



Guide to the Charles N. Hunter Papers, 1841-1932 and undated

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Summary

Collection Title:

Charles N. Hunter papers, 1841-1932 and undated

Creator:

Hunter, Charles N., approximately 1851-1931

Abstract:

Black educator, journalist, and reformer from Raleigh, North Carolina. Correspondence, scrapbooks of clippings, print material such as articles and reports, and other papers, all dating from the Civil War into the first few decades of the 20th century. Includes a fourth edition of Lunsford Lane's slave narrative. The material discusses and illuminates the problems experienced by emancipated Black Americans during Reconstruction and into the early 20th century, encompassing agriculture, business, race relations, reconstruction, education, politics, voting rights, and economic improvement for African Americans. Other topics include Durham and Raleigh, N.C. history; the temperance movement, Hunter's personal matters and family finances, the North Carolina Industrial Association, and the N.C. Negro State Fair. Significant correspondents include Charles B. Aycock, Thomas W. Bickett, William E. Borah, Craig Locke, Josephus Daniels, W.E.B. Du Bois, Charles G. Dawes, John A. Logan, Lee S. Overman, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt, Charles Sumner, Zebulon B. Vance, and Booker T. Washington. There is also correspondence from two early African American Congressmen, Henry P. Cheatham and George H. White. Also included is a draft of a speech given by Frederick Douglass in 1880 at the 2nd Negro State Fair.

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Background

Scope and Content

The Charles N. Hunter Papers date from 1841 to 1932 and consist of Hunter's personal and professional correspondence, scrapbooks of clippings, articles, reports, and memorabilia. Correspondence relates to personal and financial matters, as well as to Hunter's various activities to improve African American education and economic well-being, particularly in the South. Specific topics touched on throughout his papers include race relations, voting rights, creating an educational system for African Americans, the temperance movement, reconstruction, African American business and agriculture, the North Carolina Industrial Association, and the North Carolina Negro State Fair. The three correspondence subseries form almost half of the Personal and Professional Papers series. The correspondence subseries are: Business/Community Incoming Correspondence, Personal Incoming Correspondence, and Outgoing Correspondence. Among the correspondents are several African American Congressional representatives such as George H. White and Henry P. Cheatham; major political figures like Franklin D. Roosevelt and John Alexander Logan; important African American scholars including W.E.B. DuBois and Booker T. Washington; and many North Carolina governors, in particular Zebulon B. Vance, Charles B. Aycock, Locke Craig, and Thomas Walter Bickett. Although these letters address professional and political issues, Hunter established friendships with many of the notable correspondents. The incoming correspondence has been arranged into letters pertaining to Hunter's business or community activities and letters relating to Hunter's personal life. There are also numerous drafts and copies of outgoing correspondence that Hunter wrote.

In the Other Professional Papers subseries, there is a variety of miscellaneous printed materials and papers that cover Hunter's career as a teacher and principal, involvement in the N.C. Industrial Association, and role in the N.C. Negro State Fair. Included in this subseries is an array of print materials that provide a view of African American life in the South. This includes commencement invitations from historically Black colleges and universities, a fourth edition of Lunsford Lane's slave narrative, and newspaper clippings. The bulk of this subseries deals with the larger Raleigh area, though some items address national issues.

The Writings and Speeches subseries includes addresses given by Hunter and others. Most notable is a transcription of Frederick Douglass' speech given at the 2nd Annual N.C. Negro State Fair. Amongst Hunter's writings are several pieces intended for a local encyclopedia which detail historic locales and

important North Carolina men. Writings cover topics such as African American voting rights and post-Reconstruction analysis. Overall, Hunter's writings provide historical sketches of important figures, events, and repercussions with an emphasis on local history.

The Scrapbooks series is made up of seventeen scrapbooks assembled by Hunter which contain clippings and other items concerning race relations and other social, political, and economic affairs pertaining to African Americans. They are composed principally of newspaper clippings published in North Carolina, but their scope is national as well as local. The clippings have been copied and arranged chronologically; the originals are closed to use.

