition at a protest meeting of 1,000 members of St. James' A.M.E. Church.

Folder 4

Title: Home at Wilberforce Mecca for Admirers the Bishop Comments

Newspaper Article: "Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom Home at Wilberforce Mecca for Admirers by Marty Richardson, the Cleveland Call and Post. Publication of note of thank you from Ransom to the writer thanking him for the series of articles in the first two installments of a four part series on the life of Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom (No date)

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Folder 5

Title: Negro Pastor Continues

Newspaper Article: "Negro Pastor Continues His Attack Despite Explosion of a Week Ago. Fight to the Finish. While Pulpit Orators Protest, Deneen Prepares for Prosecutions Today (No date) Article discusses the institutional Church which Ransom headed, picketing of church by Negro

guards and detachment of police and detectives for Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom. Ransom discusses his defiance of unjust policies by the government.

May 4, 1903 Newspaper Article, Chicago Evening Post, Editorial by Ransom decrying the legal policies of gambling, and corruption unjustly supported by the city leaders in Chicago.

Folder 6

Title: Ohio State News

May 12, 1945, Newspaper Article, "Four Bishops Oppose Gray Bill to Legalize "Jim Crow" at Wilberforce University, The Ohio State. Discussion of four AME Bishops – Reverdy C. Ransom, R. R. Wright, John A. Gregg and Frank M. Reid – were in attendance in the Ohio senate where they appeared before the education committee to oppose Senate Bill No. 293 sponsored by Senator Theodore M. Gray which would amend the general code and separate Wilberforce University into two Institutions and set up a segregated school.

Folder 7

Title: Police Surround Church

May 11, 1908, Newspaper Article, "Police Men Scored Rev. R. C. Ransom Again Warns Flock Against the Evils of Gambling. Police Surround Church Bomb Throwers Are Severely Arraigned for Attempt to Dynamite Edifice", Discusses the protection provided by the police department of the Institutional Methodist Church, headed by Ransom. The church was dynamited and attacks upon the membership. Ransom was a vocal opponent of the legalization of gambling.

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Folder 8

Title: Mrs. Ransom

1944, Newspaper Article, "Will be Love When May and December Wed", article discusses the recent marriage of Miss Myrtle Teal and Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom.

Folder 9

Newspaper Article, "Ransom Raps Bill to Curb WU Church Rule: Bishop Charges Effort to Gain Control for State Board", Discussion of Bishop R. C. Ransom, Wilberforce, chairman of the A.M.E. Church board of trustees of Wilberforce University, charged Saturday the Dr. Charles E. Wesley, university president is linked with what he described as a movement to gain control of the school and dominion over the church-controlled college of liberal arts. (No Date)

Folder 10

Newspaper Article, "Lauded by Wesley Dr. Ransom Resigns Wilberforce Position", Discussion of Ransom resigning as the head of the department of Religion at Wilberforce University, (No Date)

Newspaper Article, "Charm and Grace of Negro Womanhood", by Bishop Reverdy Ransom, Christian Recorder, February 7, 1947. Poem

Folder 11

Newspaper Article, Boston Herald, March 29, 1906. "Boston Pastor Is Ejected from Car: The Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom of Charles Street A.M.E. Church the Victim. Southern Passengers Object to his Color Said to Have Called Himself a French Count Talking to Woman. Discussion of Rev. Ransom being forcibly ejected from a train in Morristown, Tennessee because of perceived racism.

Folder 12

Newspaper Article, "Saint or Satyr? Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, Firebrand of the AME's" by Mary Richardson, June 25, 1955. Discussion of Ransom and his controversial career as bishop and his ministry for half a century in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Folder 13

Newspaper Article, "Ransom's War on Vice Climaxed His Career, Discussion: last of a series of articles on the AME Minister and leader. In this final installment he discusses the bombing of his church due to his support of prohibition, editor as the AME Review, election as bishop, administrator at Wilberforce and Payne and his fight to save make Wilberforce a independent educational institution. (No Date)

Folder 14

Newspaper Article, "A Robust Occasion inThe Third District", Christian Recorder, (Do Date)
Discussion of the celebration of Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom 60th year in Christian ministry of the AME Church. Celebration held at Allen Temple A.M.E. Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Folder 15

Newspaper Article, "Ruin Negro Church Gamblers Dynamite to Stop a Crusade. Institutional House of Worship Made a Wreck. Outrage Perpetrated After the Congregation Departs. Night Shock Causes Panic in Vicinity on 3825 Dearborn Street. Women Talking with Pastor Thrown to the Floor. Rev. R. C. Ransom Says He Had Been Warned Not to Oppose Policy. Discussion of church bombing of Institutional Church, 3825 Dearborn Street. Ransom charges that gambling casinos and drinking saloons are designed to ruin the lives of young African American males. (No Date)

Folder 16

Newspaper Article, "Sermon on Gambling Evil", Ransom crusades against congregation to join the fight with moral fight against gambling. (No Date)

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Folder 17

Newspaper Article, "Dr. Wesley Asks Unified Program Dismissal of Dr. McMillan Requested in President's Report by Albert J. Dunmore, Ohio State Bureau. Discussion of the turbulent situation at Wilberforce University after the dismissal of McMillan. (No Date)

Newspaper Article, "R. C. Ransom III Sues Wilberforce – Seeks \$900 for Payment Due to Him for Sabbatical Leave", Discussion of Ransom lawsuit filed against Wilberforce University in the Court of Common Pleas, Greene County, Ohio. Ransom charges that his leave of absence was withdrawn as an instructor at Wilberforce University because of political purposes.

Folder 18

Newspaper Article, "Bishop Reid Fears Church-Supported School Will Fail", Discussion about the fight for Wilberforce University independence against the state of Ohio. (No Date)

Folder 19

Newspaper Article, "State's First Round Wilberforce Bill Would Empower State to Name President", Discussion on Ohio Bill SB293 which would give the state of Ohio the right to elect, dismiss and compensate the president of the College of Education and Industrial Arts at Wilberforce University was approved by the Senate Committee on Education by a vote of S-3. (No Date)

Folder 20

Newspaper Article, Wilberforce Defender, May 1948, Discussion of "Court Rules Wilberforce Name Belongs to Church"; A.M.E. Church Fights to Recover O'Neill Hall from State: Political Pressure on Courts Handicaps Church in Struggle to Recover Historic Building". (No Date)

Folder 21

Newspaper Article, "Amend Gray Bill Renew Unity Talk: Nothing Definite Announced About Status of Dr. Wesley", by Albert J. Dunsmore, Ohio State Bureau. Discussion of the Gray Bill, designed to strengthen the College of Education and Industrial Arts at Wilberforce University, which was amended and voted out of the education committee of the State Legislature.

Folder 22

Newspaper Photograph with Caption, "Guggenheim Fellow: Dr. Benjamin A. Quarles, professor and head of the department of history and political science at Morgan State College, has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for research next year. Dr. Quarles, who is the author of two books, will study the role of the Negro on the American Revolutionary War." (No Date)

Folder 23

Newspaper Article, "Bill Would Give State 8 to 1 Margin On Wilberforce Board", Discussion of the introduction of the bill to the Ohio State House which would increase the number of gubernatorial appointment on the nine-member state board of trustees at Wilberforce University from six to eight. (No Date)

Folder 24

Newspaper Article, the Ohio State News, May 17, 1947. "Buckeyes Look Promising", Discussion of newly organized Western American Assn. baseball league and the Ohio State annual spring intra-squad game Saturday.

Folder 25

Newspaper Article, "Church News Eloquent Speech of Bishop J. H. Jones at the Federal Council of Churches at Boston, Dec. 1, 1920", Reported Verbatim by Rev. J.Q. Johnson, Reporter for the Delegation. (No Date)

Folder 26

Newspaper Article, "Church-State Scrap at W. U. Alred Tuesday Hearing of Ouster Suit against Wesley, Discussion of the fight for control of Wilberforce University in progress and also the dismissal of Dr. Charles H. Wesley as president. (No date)

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Folder 27

Newspaper Article, The Ohio State News, June 21, 1947, "Injunction Granted – Court Nips Wesley Jim Crow School at Wilberforce U Most Complete Coverage of Any Newspaper on the "Wilberforce Situation" Pages 2,6,7,8,9,18 and Back Page, Discussion of Dr. Charles H. Wesley, deposed president of Wilberforce University and the schools filing of a restraining order to prevent Wesley from conducting the summer school session and serving as president of Wilberforce University.

Folder 28

Newspaper Article, the Ohio State News, May 3, 1947, "Fire State Board at Wilberforce U, Ex-Prexy Walker Asks of Governor: D. Ormonde Walker, Former Prexy of Wilberforce, Says, "Fire Board" Discussion of D. Ormonde Walker address at St. James A.M. E. Church calling upon Governor Thomas J. Herbert to remove the current board of trustees at Wilberforce University. (2 copies)

Folder 29

Newspaper Article, the Wilberforce Defender, May 1948, "The Truth about Wilberforce; Defender of Wilberforce Bishop Ransom Bears Brunt of Enemies' Attack" by Chas. H. Loeb. Discussion of the attacks upon Bishop Reverdy Ransom by the enemies of Wilberforce University.

Folder 30

Newspaper Article, "Delay South on Wilberforce Bill"; Wilberforce U. Graduate 112 in 82"d Rites", Discussion of the A.M.E. church request for the withdrawal of the Gray Bill, pending in

the state legislature. The bill would shift power from the university to the state in the selection of the university president and other administrative officials. (No Date); Newspaper Article, The Ohio State News, June 21, 1947, "To Discuss Jim Crow Ohio School", Discussion of Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, chairman of the Wilberforce university board of trustees announcement of his convening a meeting of the Northern Ohio and Ohio conferences on June 26, 1947.

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Folder 31

Newspaper Article, the Ohio State News, June 28, 1947, "Editorial Comment Equality...The American Way!" Editorial Across the Desk, "Had the Wilberforce president been like former presidents of that institution who have been criticized".

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Newspaper Article, "The Cleveland Herald, May 31, 1948, "Fire All Race Workers In ... Bishop Ransom In Final Word Calls Wilberforce Critics "The Auctioneers", Letter written by Bishop Reverdy Ransom in which he answers critics of Wilberforce University.

Folder 33

Newspaper Article, "Jim Crow" Charge is Denied by State Board at Wilberforce", Discussion of charges that the state of Ohio is using tax payers money "to conduct an experiment in Jim Crow education" at Wilberforce University, made recently by the university's AME Church board.

Folder 34

Newspaper Article, Xenia Gazette, July 29, 1947, "Legal Status of Wilberforce Up to Attorney General Claim" Discussion of request by a committee representing the church board of trustees of Wilberforce University that the university's legal status be determined and come under the

jurisdiction of the Ohio Attorney General that would be headed by Bishop R. C. Ransom, chairman of the AME Church board and

Folder 35

Newspaper Article, The Ohio State News, May 24, 1947, "A Look Into the Administration of President Charles H. Wesley", Discussion of the faculty of Wilberforce University's battle with President Charles H. Wesley and his administrative decisions. (2 copies)

Folder 36

Newspaper Article, "Race Needs Leaders to Foster Ideals Declares Bishop: Intelligent Negroes Cannot be Led to Follow Christ as Portrayed by White Religious Bodies in America", Discussion of the battle of modern day Negroes, segregation, voting rights and the role of religion.

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Newspaper Photograph, The Pittsburgh Courier, Photo Caption reads "Ohio Visitors-Visitors from the Buckeye State were in evidence throughout the sessions of the annual Pittsburgh conference, held in Brown Chapel AME church. Pictured are a few of the many women. Left to right, front row: Mesdames A. H. Turner, Catherine S. Lyons, R.C. Ransom, Irene Liggons and Mamie Robinson. Others left to right: Mesdames R. N. Nelson, Mary E. Broughden. West Virginia: Leathia H. Jordan, Lillian Mason, Evelyn N. Wooding, West Virginia: D. B. Taylor, Meredith Davis, Francis Henderson, Willietta Storms, Beulah Tyson and H. G. Payne, Monongahela, Pa. -Sockwell Photo.

Folder 38

Newspaper Article, "1000 AME Supporters Hold Mass Meeting on Wilberforce Campus", Discussion of supporters of the AME Church from Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia who met for an emergency meeting at the request of Bishop Ransom in John Auditorium, Shorter Hall – Wilberforce University. Ransom leads the fight in independence for Wilberforce University from the state of Ohio. Ransom declares that Wilberforce University "belongs solely

to the AME Church, and calls upon its members and friends to give to the financial and moral aid fund".

Folder 39

Newspaper Article, Christian Recorder, January 17, 1946, "Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce University Wilberforce, Ohio" by John H. Lewis, Dean. Discussion of a proposed administration building at Payne Theological Seminary that will include a chapel, library and offices; "Union Bethel's \$75,000 Sherman L. Greene Four Freedoms Building Near Completion" by Alford Hennen "Long Shots" by Lutrelle G. Long. Discussion of the 1945 Annual Session of the Ohio Conference with Presiding Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom held at Jones Tabernacle, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Folder 40

Newspaper Article, The Ohio State News, January 19, 1946, "Poor Public Relations, Threaten Wilberforce; McMillan Letter to Governor Hits Report". Discussion of the state of affairs at Wilberforce University in the headlines in newspapers across the state of Ohio. In the article Governor Lausche reveals that the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools has warned Wilberforce President Charles H. Wesley and the state board of trustees that current bad publicity about the school could jeopardize the accreditation of Wilberforce University.

Folder 41

Newspaper Article, The Pittsburgh Courier, The Ohio Edition, August 3, 1946, "Bishop Ransom Seeks 'Force Prexy's Scalp: Directs Charge of 'Inefficiency' at Dr. Wesley's Office" by Albert J. Dunmore, Ohio Bureau. Discussion of charges by Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom against

Wilberforce President with maladministration and gross inefficiency of the university's president. This is in response to a letter from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools which discusses the possibility of Wilberforce University's loss of accreditation.

Folder 42

Newspaper Article, "Bishop, 83, Weds to Dean, 44, Discussion of his marriage to Mrs. Teal Former Dean of Students, Wilberforce University.

Folder 43

Newspaper Article, May 17, 1947, "State of Ohio at Wilberforce University"; The State of Wilberforce; CIEA Conduct 'Disgraceful'; Victim of Political Plunderers, The second in a series of articles on the controversy raging between the AME church and the board of trustees representing the state of Ohio at Wilberforce University. Currently a bill is pending before the General Assembly to change the state board from three members named by the church and six by the state to eight to be appointed by the Governor and one by the church. The bill has passed the Senate and now awaits House action. Articles depict the struggle for control of the university and the state of Ohio.

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Folder 44

Newspaper Article, June 21, 1947, The Ohio State News, "The State of Ohio Must Keep its Hands Off Wilberforce!", Discussion of an editorial questioning the state of Ohio's motives and concluding that Wilberforce University belongs solely to the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Folder 45

Newspaper Article, June 28, 1947, The Ohio State News, "State UPS Wesley Salary As Church Scores JC School", Discussion of the board of trustees at Wilberforce University reasserting its confidence in the leadership of President Charles H. Wesley. (2 copies)

Folder 46

Newspaper Article, October 12, 1945, The Gazette, Xenia, Ohio, "Suits Dismissed", Discussion of case filed by Reverdy C. Ransom III against Wilberforce University.

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Western Union Telegraph May 23, 1945 sent and signed by R. O. Wead, Cashier of the Xenia National Bank. Reads "Please weigh carefully the evil effects that passage of Senate Bill 293 will have on Wilberforce University."

Folder 48

Newspaper Article, June 15, 1946, The Pittsburgh Courier, June 15, 1946, "Ten Bishops Reverse Sims Assignments In New York: Portlock Sent Back to Bethel", Discussion of ten bishops of the AME Church who ordered the reinstatement of the Rev. J. A. Portlock as pastor of Mother Bethel Church and the Appointment of Rev. H. Chester Clark as presiding elder of the Buffalo District.

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Folder 49

Newspaper Article, The Ohio State News, June 21, 1947, "Wesley Blasts AME's", Discussion of Dr. Charles H. Wesley presiding over a student meeting at Wilberforce meeting in which Wesley

challenges the university board of trustees laying down the gauntlet to the university. Wesley "refusing to give up his presidency at Wilberforce and vowing to carry on from Bundy Hall," state side of the campus.

Folder 50

Newspaper Article, The Ohio State News, "Wilberforce Bill Voted Out; Fireworks Fade; Eyes on Aug. 8 Meet" by Ken Jessamy, Discussion of Senate Bill 293, sponsored by Senator Theodore M. Gray, which gives the Ohio General Assembly the right to terminate the president.

Folder 51

Newspaper Article, "Wilberforce Case Taken under Advisement as Hearing Ends", Discussion of a law suit instituted by the Board of Trustees of the AME Church which seeks to prevent Dr. Charles H. Wesley, deposed head of the Wilberforce University from using church property or the university name.

Folder 52

Newspaper Article, June 7, 1947, The Ohio State News, "Prospects of Wilberforce University Becoming a Jim Crow Institution", Discussion Of the conflict between the AME Church and state of Ohio as to who is in control of the daily operations of the university. (2 copies); Newspaper Article, August 30, 1947, The Ohio State News, "Dr. Lewis K. McMillan Resigns' Force Post", Discussion of letter written by Dr. Lewis K. McMillan, professor of history at Wilberforce University who has sent a letter to President Charles L. Wesley, in the letter McMillan accuses Wesley of "spearheading a program of absolute ruin of the very institution which was entrusted to his care and promotion."