Biographical/Historical

Charles Norfleet Hunter was born of slave parentage in the early 1850s in Raleigh, North Carolina. Hunter was the son of artisan Osborne Hunter, slave of William Dallas Haywood, a member of one of Raleigh's most prominent families. Hunter's mother died when he was three and he was raised by an aunt. Hunter was prominent in efforts to provide better educational facilities and curriculum for African Americans in North Carolina and was instrumental in constructing several schools for African Americans in the state. He served as principal for many schools in the state and served as editor of several newspapers and publications. As a member of the North Carolina Industrial Association, he also sought to expand the opportunities for African Americans in agriculture and industry.

Chronology List

Date	Description
circa 1851	Born of slave parents, Osborne and Mary Hunter, in Raleigh, N.C.
1869-1874	Employed at Raleigh Branch Freedman's Savings Bank; assistant cashier by 1874, when the bank failed
1875	Began teaching in Maxton, N.C.
1879	One of the founding members of North Carolina Industrial Association, along with brother, Osborne Jr.

Date	Description
1880	Secretary of North Carolina Industrial Association and editor of its publication, Journal of Industry
1881-1884	Worked as clerk in Raleigh Post Office
1888	Teacher in Durham Colored Graded School; editor of Progressive Educator of N.C.
1889	Principal of Garfield Graded School in Raleigh, N.C.; agent for A.S. Barnes and Co. publishers, New York
1890	Principal of Oberlin Graded School in Raleigh, N.C.
1892	Treasurer of North Carolina Industrial Association
1896	Appointed Principal of Garfield School in Raleigh, N.C.
1900	Brother, Osborne, Jr., died
1902	Partner with J. H. Lewis in Inter State Real Estate and Employment Agency, Trenton, N.J.; Principal of Oberlin School in Raleigh, N.C.
1903	Member of the faculty of North Carolina State Colored Normal School, Franklinton, N.C.
1905	Appointed Principal of Colored High School in Raleigh, N.C.; daughter, Eva, died of pneumonia and possible malaria in July;

Date	Description
	son, Charles, died of illness in December
1906	Appointed Principal of Chavis School in Raleigh, N.C.
1907	Played an active role in preparing the N.C. Negro Exhibit for the Jamestown Exposition; Colored Secretary of the N.C. Commission of the Jamestown Exposition; Secretary of Negro Development and Exposition Co. of USA; Superintendent of the Raleigh Branch of the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association
1908	Traveling Agent of the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association; Member of the North Carolina Republican Executive Committee
1910	Editor of Our Advance, a paper in Raleigh; Principal of Public School, Method, N.C.
1915	Leading figure in building of Berry O'Kelly Training School (previously known as Method School) in Method, N.C.; served as the school's principal
1916	Secretary of N.C. Republican Executive Committee
1917	Editor of Raleigh Independent
1918	Moved to Portsmouth, Va. in Jun.; served as foreman for laborers in the Norfolk Navy Yard

Date	Description
1921	Moved back to Raleigh, N.C.; again made editor of Raleigh Independent
1922	Assigned teaching position at Pleasant Hill School, Garner, N.C.
1923	Served as Principal of Haywood High School in Haywood, N.C. (Chatham County); Principal of Horton Public School in Pittsboro, N.C.; wife, Eliza, died after stroke
1924	Appointed Principal of Booker T. Washington School in Wilson's Mills, N.C. (Johnson County)
1926	Served as teacher in Manchester, N.C.
1927	Served as teacher in Bridge, N.C.
1928	Author of review of Negro Life in North Carolina with My Recollections
1931	Died in Raleigh, Sept. 4; survived by daughters, Emma Hunter Satterwhite and Lena M. Hunter

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Arrangement

Arranged into the following series and subseries: Personal and Professional Papers Series, organized into the following subseries: Business/Community Incoming

Correspondence, Personal Incoming Correspondence, Outgoing Correspondence, Writings and Speeches, and Other Professional Papers) and Scrapbooks.