Folder 53

Newspaper Article, "Wilberforce Plans 2 Summer Schools under Dual Setup: Church Trustees Issue Detailed Charges on Ouster", Discussion of Wilberforce operating as a dual institution. Dr. Charles Leander Hill named president by the university trustee board presiding over institution presided over by African Methodist Episcopal Church and Dr. Charles Wesley, dismissed as president by the church board will preside over department controlled by the state of Ohio. (1947)

Folder 54

Newspaper Article, "College Association Drops Wilberforce"; "Wilberforce Removed from Accredited List", (1947)

Folder 55

Newspaper Article, The Evening Gazette, "Wilberforce Split Held Legal: State College at University Ok'd by Court", Discussion of decision by Common Pleas Judge Frank L. Johnson giving legal sanction to Wilberforce University permission to split into two institutions. Ruling gave state of Ohio power to operate its own college at Wilberforce, September 9, 1947

Folder 56

Newspaper Article, (Undated) "Wilberforce Trustees Give Wesley Vote of Confidence", Newspaper Photo featuring members of the executive committee of Wilberforce University. Caption reads Members of the executive committee of Wilberforce University's Church and State trustee boards who in a joint meeting Thursday gave a vote of confidence to President Charles H. Wesley and expressed full support of his administration, in addition to adopting his report on plans and policies for the school. All present faculty members were retained. In the group, left to right, are: Standing, the Rev. I. N. Patterson, Philadelphia; the Rev. Wilber Page, Cincinnati; the Rev. Joseph Gomez, Cleveland; the Rev. C. J. Powell, Springfield; George A. Valentine, Wilberforce; the Rev. B. U. Taylor, Chicago; Augustus A. Parker, Cleveland; seated Bishop D. Ward Nichols, Birmingham; Bishop R. R. Wright, Wilberforce; Bishop D. H. Sims, Philadelphia; Ray E. Hughes, Columbus; Bishop R. C. Ransom, Wilberforce; President Charles H. Wesley, Wilberforce; Miss Hallie Q. Brown, Wilberforce; Bishop J. A. Gregg, Kansas City; Bishop Frank M. Reid, St. Louis.

Folder 57

Newspaper Article, (July 31, 1947), "WU Legal Status Up to Attorney General-Herbert", Discussion of request by a committee representing the AME board of trustees of Wilberforce University that the university's legal status be determined under the jurisdiction of the Ohio Attorney General.

Folder 58

Newspaper Article, March 17, 1960, "Wilberforce University Observes 104th Founder's Day, Newspaper Photo, Caption Read" Wilberforce Honors Two Notable Women-Two outstanding women were honored at the 104th Wilberforce University Wilberforce University Founders Day Convocation as the formal gathering climaxed a series of activities in connection with the annual event. Smiling with obvious satisfaction just before joining the line of march are (reading from left to right): Violet T. Lewis, Detroit, Michigan, president of the Lewis Business Schools and Oretha T. Hatcher, Cleveland, Ohio, nationally known church woman and wife of A.M.E. Bishop Eugene C. Hatcher, both recipients of the Doctor of Philosophy Degree; Bishop Eugene C. Hatcher, Wilberforce University, board chairman and principal speaker for the occasion, and Dr. Rembert E. Stokes, Wilberforce president.

Folder 59

Newspaper Article, June 21, 1947, "Say Wesley Refused to Oppose Jim Crow School", Discussion of Wilberforce. Following the hearing of a report from its committee on the office of the president, the Wilberforce university board of trustees, at a meeting dismissed Dr. Charles H. Wesley, president of the school for the past five years, by a vote of 15 to 6.

Folder 60

Newspaper Article, Xenia Gazette, July 29, 1947, "WU Trustee Board Orders Court Test", Discussion of action challenging state school at university planned after governor declines to intervene in dispute. The executive committee of the Wilberforce University AME Church trustee board ordered a speed-up Tuesday of plans to test through the courts the right of the

state of Ohio to use taxpayers money in what is termed "the conduct of an experiment in Jim Crow education," according to a statement released by committee members.

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Folder 61

Newspaper Article, The Evening Gazette, July 9, 1947, "Wilberforce Bill Is Killed", Discussion of the Gray Bill, a controversial issue at Wilberforce University before two administrative boards of the school declared a truce recently "died" in committee in the state house of representatives. If passed the bill would have authorized to select and remove the president of the school.

Folder 62

Newspaper Article, The Cleveland Herald, April 5 1947, "Wilberforce Loses Accreditation; Too Many Bishops In Saddle, Charges Commission On Colleges, Discussion of the North Central Association Colleges and Secondary Schools unanimous vote to drop the accreditation of Wilberforce University. The committee charged too much denomination by bishops in the affairs of Wilberforce University.

Folder 63

Newspaper Article, The Cleveland Herald, "Wilberforce University Presents Its Twin Presidents", Photo of President Charles Leander Hill, Caption Reads, "Hill distinguished AME scholar and churchman who is president of the Church unit of the school, and who promises to lead his section to new educational heights." Photo of President Charles H. Wesley, Caption Reads, "Wesley, former joint president of the University's two schools and recently ousted by the AME board of trustees, now holds forth as president."; Newspaper Article; Professor Tells Why He Resigned from Wilberforce, Editor; Discussion of why an assistant and associate professor in geography at Wilberforce resigned.; Newspaper Article; "Court Sustains President Wesley at Wilberforce" Discussion of Judge Frank L. Johnson of the Court of Common Pleas, Greene County dissolving a temporary restraining order that would have prevented Dr. Charles Wesley from acting as President of the College of Education and Industrial Arts, Wilberforce, Ohio.

Folder 64

Newspaper Article, The Xenia Gazette, "WU State College Vet Training OK'D", Discussion of announcement by the office of Dr. Charles Wesley about the veterans training and educational service of the Ohio department of education.

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Folder GS

Newspaper Article, "WU State Grid Drills Scheduled", Discussion of one of Wilberforce University's two football teams was slated to open for drills for the coming season. The "state" squad would play its home games on the Wilberforce gridiron. The second team would play at Cox field.

Box 3

Folder 1

Brochure, "Annual Meeting of the Tawawa School of Religion and Ministers Conference held at Wilberforce University August 3-6, 1943; Stationary; The Young Women's Christian Association; Place Card - Mrs. Sadie W. Baker, Business Card - Mrs. Joseph Clinton Anderson.

Folder 2

Brochure, "Out of the Midnight Sky." A Thanksgiving Address delivered by Rev. R. C. Ransom, November 30th 1893 in Mt. Zion Congregational Church, Cleveland, Ohio, November 30, 1893.

Folder 3

Brochure, "Centennial Oration of R. C. Ransom at Faneuil Hall, Boston, Dec. 11, 1905, Cover Reads: Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom whose eloquence rocked the cradle of Liberty Monday night

(with oration unsurpassed in Historic Hall. Pastor Charles St. A. M. E. Church, Member of Niagara Movement".

Folder 4

Typed Memoirs by Reverdy C. Ransom pages 3-16, pages 12, 12 missing, Undated.

Folder 5

Handwritten memoirs by Reverdy C. Ransom, 10 pages, Undated.

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Folder 6

(Booklet, "The Disadvantages and Opportunities of the Colored Youth", by Reverdy C. Ransom, Cleveland, Ohio, Thomas and Mattill, Printers, 1894; Poem entitle Prophecy" and by Reverdy C. Ransom.

Folder 7

Sermon by Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, "Dividing Walls in Africa" on stationery from the African Methodist Episcopal Church Bureau of Christian Research and Statistics, only page 11 and 12 are in file

Folder 8

Reverdy C. Ransom, Correspondence, {August 17 1955); March 25, 1955 from Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom to Addison T. Smith; July 30, 1932 from Bishop Ransom to R. R. Wright, Jr.

Folder 9

Leaflet, "The Leaf" by Dr. Reverdy C. Ransom, No. 4, May 12, 1924

Folder 10

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(Booklet, "In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Civil Action No. 6657, David H. Sims, Plaintiff vs. S. L. Greene, Defendant – Decision and Decree of the Court Hon. George A. Welsh of Chancellor Dismissing Bill of Complaint, Raymond Pace Alexander, Sadie T. M. Alexander, C. Russell Phillips, Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, Counsel for Bishop Sherman L. Greene and the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Folder 11

Sermon by Reverdy C. Ransom, "Liberia, West Africa Faces the Rising Sun".

Folder 12

Handwritten note from Bishop John A. Sugg c/o Campbell College concerning Wilberforce "Men of Ohio have met and refuse further compromise of commitment concerning Wilberforce affairs. My request for you meditation is withdrawn.

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(**Folder 13**

Sermon by Reverdy Ransom, "The Finished Product of American Womanhood". Undated

Folder 14

Handwritten Sermon by Reverdy Ransom, "The Great Adventure". Undated

Folder 15

Letter to Mrs. Georgia Teal Ransom, wife of Bishop Ransom from Chamber of Commerce, Cambridge, OH, April 22, 1976. The letter invites her to the induction ceremony of Reverdy Ransom into the Guernsey County Hall of Fame. (2 copies); Newspaper Article, the Daily Jeffersonian, Cambridge, OH April 5, 1976, "Hall of Fame-Bishop Ransom Orator and Religious Leader. Article discusses the induction of Bishop Ransom into the Guernsey County Hall of Fame and his noted accomplishments.

Folder 16

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(Pamphlet, "Last Solemn Rites other Mortal Remains of Mrs. Frances Riley Bolling held in the St. James A. M.E. Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., Tuesday February 6, 1940. Founder of one of a school of Domestic Science for African American women.

Folder 17

Pamphlet, "Lincoln the Patriot" by Addison T. Smith, Associated Distributors, Washington, D.C., Address by Addison T. Smith, former Representative in Congress from Idaho, 1913 to 1933, delivered in the Lincoln Museum, Washington, D. C., April 11, 1954, commemorating the anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln.

Folder 18

Booklet, "Authoritative Facts and Figures about the Negro Past, Their Paradoxical Position in America Today and a Prophecy Concerning their Future". African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bureau of Research and Publicity, Bulletin Number Five, February 1944.

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Box 4

Folder 193

Elder License, signed by Daniel Alexander Payne to Reverdy Cassius Ransom, October 14, 1888.

Folder 2

Booklet, African Methodist Episcopal Church "Christianity, the Church and the Episcopacy a Factual Statement on the Economic Status of the Negro the Church World Speaks, Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, Director, Wilberforce University, Bulletin Number Three, February 1942

Folder 3

Citation to Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom from Christian Education Department African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Seal Affixed, no date

Folder 4

Letter, Atlanta University to Bishop Ransom thanking him for his recent speech in Boston, January 20, 1906

Folder 5

Booklet, "The Homemade Girl an Address, Delivered by Mrs. Emma S. Ransom Before the Convention of the Northeastern Federation of Women's Clubs Held in Potter Hall, In the New Century Building, Boston, Massachusetts, August 11, 1905

Folder 6

Newspaper Article, "Ransom-Teal Love Letters", the Afro American, August 2, 1944.

Folder 7

Reverdy C. Ransom, Notes, Undated

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Folder 8

The Missionary Magazine, Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, April 1956

Folder 9

Newspaper Article, "People's Church Purchase Two Additional Buses, Forth Worth, Texas, September 3, 1976

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Folder 10

Newspaper Article, "Bishop Ming Says "Thanks", Fort Worth Texas, September 10, 1976

Folder 11

Newspaper Article, "AME Conference in Session Here", Includes photograph of Bishop Ransom and wife Mrs. Teal-Ransom, photo caption reads "Presides over Parley-Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom of the Third Episcopal District is presiding over the Pittsburgh Conference of the AME Church being held at Bethel AME Church. Mrs. Ransom accompanied the Bishop to Pittsburgh.

Folder 12

Letter, from Bishop Ransom to Katherine D. Tillman in regards to the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, August 17, 1914

Letter, from Bishop Reverdy Ransom to President Scarborough, Wilberforce, Ohio regarding an article for publication in which the widow of Paul Laurence Dunbar article contribution to the AME Review, August 17, 1914

Letter from Bishop Reverdy Ransom to Reverend J.R. Ransom about his schedule in Chicago during their annual conference, August 17, 1914

Letter from Bishop Reverdy Ransom to Bishop John Hurst thanking Hurst for his recent article submission to the AME Review, August 17, 1914

Letter from Bishop Reverdy Ransom to Bishop B. F. Lee reminding Lee of his upcoming visit to the Chicago conference, August 17, 1914

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Letter from Bishop Reverdy Ransom to Alice M. Dunbar inviting her to visit and promise of financial compensation for article submission to the AME Review, August 17, 1914

Letter from Bishop Reverdy Ransom to W. H. A. Moore informing Moore that the article they drafted will be published in AME but with no financial compensation, August 17, 1914

(Letter from Bishop Reverdy Ransom to T. H. Smyth informing Smyth of his upcoming visit to the Chicago Conference, August 17, 1914

Letter from Bishop Reverdy Ransom to J. C. Caldwell acknowledging thanking Caldwell for agreeing to submit article in AME Review, August 17, 1914

Letter from Bishop Reverdy Ransom to Thomas Fortune acknowledging receipt of article to AME Review and. The letter mentions that Alice M. Dunbar, widow of Paul Laurence Dunbar has agreed to submit article to AME Review, August 17, 1914

Letter from Bishop Reverdy Ransom to Aubrey Bowser thanking in him for article submission to the AME Review, August 17, 1917

Letter from Bishop Reverdy Ransom to Rev. T. D. Scott, thanking him for his submission to the AME Review and informing Scott of the article that will appear in the AME Review by Mrs. Alice M. Dunbar, the widow of Paul Laurence Dunbar, August 17, 1917

Letter from Bishop Reverdy Ransom to Bishop L. J. Coppin informing him of his intentions to visit the West and Northwest Annual Conference meetings in Pennsylvania and informing Coppin of the article that will appear in the AME Review, by Mrs. Alice M. Dunbar, widow of Paul Laurence Dunbar, August 17, 1914

(Letter from Bishop Reverdy Ransom to Virgil M. Ward informing him of his acceptance to speak on January 1, 1914 for the Emancipation Address at the Lyceum

Letter from Bishop Reverdy Ransom to Rev. J. C. Anderson accepting is invitation to preach for him on September 20, 1917

Letter from Bishop Reverdy Ransom to Dr. W. E. B. DuBois informing him of the articles that will appear in the AME Review by Alice M. Dunbar, widow of Paul Laurence Dunbar and President W. S. Scarborough, President, Wilberforce University, August 17, 2009

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Letter from Bishop Reverdy Ransom to Bishop C. S. Smith requesting that he assist to boost the circulation numbers of the AME Review by encouraging members his annual conferences to

(purchase subscriptions for the AME Review. Ransom also request that Smith submit an article for publication to the AME Review

Letter from Bishop Reverdy Ransom to Rev. George W. Lacey informing him that the article that he submitted for publication will not appear in the AME Review

Folder 13

Form letter from Bishop Ransom requesting participation in a statistical survey for the AME Church, February 1, 1951

Form letter from Bishop Ransom to AME Bishops requesting their participation in a statistical survey for the AME Church, February 1, 1951

Form letter from Bishop Ransom to AME Bishops requesting their participation in a statistical survey for the AME Church, February 1, 1951

Form letter from Bishop Ransom to members of the AME Church to request their participation in a statistical survey for the AME Church, February 1, 1951

Folder 14

(Newspaper Article, "Bishop Ransom Dr. R. R. Wright to Speak Today Will Address Public Meet at First Christian Church: Negro Leaders Will Speak Today", Undated

Folder 15

"AME Report", sent to Mrs. Georgia T. Ransom, August 1976

Folder 16

Happy New Year Card from Reverdy C. Ransom entitled, "Bon Voyage", 1907.

Card from Reverdy C. Ransom entitled, "Casket of Jewels" Undated

Sermon, "Editor Tribune" by Reverdy C. Ransom, Undated

Folder 17

Newspaper Article, The Cleveland Herald, May 31, 1947, "Bishop Ransom in "Final Word" Calls Wilberforce Critics "The Auctioneers" Ransom defending Wilberforce University and its right to exist as a university for people of African descent. In the letter Ransom exposes the belief by W. E. B. Dubois that Wilberforce University could not succeed under the operation and control of the A.M.E. Church and that the its only hope of survival was, for it to be surrendered to the State of Ohio for operation and control.

Folder 18

Newspaper Article, "Bishop Charges Called Untrue by Wilberforce Prexy", Dr. Charles H. Wesley, President Wilberforce University denies the accusations made against him by Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom. Wesley in a bristling statement calls upon Ransom to resign from the Board of Trustees of Wilberforce University, Undated

Folder 19

Postcard displaying "Woman's Building at Monrovia, Liberia, West Coast, Africa, Purchased by the late Mrs. Nora F. Taylor for Parent M. M. Women as an Episcopal Residence, Undated

Folder 20

Pamphlet, "The Leaf", by Dr. Reverdy C. Ransom, May 12, 1924

Folder 21

Newspaper Article, "The Dayton Daily News, "At Wilberforce Every Stone Radiates Friendship; Campus Seen as Refuge from Quarreling World", Article about the 90th anniversary of the college, Includes pictures of Dr. Wesley, President, Lt. Col. Adams, Member of WSC's and Bishop Daniel Payne, One of the founders, March 3, 1946

Folder 22

Newspaper Article, "Rev. R. C. Ransom Twice Thrown Out Boston Negro Is Ejected from Campus of College in Alabama", Article about Ransom being ejected from delivering annual address to the graduating class to the Agricultural and Mechanical College, No Date

Folder 23

Resolution and Confession written by Reverdy C. Ransom, Undated

Folder 24

Reverdy C. Ransom, Statement before the Supreme Court, March 1, 1918

Folder 25

Miscellaneous Covers of Publication "William Lloyd Garrison the Centennial Oration Delivered by Reverdy C. Ransom in Faneuil Hall, Boston, Mass., U.S.A., Dec. 11, 1905

Photograph of Rt. Reverdy C. Ransom from miscellaneous publication

Miscellaneous Handwritten sermon by Ransom, Undated

Photograph of Rt. Reverdy C. Ransom, on back of photo: To the editor of the "Cream Jug"
Georgia Teal Ransom

Box S

Five Empty Frames 11Y, x 14 and 4 Glass Covers for Frame, 1 Board for Framing

AME 1st District**AME First District****Bishop Cassidy Ransom****1861-1959**

Bishop Reverdy Cassius Ransom was born on January 4, 1861 in Flushing, Ohio to Harriet and George Ransom. He attended Oberlin College briefly and graduated from Wilberforce University in 1886. In the same year he was ordained a deacon and licensed to preach in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. During his ministry he served in various churches across the connection such as Altoona, Pennsylvania, Tyrone, Pennsylvania, Springfield, Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, Chicago, Illinois, Nashville, Tennessee, Columbia, South Carolina and New York, New York.