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Related Materials

Related Material

[North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company Archives, 1850-2008 and undated](#) David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University

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Names and Subjects

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- Educators -- Correspondence
- Educators -- North Carolina -- Raleigh
- Fairs -- North Carolina -- Raleigh
- African American teachers -- Correspondence
- African Americans -- North Carolina -- Durham -- History
- African Americans -- Education -- North Carolina
- African Americans -- North Carolina -- Social conditions -- To 1964
- North Carolina State Fair -- History
- African American business enterprises -- North Carolina
- African American farmers -- North Carolina
- African American teachers -- North Carolina
- Temperance -- United States -- History -- 19th century
- Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)
- Racism -- United States -- History

- Freed persons -- North Carolina
- Durham (N.C.) -- History
- North Carolina -- Politics and government -- 1865-1950
- North Carolina -- Social conditions
- North Carolina -- Race relations
- Scrapbooks
- Aycock, Charles B. (Charles Brantley), 1859-1912
- Borah, William Edgar, 1865-1940
- Bickett, Thomas Walter, 1869-1921
- Sumner, Charles
- White, George H. (George Henry), 1852-1918
- Washington, Booker T., 1856-1915
- Overman, Lee S. (Lee Slater), 1854-1930
- Vance, Zebulon Baird
- Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945
- North Carolina Industrial Association
- Hunter, Charles N., approximately 1851-1931
- Roosevelt, Theodore
- Lane, Lunsford, b. 1803
- Du Bois, W. E. B. (William Edward Burghardt), 1868-1963
- Dawes, Charles Gates, 1865-1951
- Douglass, Frederick, 1818-1895 -- Speeches
- Cheatham, Henry Plummer, 1857-1935
- Logan, John Alexander
- Craig, Locke, 1860-1925

Collection Inventory

Personal and Professional Papers, 1841-1931

Scope and Contents note

The papers of Charles N. Hunter are divided into five subseries: Incoming Business/Community Correspondence; Incoming Personal Correspondence; Outgoing Correspondence; Writings and Speeches; and Other Professional Papers.

Incoming Business/Community Correspondence, 1871-1931

Scope and Contents note

This subseries contains a variety of correspondence that reflects the wide array of community and business organizations with which Hunter associated. There is a significant amount of material concerning the education of blacks in rural North Carolina during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, including letters from the Superintendent of Public

Instruction of Wake County, Zebulon Judd, and Edward Moses. Contains material demonstrating Hunter's instrumental role in the North Carolina Industrial Association, which was responsible for organizing the N.C. Negro State Fairs in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Correspondence from each of the three founders of North Carolina Mutual (J. Merrick, A.M. Moore, and C.C. Spaulding), and this collection includes material regarding early business practices within N.C. Mutual. Hunter often wrote to a wide variety of government officials, and received letters from senators, representatives, and heads of departments (not limited to Sen. Blanche K. Bruce [1879, 1886], Franklin D. Roosevelt [1920] and Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. [1921][as Asst. Secretaries of the Navy]). Hunter also kept up frequent correspondence with the presidents of North Carolina's historically black colleges and universities, such as Shaw University, Negro Agricultural and Technical College of N.C. (currently N.C. A & T University), State Normal School of North Carolina (currently the University of North Carolina at Greensboro) and St. Augustine's College. Contains material demonstrating Hunter's efforts as an advocate for black agricultural laborers, as well as his political efforts to encourage black voter turnout, census enumeration, and the outcomes of U.S. Senate confirmations of presidential appointments. This subseries also includes correspondence from Booker T. Washington [1886, 1909, 1914] regarding funding for black schools, John H. Smyth [1879](U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia) following a request for a contribution to the N.C. Negro State Fair, and W.E.B. DuBois [1898] soliciting help in an upcoming sociological study, among many others.