Ransom was considered a visionary and is credited with organizing the first Board of Deaconesses in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, a practice that was rapidly adopted throughout the denomination. For Ransom, the ministry offered a means to help the downtrodden, which was in keeping with the teachings of Jesus Christ. He disagreed with the idea that the African race was inferior to the White race, and explained the hardships suffered by his people as "a necessary test from God." In 1913 Ransom established a mission in Manhattan and named it the Church of Simon of Cyrene, which ministered to destitute African Americans. This mission was established as a way to improve the lives of those in need and help them to recognize their rightful position in American society.

Reverdy Cassius Ransom was elected editor of the AME Church Review the church's literary and theological journal in 1912. He directed this publication for twelve years. Known as an organizer, Ransom founded the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches, an organization established to promote a higher religious tone among African American churches and to consolidate and secure a fuller share of economic and political empowerment for the body of Christ. Ransom was elected the forty-eighth Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

in 1924. During his tenure as Bishop he is also credited in leading the movement to reform the moral character of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

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Box 1

Folder 1

Title: License to Preach

October 31, 1884, Handwritten exhorters license, Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom's in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Signed by H. Jackson, Presiding Elder.

(April 24, 1885, Handwritten certificate of Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom's license to preach in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Signed by H. Jackson, Pastor.

Folder 2

Title: Struggles in the Ministry

May 4, 1903, Newspaper Article, "Church is Dynamited: Enemies of Colored Pastor Seek Revenge for Sermon on Policy Playing" " Article about A.M.E. Church bombed by supposed enemies of Reverend Reverdy Cassius Ransom. Picture also included. (Caption Reads) Church wrecked by dynamite, and its pastor. The picture shows where the door was shattered by the explosion. The pastor is the Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom, D.D., The Chicago Herald.

Newspaper Article, "Policy Men See Writing On Wall: For the First Time in its History in Chicago 150 of the Gambling Shops Shut Down, Article about Reverend Ransom's leadership in closing gambling establishments in Chicago. "Fear of agitation and prosecution of many indictments soon to begin in the criminal court. (No date)

Newspaper Article "Ransom Urges Christianity as Exemplified Causes Doubt" -article about youth cannot be inspired by American Christianity. (No date)

Newspaper Article, "Declares Only Death will Defeat him Clew to Explosion", Article about the investigation of Institutional Church at 3825 Dearborn (Undated), Hearst Chicago American. (No date)

Folder 3

Title: Report Bishops Council

February 17, 1944, Report of the Third Episcopal District to the Bishops Council, Birmingham, Alabama. (No date)

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Folder 4

Title: Honors and Recognitions

October 13, 1945, Newspaper Article, "Sixty Years in Christian Ministry Rt. Rev. R. C. Ransom Is Feted by Third District; Mrs. Ransom Shares Honors", Pittsburgh Courier.

August 12-13, 1950 Newspaper Article, Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, "Honored with a marble plaque by his native town" Flushing, Ohio at a gala two-day Homecoming on the occasion of the dedication of its Municipal Building. (No date)

September 8, 1946, Certificate of honorary citizenship from the City of Chillicothe, Ohio to Bishop R. C. Ransom in recognition of merit and distinguished achievement.

Invitation in honor of Bishop and Mrs. R.C. Ransom, "Mrs. W.H.H. Butler requests the pleasure of your company in honor of Bishop and Mrs. R. C. Ransom of Wilberforce, Ohio on Tuesday, the eighteenth of September at eight o'clock 501 Winfield Street, Pittsburgh. (No date)

(October 3, 195?) Newspaper Article, "Third Episcopal District to Honor Bishop Ransom's 60 Years in the Ministry on October 3 at Cincinnati, Ohio".

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{September 20, 1900?} Newspaper Article, "Bishop Ransom, 60 Yrs. In the Ministry, West Virginia Preparing for full Participation in this Outstanding Affair" by F. D. Wilkes, The Christian Recorder.

{October 3, 1900?} Newspaper Article, "Third Episcopal District to Honor Bishop Ransom's 60 Years in the Ministry on October 3 at Cincinnati, Ohio".

Newspaper Article "Third Dist. to Honor Bishop Ransom by Alma A. Polk. African Methodist Episcopal Church bestowed distinguished service recognition upon Bishop C. Ransom, mention of Mrs. Georgia Teal Ransom.

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Folder 5

Title: Fight to Save Wilberforce University

Newspaper Article, "Church Wrangling at Wilberforce Doomed as Ohio Senate Passes Bill" discusses the passage of a bill by the Ohio State Senate designed to give the Board of Trustees the right to elect the president for the state-supported administration at Wilberforce University. Decries the overwhelming influence of church politics, Cleveland Call. Includes information of the Board of Directors and those chosen by Governor Thomas J. Herbert.

September 4, 1947, Newspaper Article, Gazette, "Article: Governor Shuttles State Board at Wilberforce University One Former Member Dies as Herbert Names Eight Trustees Under New Law Giving State Greater Authority.

May 10, 1947, Newspaper Article, "The Background of Wilberforce University", The Ohio State News (2 copies)

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May 22, 1947, Newspaper Article, "Wilberforce at the Cross-roads" written by Bishop Joseph Gomez article about Bill 258 in the Ohio Senate questing the accreditation of Wilberforce University, Christian Recorder.

May 1948," Newspaper Article, " A.M. E. Church Fights to Recover O'Neill Hall From State" Article about Ohio challenging Wilberforce University's ownership of O'Neill Hall and the university's rights to use the "official name" Wilberforce University, The Wilberforce Defender.

May 1948, the Wilberforce Defender, "Defender of Wilberforce Bishop Ransom Bears Brunt of Enemies' Attack by Chas. H. Loeb, Cleveland Call and Post.

Newspaper Article, "With Malice toward None" by Stanley Roberts. Article depicting the Wilberforce's demonstrating its powerful force for stability across the United States. Stanley supports the university's fight for independence, Pittsburgh Couriers, No date

Letter from the Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, President of the Bishops' Council, Presiding Bishop of the Third Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Chairman of the Trustee Boards, Wilberforce University. "Proposal to develop a campaign leading up to the passage of legislation deeding state property at Wilberforce University to the Wilberforce Corporation.

Newspaper Article "Wilberforce Bill Voted Out 5-2," Ohio senate's education committee by a vote of 5-3 sent the Wilberforce bill to the rules committee. The Bill gives the state board of trustees the right to hire and fire the president of the university.

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Newspaper article "Force Bill Passes Senate by 19-7 Vote, Article about the Gray Bill with a vote of 19-7, approval of the State Senate. The Bill SB 293 gives Wilberforce University the power to elect, compensate and dismiss the president of the latter college and set up additional courses leading to a Bachelor of Science degree.

June 10, 1948, the Evening Gazette, Xenia, Ohio, "Wilberforce U. Not 'For Sale'-Walker Bishop Tells 44 Graduates Church Will Win Fight with State; 85¹_h Commencement Held Thursday.

Folder 6

Title: Wilberforce University

(Recommendation for the tentative organization of the College of Education and Industrial Arts for consideration of the faculty for Wilberforce University.

Bulletin College of Education and Industrial Arts at Wilberforce University, Wilberforce University, 1947-48, Published at Wilberforce University. The bulletin contains pertinent data concerning registration, academic regulations, and general organization. A complete catalog, containing detailed information.

Folder 7

Title: Notice of Preaching Engagements

Program Announcement, Bishop R. C. Ransom, D. D. and Bishop F. M. Reid, D. D. at Morris Brown A.M.E. Church, Program, March 2, 1945, Address delivered by Bishop R. C. Ransom.

Newspaper Article, Copeland A.M.E. Church Marks 66th Anniversary Bishop Delivers Address. Article describing Bishop R. C. Ransom serving as the guest speaker to mark the anniversary of Copeland A.M.E. Church (No date)

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Folder 8

Title: General Conference

Newspaper Article, "Cora Jordan Writes on AME Conference" Article about the 33^d General Conference, Kansas City, Kansas, features information about a resolutions creating a department of research and history, resolution about rotating the bishops every eight years and Bishop Ransom's request to delegates of the General Conference request to remain as an active bishop and head the department of research and historiography. (No date)

February 16, 1993

Title: Sermons (No date)

Sermons by Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom

"Episcopal Saboteurs"

"The Finished Product of American Womanhood" (2 copies)

The Gate of the Temple which is Called Beautiful

Grandmother

"Greetings from the Missionary Women of America"

"Hobbies" (2copies)

"Old Men for Counsel, Young Men for War"

"Out of the Midnight Sky" A Thanksgiving Address Delivered by Rev. R.C. Ransom, November 30th, 1893 in Mt. Zion Congregational Church, Cleveland, Ohio Fraternal Printing and Publishing Com, 543 Erie Street. Address discussing brutalities that African Americans suffer at the hand of unjust treatment.

"Us in the Face of the New Age" 2 pages (pages missing)

"Wilberforce University Observes Annual Fall Convocation" 1(pages missing)

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Folder 10

Title: Proclamations

May 19, 1932, Proclamation from Governor Joseph B. Ely calling for a proper observance of the anniversary of the Boston Massacre.

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Folder 11

Title: Revision of the Discipline Support of Bishops

Revision of the Discipline Support of Bishops

Salary of active Bishops

Extra Session of the General Conference

One Connectional Board of Finance and Management

Connectional Board

Revision of the Discipline

Committee of Investigation

Judicial Administration

The Judicial Council

Folder 12

Title: Vinyl Records (3)

Record 1

Side 1 Bishop R. C. Ransom, August 10, 1950 Side 2 Jewish Songs the Hatikvah, September 23, 1950

Record 2

Side 1 Bishop R. C. Ransom, II Side 2 Dr. Wright

Record 3

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Side 1 Bishop R. C. Ransom Side 2 Rev. Ricks – soloist, Rev. J. Henderson – organ, Bishop R. C. Ransom speaker, Jones Auditorium, August 10, 1950

Photo of unidentified child

Group picture of identified child Folder 7

Folder 13

Title: Miscellaneous and Ephemera

Senior Citizen News, Published by the National Council of Senior Citizens, Inc. December, 1976

AME Report, Volume 10. Number 6 November 1976

Corner Reports, Volume II-Number 2, November 1976

African Methodist Church Conference Being Held Here

Bishop Ransom, continued from page one

Leaders Oppose Ohio Senate Bill

Circulation

Ebb Tide of General Conference by Bishop R. C. Ransom

Business card: Dramatic Recital Mrs. Esther Richardson, Trinity A.M.E. Church

Envelope: Allen Methodists' S. S. Union Printers and Publishers hand written message: "Read but do not destroy enclosed matter" on front of envelope

Interoffice Correspondence List, Office of the President, Wilberforce University, March 6, 1946

Alumni of WU Back Wesley His Administration Gets Confidence Vote

Comments and Criticisms

When I was presiding elder ...

September 6, 1945, Pritchard Alabama

Folder 14

Title: Photographs

Photo of unidentified child

Group picture of identified group of children

Framed photograph of child

Newspaper Photograph titled Bibles for Servicemen- (Caption Reads) Members of the Women's Missionary Society of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, AME Conference. Are shown presenting Bibles to Miss Brisker of the War Activities Department of the American Red Cross. Bible is for men in service. Photograph features Mrs. R. C. Ransom.

Box 2

Folder 1

Title: The Gate of the Temple

Newspaper Article: "The Gate of the Temple Which Is Called Beautiful-Acts 3:2 {Christian Recorder, No date)

Folder 2

Title: Mrs. Gould Upholds

March 1, 1918, Newspaper Article: The World, "Mrs. Gould Upholds Negro Candidate to Help Race: She Wishes to See Colored Man in America Get Simple Justice-Our Treatment of Him Worst Page in Our History, Her View of Him Worst Page in Our History, Her View-Admires Ransom's Platform.

Folder 3

Title: Hit Legislation for Wilberforce

April 30, 1945, Newspaper Article: "Hit Legislation for Wilberforce 1,000 at St. James' Hear Charge of State Garb, Cleveland Plain Dealer. Discusses a measure before the Ohio State Legislature described by opponents as giving the state power to remove Wilberforce's

university's College of Liberal Arts from church control drew unanimous opposition at a protest meeting of 1000 members of St. James' A.M.E. Church.

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Folder 4

Title: Home at Wilberforce Mecca for Admirers the Bishop Comments

Newspaper Article: "Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom Home at Wilberforce Mecca for Admirers by Marty Richardson, the Cleveland Call and Post. Publication of note of thank you from Ransom to the writer thanking him for the series of articles in the first two installments of a four part series on the life of Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom (No date)

Folder 5

Title: Negro Pastor Continues

Newspaper Article: "Negro Pastor Continues His Attack Despite Explosion of a Week Ago. Fight to the Finish. While Pulpit Orators Protest, Deneen Prepares for Prosecutions Today (No date) Article discusses the Institutional Church which Ransom headed, picketing of church by Negro guards and detachment of police and detectives for Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom. Ransom discusses his defiance of unjust policies by the government.

May 4, 1903 Newspaper Article, Chicago Evening Post, Editorial by Ransom decrying the legal policies of gambling, and corruption unjustly supported by the city leaders in Chicago.

Folder 6

Title: Ohio State News

May 12, 1945, Newspaper Article, "Four Bishops Oppose Gray Bill to Legalize "Jim Crow" at Wilberforce University, The Ohio State. Discussion of four AME Bishops – Reverdy C. Ransom, R. R. Wright, John A. Gregg and Frank M. Reid – were in attendance in the Ohio senate where they appeared before the education committee to oppose Senate Bill No. 293 sponsored by Senator Theodore M. Gray which would amend the general code and separate Wilberforce University into two institutions and set up a segregated school.

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Folder 7

Title: Police Surround Church

May 11, 1908, Newspaper Article, "Police Men Scored Rev. R. C. Ransom Again Warns Flock Against the Evils of Gambling. Police Surround Church Bomb Throwers Are Severely Arraigned for Attempt to Dynamite Edifice", Discusses the protection provided by the police department of the Institutional Methodist Church, headed by Ransom. The church was dynamited and attacks upon the membership. Ransom was a vocal opponent of the legalization of gambling.

Folder 8

Title: Mrs. Ransom

1944, Newspaper Article, "Will be Love When May and December Wed", article discusses the recent marriage of Miss Myrtle Teal and Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom.

Folder 9

Newspaper Article, "Ransom Raps Bill to Curb WU Church Rule: Bishop Charges Effort to Gain Control for State Board", Discussion of Bishop R. C. Ransom, Wilberforce, chairman of the A.M.E. Church board of trustees of Wilberforce University, charged Saturday the Dr. Charles E. Wesley, university president is linked with what he described as a movement to gain control of the school and dominion over the church-controlled college of liberal arts. (No Date)

Folder 10

{ Newspaper Article, "Lauded by Wesley Dr. Ransom Resigns Wilberforce Position", Discussion of Ransom resigning as the head of the department of Religion at Wilberforce University, (No Date)

Newspaper Article, "Charm and Grace of Negro Womanhood", by Bishop Reverdy Ransom, Christian Recorder, February 7, 1947. Poem

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Folder 11

(Newspaper Article, Boston Herald, March 29, 1906. "Boston Pastor Is Ejected from Car: The Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom of Charles Street A.M.E. Church the Victim. Southern Passengers Object to his Color Said to Have Called Himself a French Count Talking to Woman. Discussion of Rev. Ransom being forcibly ejected from a train in Morristown, Tennessee because of perceived racism.

Folder 12

Newspaper Article, "Saint or Satyr? Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, Firebrand of the AME's" by Mary Richardson, June 25, 1955. Discussion of Ransom and his controversial career as bishop and his ministry for half a century in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Folder 13

Newspaper Article, "Ransom's War on Vice Climaxed His Career, Discussion: last of a series of articles on the AME Minister and leader. In this final installment he discusses the bombing of his church due to his support of prohibition, editor as the AME Review, election as bishop, administrator at Wilberforce and Payne and his fight to save make Wilberforce a independent educational institution. (No Date)

Folder 14

Newspaper Article, "A Robust Occasion in The Third District", Christian Recorder, (Do Date)
(Discussion of the celebration of Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom 60¹ year in Christian ministry of the AME Church. Celebration held at Allen Temple A.M.E. Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Folder 15

Newspaper Article, "Ruin Negro Church Gamblers Dynamite to Stop a Crusade. Institutional House of Worship Made a Wreck. Outrage Perpetrated After the Congregation Departs. Night Shock Causes Panic in Vicinity on 3825 Dearborn Street. Women Talking with Pastor Thrown to the Floor. Rev. R. C. Ransom Says He Had Been Warned Not to Oppose Policy. Discussion of church bombing of Institutional Church, 3825 Dearborn Street. Ransom charges that gambling casinos and drinking saloons are designed to ruin the lives of young African American males. {No Date}

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Folder 16

(Newspaper Article, "Sermon on Gambling Evil", Ransom crusades against congregation to join the fight with moral fight against gambling. {No Date}

Folder 17

Newspaper Article, "Dr. Wesley Asks Unified Program Dismissal of Dr. McMillan Requested in President's Report by Albert J. Dunmore, Ohio State Bureau. Discussion of the turbulent situation at Wilberforce University after the dismissal of McMillan. {No Date}

Newspaper Article, "R. C. Ransom III Sues Wilberforce – Seeks \$900 for Payment Due to Him for Sabbatical Leave", Discussion of Ransom lawsuit filed against Wilberforce University in the Court of Common Pleas, Greene County, Ohio. Ransom charges that his leave of absence was withdrawn as an instructor at Wilberforce University because of political purposes.