North Carolina Industrial Association, 1886
March, August-October (online item available) Box 1 > Folder 1

Digital Object: [North Carolina Industrial Association, 1886 March, August-October](#)

North Carolina Industrial Association, 1886
October (online item available) Box 1 > Folder 2

Digital Object: [North Carolina Industrial Association, 1886 October](#)

North Carolina Industrial Association, 1886
November-December (online item available) Box 1 > Folder 3

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Correspondence, 1871-1891 (online item available) Box 1 > Folder 4

Digital Object: [Correspondence, 1871-1891](#)

Correspondence, 1886-1903 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 1

Digital Object: [Correspondence, 1886-1903](#)

Correspondence, 1891-1900 (online item available) Box 1 > Folder 5

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Correspondence, 1901-1902 (online item available) Box 1 > Folder 6

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Correspondence, 1907 May-July (online item available) Box 1 > Folder 10

Digital Object: [Correspondence, 1907 May-July](#)

Correspondence, 1907 August-1909 (online item available) Box 1 > Folder 11

Digital Object: [Correspondence, 1907 August-1909](#)

Correspondence, 1910-1914 (online item available) Box 2 > Folder 1

Digital Object: [Correspondence, 1910-1914](#)

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Correspondence regarding Hunter's discharge from work in the Navy, complaint against the discharge, and Navy's final disposition, 1921 January-May (online item available)	Box 2 > Folder 8
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Correspondence, 1929-1931 (online item available) Box 3 > Folder 5

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Correspondence, undated (online item available) Box 3 > Folder 6

Digital Object: [Correspondence, undated](#)

Correspondence, undated (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 3

Digital Object: [Correspondence, undated](#)

Incoming Personal Correspondence, 1869-1931

Scope and Contents note

Contains a large quantity of incoming correspondence from family, friends, and former students, including significant correspondence with nephew, Edward Hunter, and daughters, as well as Hunter's son-in-law and former minister, James K. Satterwhite. Also contains some material pertaining to personal financial matters.

Personal correspondence, 1869-1874, 1882-1890 (online item available) Box 3 > Folder 7

Digital Object: [Personal correspondence, 1869-1874, 1882-1890](#)

Personal correspondence, 1892-1903 (online item available) Box 3 > Folder 8

Digital Object: [Personal correspondence, 1892-1903](#)

Personal correspondence, 1904-1909 (online item available) Box 3 > Folder 9

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Personal correspondence, 1915-1917 (online item available) Box 3 > Folder 11

Digital Object: [Personal correspondence, 1915-1917](#)

Personal correspondence, 1918-1920 (online item available) Box 4 > Folder 1

Digital Object: [Personal correspondence, 1918-1920](#)

Personal correspondence, 1921-1922 (online item available) Box 4 > Folder 2

Digital Object: [Personal correspondence, 1921-1922](#)

Personal correspondence, 1923 (online item available) Box 4 > Folder 3

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Letters from or regarding family, undated (online item available) Box 4 > Folder 7

Digital Object: [Letters from or regarding family, undated](#)

Personal correspondence, undated (online item available) Box 4 > Folder 8

Digital Object: [Personal correspondence, undated](#)

Personal correspondence, undated (online item available) Box 4 > Folder 9

Digital Object: [Personal correspondence, undated](#)

Legal-size personal correspondence, 1927-1928 and undated, including photograph of Robert Milton Braan, age 5 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 4

Digital Object: [Legal-size personal correspondence, 1927-1928 and undated, including photograph of Robert Milton Braan, age 5](#)

Birch bark letter, 18-- Oversize-folder 2

Access Restrictions:

[Restricted: needs conservation work before access can be granted. Please contact reference archivist for access to this item.]

Outgoing Correspondence, 1871-1931 and undated

Scope and Contents note

Contains various drafts of letters written by Hunter to various individuals. Includes drafts of letters to Mary Church Terrell, U.S. presidents, and North Carolina education administrators.