Folder 18

Newspaper Article, "Bishop Reid Fears Church-Supported School Will Fail", Discussion about the fight for Wilberforce University independence against the state of Ohio. (No Date)

Folder 19

Newspaper Article, "State's First Round Wilberforce Bill Would Empower State to Name President", Discussion on Ohio Bill SB293 which would give the state of Ohio the right to elect, dismiss and compensate the president of the College of Education and Industrial Arts at Wilberforce University was approved by the Senate Committee on Education by a vote of 5-3. (No Date)

Folder 20

Newspaper Article, Wilberforce Defender, May 1948, Discussion of "Court Rules Wilberforce Name Belongs to Church"; A.M.E. Church Fights to Recover O'Neill Hall from State: Political Pressure on Courts Handicaps Church in Struggle to Recover Historic Building". (No Date)

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Folder 21

Newspaper Article, "Amend Gray Bill Renew Unity Talk: Nothing Definite Announced About Status of Dr. Wesley", by Albert J. Dunsmore, Ohio State Bureau. Discussion of the Gray Bill, designed to strengthen the College of Education and Industrial Arts at Wilberforce University, which was amended and voted out of the education committee of the State Legislature.

Folder 22

Newspaper Photograph with Caption, "Guggenheim Fellow: Dr. Benjamin A. Quarles, professor and head of the department of history and political science at Morgan State College, has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for research next year. Dr. Quarles, who is the author of two books, will study the role of the Negro on the American Revolutionary War." (No Date)

Folder 23

Newspaper Article, "Bill Would Give State 8 to 1 Margin On Wilberforce Board", Discussion of the introduction of the bill to the Ohio State House which would increase the number of gubernatorial appointment on the nine-member state board of trustees at Wilberforce University from six to eight. (No Date)

Folder 24

Newspaper Article, the Ohio State News, May 17, 1947. "Buckeyes Look Promising", Discussion of newly organized Western American Assn. baseball league and the Ohio State annual spring intra-squad game Saturday.

Folder 25

Newspaper Article, "Church News Eloquent Speech of Bishop J. H. Jones at the Federal Council of Churches at Boston, Dec. 1, 1920", Reported Verbatim by Rev. J.Q. Johnson, Reporter for the Delegation. (No Date)

Folder 26

Newspaper Article, "Church-State Scrap at W. U. Aired Tuesday Hearing of Ouster Suit against Wesley, Discussion of the fight for control of Wilberforce University in progress and also the dismissal of Dr. Charles H. Wesley as president. (No date)

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Folder 27

Newspaper Article, The Ohio State News, June 21, 1947, "Injunction Granted – Court Nips Wesley Jim Crow School at Wilberforce U Most Complete Coverage of Any Newspaper on the "Wilberforce Situation" Pages 2,6,7,8,9, 18 and Back Page, Discussion of Dr. Charles H. Wesley, deposed president of Wilberforce University and the schools filing of a restraining order to prevent Wesley from conducting the summer school session and serving as president of Wilberforce University.

Folder 28

(
Newspaper Article, the Ohio State News, May 3, 1947, "Fire State Board at Wilberforce U, Ex-Prexy Walker Asks of Governor: D. Ormonde Walker, Former Prexy of Wilberforce, Says, "Fire Board" Discussion of D. Ormonde Walker address at St. James A.M.E. Church calling upon Governor Thomas J. Herbert to remove the current board of trustees at Wilberforce University.
(2 copies)

Folder 29

Newspaper Article, the Wilberforce Defender, May 1948, "The Truth about Wilberforce; Defender of Wilberforce Bishop Ransom Bears Brunt of Enemies' Attack" by Chas. H. Loeb. Discussion of the attacks upon Bishop Reverdy Ransom by the enemies of Wilberforce University.

Folder 30

Newspaper Article, "Delay South on Wilberforce Bill"; Wilberforce U. Graduate 112 in 82^od Rites", Discussion of the A.M.E. church request for the withdrawal of the Gray Bill, pending in the state legislature. The bill would shift power from the university to the state in the selection of the university president and other administrative officials. (No Date); Newspaper Article, The Ohio State News, June 21, 1947, "To Discuss Jim Crow Ohio School", Discussion of Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, chairman of the Wilberforce university board of trustees announcement of his convening a meeting of the Northern Ohio and Ohio conferences on June 26, 1947.

Folder 31

Newspaper Article, the Ohio State News, June 28, 1947, "Editorial Comment Equality...The American Way!" Editorial Across the Desk, "Had the Wilberforce president been like former presidents of that institution who have been criticized".

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Folder 32

Newspaper Article, "The Cleveland Herald, May 31, 1948, "Fire All Race Workers In ... Bishop Ransom In Final Word Calls Wilberforce Critics "The Auctioneers" , Letter written by Bishop Reverdy Ransom in which he answers critics of Wilberforce University.

Folder 33

(Newspaper Article, "Jim Crow" Charge is Denied by State Board at Wilberforce", Discussion of charges that the state of Ohio is using tax payers money "to conduct an experiment in Jim Crow education" at Wilberforce University, made recently by the university's AME Church board.

Folder 34

Newspaper Article, Xenia Gazette, July 29, 1947, "Legal Status of Wilberforce Up to Attorney General Claim" Discussion of request by a committee representing the church board of trustees of Wilberforce University that the university's legal status be determined and come under the jurisdiction of the Ohio Attorney General that would be headed by Bishop R. C. Ransom, chairman of the AME Church board and

Folder 35

Newspaper Article, The Ohio State News, May 24, 1947, "A Look Into the Administration of President Charles H. Wesley", Discussion of the faculty of Wilberforce University's battle with President Charles H. Wesley and his administrative decisions. (2 copies)

Folder 36

Newspaper Article, "Race Needs Leaders to Foster Ideals Declares Bishop: Intelligent Negroes Cannot be Led to Follow Christ as Portrayed by White Religious Bodies in America", Discussion of the battle of modern day Negroes, segregation, voting rights and the role of religion.

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Folder 37

(Newspaper Photograph, The Pittsburgh Courier, Photo Caption reads "Ohio Visitors-Visitors from the Buckeye State were in evidence throughout the sessions of the annual Pittsburgh conference, held in Brown Chapel AME church. Pictured are a few of the many women. Left to right, front row: Mesdames A. H. Turner, Catherine S. Lyons, R.C. Ransom, Irene Liggons and Mamie Robinson. Others left to right: Mesdames R. N. Nelson, Mary E. Broughden. West Virginia: Leathia H. Jordan, Lillian Mason, Evelyn N. Wooding, West Virginia: D. B. Taylor, Meredith Davis, Francis Henderson, Willietta Storms, Beulah Tyson and H. G. Payne, Monongahela, Pa. -Sockwell Photo.

Folder 38

Newspaper Article, "1000 AME Supporters Hold Mass Meeting on Wilberforce Campus", Discussion of supporters of the AME Church from Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia who met for an emergency meeting at the request of Bishop Ransom in John Auditorium, Shorter Hall – Wilberforce University. Ransom leads the fight in independence for Wilberforce University from the state of Ohio. Ransom declares that Wilberforce University "belongs solely to the AME Church, and calls upon its members and friends to give to the financial and moral aid fund".

Folder 39

(Newspaper Article, Christian Recorder, January 17, 1946, "Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce University Wilberforce, Ohio" by John H. Lewis, Dean. Discussion of a proposed administration building at Payne Theological Seminary that will include a chapel, library and offices;"Union Bethel's \$75,000 Sherman L. Greene Four Freedoms Building Near Completion" by Alford Hennen "Long Shots" by Lutrelle G. Long. Discussion of the 1945 Annual Session of the Ohio Conference with Presiding Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom held at Jones Tabernacle, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Folder 40

Newspaper Article, The Ohio State News, January 19, 1946, "Poor Public Relations, Threaten Wilberforce; McMillan Letter to Governor Hits Report". Discussion of the state of affairs at Wilberforce University in the headlines in newspapers across the state of Ohio. In the article Governor Lausche reveals that the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools has warned Wilberforce President Charles H. Wesley and the state board of trustees that current bad publicity about the school could jeopardize the accreditation of Wilberforce University.

Folder 41

Newspaper Article, The Pittsburgh Courier, The Ohio Edition, August 3, 1946, "Bishop Ransom Seeks 'Force Prexy's Scalp: Directs Charge of 'Inefficiency' at Dr. Wesley's Office" by Albert J. Dunmore, Ohio Bureau. Discussion of charges by Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom against Wilberforce President with maladministration and gross inefficiency of the university's president. This is in response to a letter from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools which discusses the possibility of Wilberforce University's loss of accreditation.

Folder 42

Newspaper Article, "Bishop, 83, Weds to Dean, 44, Discussion of his marriage to Mrs. Teal Former Dean of Students, Wilberforce University.