Correspondence, 1871-1877, 1886 (online item available)

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Digital Object: [Correspondence, 1871-1877, 1886](#)

Correspondence, 1889-1890, 1897-1909 (online item available)

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Digital Object: [Correspondence, 1889-1890, 1897-1909](#)

Correspondence, 1910-1920 (online item available)

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Digital Object: [Correspondence, 1910-1920](#)

Correspondence, 1921-1926 (online item available)

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Digital Object: [Correspondence, 1921-1926](#)

Correspondence, 1927-1931 and undated (online item available)

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Digital Object: [Correspondence, 1927-1931 and undated](#)

Other Professional Papers, 1841-1931

Scope and Contents note

A variety of papers such as pamphlets, programs, receipts, gradebooks and other school records, and ephemera such as program tickets and invitations. One of the earliest item dates to the 1850s and is a blank slave life insurance application from the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company (Raleigh, N.C.). Also of note is the fourth edition of a slave narrative attributed to former slave Lunsford Lane of Raleigh, N.C., originally published in 1841. Many of the documents relate to the N.C. Negro State Fair. Includes biographical sketches of Hunter, as well as papers concerning the 1907 Jamestown Negro Exhibit and the N.C. Industrial Association. Documents are sorted chronologically and foldered by decade within the boxes.

Letter testamentary of William Haywood Jr. regarding the will of Mary McKinlay, 1841

Oversize-folder 1

Slave Life Insurance Policy, North Carolina
Mutual Life Insurance Company, 1850s

Oversize-folder 2

Lunsford Lane, The Narrative of Lunsford
Lane, Formerly of Raleigh, N.C. Embracing an
Account of his Early life, the Redemption by
purchase of himself and family from Slavery,
and his Banishment from the place of his
birth for the Crime of wearing a Colored
skin. Published by himself. Fourth ed. Boston:
Hewes and Watson's Print, 1861 (online item
available)

Box 5 > Folder 10

Digital Object: [Lunsford Lane, The Narrative of Lunsford Lane, Formerly of Raleigh, N.C. Embracing an Account of his Early life, the Redemption by purchase of himself and family from Slavery, and his Banishment from the place of his birth for the Crime of wearing a Colored skin. Published by himself. Fourth ed. Boston: Hewes and Watson's Print, 1861](#)

"Journal of Freedom," 1865 (online item
available)

Box 5 > Folder 11

Digital Object: [Journal of Freedom, 1865](#)

Ninth Anniversary of the Proclamation of
Emancipation invitation, 1872 (online item
available)

Box 5 > Folder 12

Digital Object: [Ninth Anniversary of the Proclamation of Emancipation invitation, 1872](#)

Letter from B. F. Moore declining invitation,
1872 January 1 (online item available)

Box 5 > Folder 13

Digital Object: [Letter from B. F. Moore declining invitation, 1872 January 1](#)

Letter from National Freedman's Savings and
Trust Company, 1872 March 9 (online item
available)

Box 5 > Folder 14

Digital Object: [Letter from National Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, 1872 March 9](#)

Letter from M. Bryant regarding a land deed,
1873 (online item available)

Box 5 > Folder 15

Digital Object: [Letter from M. Bryant regarding a land deed, 1873](#)

Obituary published in The Examiner for
Reverend Richard S. Mason, D.D., 1874
February 22 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 16

Digital Object: [Obituary published in The Examiner for Reverend Richard S. Mason, D.D., 1874 February 22](#)

Teacher's First Grade Certificate, 1878 March
16 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 17

Digital Object: [Teacher's First Grade Certificate, 1878 March 16](#)

An Act to Incorporate the N.C. Industrial
Association, 1879 March 14 (online item
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Letter, June 24, 1879 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 20

Digital Object: [Letter, June 24, 1879](#)

Notes regarding the Second Session of
the East Raleigh School, 1879 (online item
available) Box 5 > Folder 21

Digital Object: [Notes regarding the Second Session of the East Raleigh School, 1879](#)

First constitution of the N.C. Industrial
Association, 1879 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 22

Digital Object: [First constitution of the N.C. Industrial Association, 1879](#)

Teacher's First Grade Certificate, 1880
November 6 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 23

Digital Object: [Teacher's First Grade Certificate, 1880 November 6](#)

Note of the Office of the Commissioner of the
Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, 1883
(online item available) Box 5 > Folder 24

Digital Object: [Note of the Office of the Commissioner of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, 1883](#)

St. Valentine's Day First Grand Dress
Reception invitation, 1884 (online item
available) Box 5 > Folder 25

Digital Object: [St. Valentine's Day First Grand Dress Reception invitation, 1884](#)

Notice of Applicant's Standing from the United
States Civil Service Commission, 1884 (online
item available) Box 5 > Folder 26

Digital Object: [Notice of Applicant's Standing from the United States Civil Service Commission, 1884](#)

First monthly report of C. Dillard, 1885 (online
item available) Box 5 > Folder 27

Digital Object: [First monthly report of C. Dillard, 1885](#)

Advertisement regarding research for The
Prominent Colored Men of North Carolina,
1885 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 28

Digital Object: [Advertisement regarding research for The Prominent Colored Men of North Carolina, 1885](#)

"Price List of Fair Goods from The Fair
Publishing House of Norwalk, Ohio," 1886
February 15 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 29

Digital Object: [Price List of Fair Goods from The Fair Publishing House of Norwalk, Ohio, 1886 February 15](#)

Receipt for purchased goods from The Fair
Publishing House, 1886 September 15 (online
item available) Box 5 > Folder 30

Digital Object: [Receipt for purchased goods from The Fair Publishing House, 1886 September 15](#)

North Carolina Industrial Association contract,
1886 October 11 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 31

Digital Object: [North Carolina Industrial Association contract, 1886 October 11](#)

Teacher's First Grade Certificate, 1886
October 16 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 32

Digital Object: [Teacher's First Grade Certificate, 1886 October 16](#)

- Gradebook, 1894 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 33
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- Invitation to the Fourth Annual Closing Exercises, A. and M. College, 1898 May 22-26 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 34
Digital Object: [Invitation to the Fourth Annual Closing Exercises, A. and M. College, 1898 May 22-26](#)
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- "Articles of Agreement regarding property," circa 1901 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 35
Digital Object: [Articles of Agreement regarding property, circa 1901](#)
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- Installation services at the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C. program, 1902 June 8 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 36
Digital Object: [Installation services at the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C. program, 1902 June 8](#)
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- Oberlin School Progress of Pupils grade book, 1902-1903 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 37
Digital Object: [Oberlin School Progress of Pupils grade book, 1902-1903](#)
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- Complementary Negro State Fair ticket, 1903 October 27-30 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 38
Digital Object: [Complementary Negro State Fair ticket, 1903 October 27-30](#)
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- Attendance scrolls for Teachers' Institute, 1903 August 17-22 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 39
Digital Object: [Attendance scrolls for Teachers' Institute, 1903 August 17-22](#)
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- The Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, bill for Eva Hunter, 1904 April 30 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 40
Digital Object: [The Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, bill for Eva Hunter, 1904 April 30](#)
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- The National Association of Teachers of Negro Youth Second Annual Meeting announcement, 1905 June 28-30 (online item available) Box 5 > Folder 41
Digital Object: [The National Association of Teachers of Negro Youth Second Annual Meeting announcement, 1905 June 28-30](#)

Twentieth Annual Convention, Brotherhood of St. Andrew brochure, 1905 September 20-24 (online item available)

Box 5 > Folder 42

Digital Object: [Twentieth Annual Convention, Brotherhood of St. Andrew brochure, 1905 September 20-24](#)

"Resolution of Respect. Adopted by St. Ambrose Choir to the memory of Miss Hunter," 1905 July 13 (online item available)

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"St. Augustine Normal School and Collegiate Institute" (online item available)	Box 6 > Folder 125
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"Steps in Reading" (online item available)	Box 6 > Folder 127
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"The Story of a Check", circa 1929	Oversize-folder 1

"The Story of John Chavis" (online item available) Box 6 > Folder 128

Digital Object: [The Story of John Chavis](#)

"The Teaching of Spelling in our Schools" (online item available) Box 6 > Folder 129

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"To the Colored People of North Carolina" (online item available) Box 6 > Folder 130

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"To the Negro Voters of the State of North Carolina," 1928 (2 copies) (online item available) Box 6 > Folder 131