Folder 43

Newspaper Article, May 17, 1947, "State of Ohio at Wilberforce University"; The State of Wilberforce; CIEA Conduct 'Disgraceful'; Victim of Political Plunderers, The second in a series of articles on the controversy raging between the AME church and the board of trustees representing the state of Ohio at Wilberforce University. Currently a bill is pending before the General Assembly to change the state board from three members named by the church and six by the state to eight to be appointed by the Governor and one by the church. The bill has passed the Senate and now awaits House action. Articles depict the struggle for control of the university and the state of Ohio.

Folder 44

Newspaper Article, June 21, 1947, The Ohio State News, "The State of Ohio Must Keep Its Hands Off Wilberforce!", Discussion of an editorial questioning the state of Ohio's motives and concluding that Wilberforce University belongs solely to the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Folder 45

Newspaper Article, June 28, 1947, The Ohio State News, "State UPS Wesley Salary As Church Scores JC School", Discussion of the board of trustees at Wilberforce University reasserting its confidence in the leadership of President Charles H. Wesley. (2 copies)

Folder 46

Newspaper Article, October 12, 1945, The Gazette, Xenia, Ohio, "Suits Dismissed", Discussion of case filed by Reverdy C. Ransom III against Wilberforce University.

Folder 47

Western Union Telegraph May 23, 1945 sent and signed by R. O. Wead, Cashier of the Xenia National Bank. Reads "Please weigh carefully the evil effects that passage of Senate Bill 293 will have on Wilberforce University.

Folder 48

Newspaper Article, June 15, 1946, The Pittsburgh Courier, June 15, 1946, "Ten Bishops Reverse Sims Assignments in New York: Portlock Sent Back to Bethel, Discussion of ten bishops of the AME Church who ordered the reinstatement of the Rev. J. A. Portlock as pastor of Mother Bethel Church and the Appointment of Rev. H. Chester Clark as presiding elder of the Buffalo District.

Folder 49

Newspaper Article, The Ohio State News, June 21, 1947, "Wesley Blasts AME's", Discussion of Dr. Charles H. Wesley presiding over a student meeting at Wilberforce meeting in which Wesley challenges the university board of trustees laying down the gauntlet to the university. Wesley "refusing to give up his presidency at Wilberforce and vowing to carry on from Bundy Hall," state side of the campus.

Folder 50

Newspaper Article, The Ohio State News, "Wilberforce Bill Voted Out; Fireworks Fade; Eyes on Aug. 8 Meet" by Ken Jessamy, Discussion of Senate Bill 293, sponsored by Senator Theodore M. Gray, which gives the Ohio General Assembly the right to terminate the president.

Folder 51

Newspaper Article, "Wilberforce Case Taken under Advisement as Hearing Ends", Discussion of a law suit instituted by the Board of Trustees of the AME Church which seeks to prevent Dr. Charles H. Wesley, deposed head of the Wilberforce University from using church property or the university name.

Folder 52

Newspaper Article, June 7, 1947, The Ohio State News, "Prospects of Wilberforce University Becoming a Jim Crow Institution", Discussion of the conflict between the AME Church and state of Ohio as to who is in control of the daily operations of the university. {2 copies}; Newspaper Article, August 30, 1947, The Ohio State News, "Dr. Lewis K. McMillan Resigns' Force Post", Discussion of letter written by Dr. Lewis K. McMillan, professor of history at Wilberforce University who has sent a letter to President Charles L. Wesley, in the letter McMillan accuses Wesley of "spearheading a program of absolute ruin of the very institution which was entrusted to his care and promotion."

Folder 53

Newspaper Article, "Wilberforce Plans 2 Summer Schools under Dual Setup: Church Trustees Issue Detailed Charges on Ouster", Discussion of Wilberforce operating as a dual institution. Dr.

Charles Leander Hill named president by the university trustee board presiding over institution presided over by African Methodist Episcopal Church and Dr. Charles Wesley, dismissed as president by the church board will preside over department controlled by the state of Ohio. (1947)

Folder 54

Newspaper Article, "College Association Drops Wilberforce"; "Wilberforce Removed from Accredited List", (1947)

Folder 55

Newspaper Article, The Evening Gazette, "Wilberforce Split Held Legal: State College at University Ok'd by Court", Discussion of decision by Common Pleas Judge Frank L. Johnson giving legal sanction to Wilberforce University permission to split into two institutions. Ruling gave state of Ohio power to operate its own college at Wilberforce, September 9, 1947

Folder S6

Newspaper Article, (Undated) "Wilberforce Trustees Give Wesley Vote of Confidence", Newspaper Photo featuring members of the executive committee of Wilberforce University. Caption reads Members of the executive committee of Wilberforce University's Church and State trustee boards who in a joint meeting Thursday gave a vote of confidence to President Charles H. Wesley and expressed full support of his administration, in addition to adopting his report on plans and policies for the school. All present faculty members were retained. In the group, left to right, are: Standing, the Rev. I. N. Patterson, Philadelphia; the Rev. Wilber Page, Cincinnati; the Rev. Joseph Gomez, Cleveland; the Rev. C. J. Powell, Springfield; George A. Valentine, Wilberforce; the Rev. B. U. Taylor, Chicago; Augustus A. Parker, Cleveland; seated Bishop D. Ward Nichols, Birmingham; Bishop R. R. Wright, Wilberforce; Bishop D. H. Sims, Philadelphia; Ray E. Hughes, Columbus; Bishop R. C. Ransom, Wilberforce; President Charles H.

Wesley, Wilberforce; Miss Hallie Q. Brown, Wilberforce; Bishop J. A. Gregg, Kansas City; Bishop Frank M. Reid, St. Louis.

Folder 57

Newspaper Article, (July 31, 1947), "WU Legal Status Up to Attorney General-Herbert", Discussion of request by a committee representing the AME board of trustees of Wilberforce University that the university's legal status be determined under the jurisdiction of the Ohio Attorney General.

Folder 58

Newspaper Article, March 17, 1960, "Wilberforce University Observes 104th Founder's Day, Newspaper Photo, Caption Read" Wilberforce Honors Two Notable Women-Two outstanding women were honored at the 104th Wilberforce University Wilberforce University Founders Day Convocation as the formal gathering climaxed a series of activities in connection with the annual event. Smiling with obvious satisfaction just before joining the line of march are (reading from left to right): Violet T. Lewis, Detroit, Michigan, president of the Lewis Business Schools and Oretha T. Hatcher, Cleveland, Ohio, nationally known church woman and wife of A.M.E. Bishop Eugene C. Hatcher, both recipients of the Doctor of Philosophy Degree; Bishop Eugene C. Hatcher, Wilberforce University, board chairman and principal speaker for the occasion, and Dr. Rembert E. Stokes, Wilberforce president.

Folder 59

Newspaper Article, June 21, 1947, "Say Wesley Refused to Oppose Jim Crow School", Discussion of Wilberforce. Following the hearing of a report from its committee on the office of the president, the Wilberforce university board of trustees, at a meeting dismissed Dr. Charles H. Wesley, president of the school for the past five years, by a vote of 15 to 6.

Folder 60

Newspaper Article, Xenia Gazette, July 29, 1947, "WU Trustee Board Orders Court Test", Discussion of action challenging state school at university planned after governor declines to

intervene in dispute. The executive committee of the Wilberforce University AME Church trustee board ordered a speed-up Tuesday of plans to test through the courts the right of the state of Ohio to use taxpayers money in what is termed "the conduct of an experiment in Jim Crow education," according to a statement released by committee members.

Folder61

Newspaper Article, The Evening Gazette, July 9, 1947, "Wilberforce Bill Is Killed", Discussion of the Gray Bill, a controversial issue at Wilberforce University before two administrative boards of the school declared a truce recently "died" in committee in the state house of representatives. If passed the bill would have authorized to select and remove the president of the school.

Folder 62

Newspaper Article, The Cleveland Herald, April 5 1947, "Wilberforce Loses Accreditation; Too Many Bishops In Saddle, Charges Commission On Colleges, Discussion of the North Central Association Colleges and Secondary Schools unanimous vote to drop the accreditation of Wilberforce University. The committee charged too much denomination by bishops in the affairs of Wilberforce University.

Folder 63

Newspaper Article, The Cleveland Herald, "Wilberforce University Presents Its Twin Presidents", Photo of President Charles Leander Hill, Caption Reads, "Hill distinguished AME scholar and churchman who is president of the Church unit of the school, and who promises to lead his section to new educational heights." Photo of President Charles H. Wesley, Caption Reads, "Wesley, former joint president of the University's two schools and recently ousted by the AME board of trustees, now holds forth as president."; Newspaper Article; Professor Tells Why He Resigned from Wilberforce, Editor; Discussion of why an assistant and associate professor in geography at Wilberforce resigned.; Newspaper Article; "Court Sustains President Wesley at Wilberforce" Discussion of Judge Frank L. Johnson of the Court of Common Pleas, Greene County dissolving a temporary restraining order that would have prevented Dr. Charles Wesley from acting as President of the College of Education and Industrial Arts, Wilberforce, Ohio.

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