Digital Object: [To the Negro Voters of the State of North Carolina, 1928 \(2 copies\)](#)

"To the People of North Carolina," 1910 (online item available) Box 6 > Folder 132

Digital Object: [To the People of North Carolina, 1910](#)

"Total Abstinence" (online item available) Box 6 > Folder 133

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"Trend of Slavery toward the Sonnet" (online item available) Box 6 > Folder 134

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Untitled Addresses (online item available) Box 7 > Folder 1

Digital Object: [Untitled Addresses](#)

Scope and Contents note

Topics include a brief history of the North Carolina Negro State Fair and funding for the Berry O'Kelly School. Other speeches feature historical facts of Raleigh and topics of racial uplift. Speeches addressed to the Constitutional Convention of North Carolina, the North Carolina legislature, local schools and school systems, members of the Howard Band of Hope, the Union Brothers and Victor Fire Company, the National Negro Business League, and the Right Worthy Grand Ledge of North Carolina among others.

Untitled Work (online item available) Box 7 > Folder 2

Digital Object: [Untitled Work](#)

Scope and Contents note

Untitled essays cover African American history nationally, in the South, and in North Carolina.

"What Do We Believe?" (5 copies) (online item available) Box 7 > Folder 3

Digital Object: [What Do We Believe? \(5 copies\)](#)

"What Next?" (online item available) Box 7 > Folder 4

Digital Object: [What Next?](#)

"What of the Negro State Fair - Shall We Go to Some Other City?" (online item available) Box 7 > Folder 5

Digital Object: [What of the Negro State Fair - Shall We Go to Some Other City?](#)

"What Shall the Negro Do?" (3 copies) (online item available) Box 7 > Folder 6

Digital Object: [What Shall the Negro Do? \(3 copies\)](#)

"A Word of Caution and Encouragement to the Negro" (online item available) Box 7 > Folder 7

Digital Object: [A Word of Caution and Encouragement to the Negro](#)

Writing drafts, handwritten Oversize-folder 1

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Scrapbooks, 1866-1932

Physical Description: 5 boxes

Scope and Contents note

Seventeen scrapbooks containing clippings and other items concerning race relations and other social, political, and economic affairs pertaining to African Americans. Assembled by Charles Hunter, they were taken chiefly from newspapers published in North Carolina, but their scope is national as well as regional and local. A wide range of topics and views are represented in the clippings, which include editorials from across the political spectrum (including both views with which Hunter was likely sympathetic and some with which he almost certainly was not); news articles about criminal accusations against African Americans and the lynchings and mob violence that often followed; accounts of North Carolina Negro State Fairs and various exhibitions and events for and about African Americans; articles describing the opening ceremonies and commencement speeches at African American high-schools and colleges; a number of articles and letters to the editor written by Charles N.

Hunter himself, generally expressing his views on race relations; many articles about local, state, and national politics, particularly concerning the role of African Americans in state and national politics (and especially focusing on the disenfranchisement of African Americans in Southern states); and various religious, inspirational, and motivational texts - along with a great deal of other material relating to the African American experience at the turn of the 20th century.

The original scrapbooks have been disbound and photocopies have been made of all the clippings. The copies have been arranged chronologically for ease of use. Copies of the indices to the original scrapbooks - detailing the arrangement of the clippings in their original context - have also been retained.

Many of the clippings were pasted onto ledger sheets that had previously been used for Hunter's school and financial records. Some pages of these records were still intact and legible. These records have also been preserved and are included in this series. The news clippings date from 1866-1932 (with some undated entries organized by topic); the financial and school records to which they were pasted date from 1886-1913.

Scrapbooks: Use Copies

Scope and Contents note

Photocopies of the pages of clippings from Hunter's scrapbooks. Whenever possible, these copies should be used instead of the originals.

Scrapbook pages, 1866-1907	Box 7
Scrapbook pages, 1908-1932	Box 8
Undated clippings: inspirational/religious	Box 8
Undated clippings: news and editorials	Box 8
Undated clippings: poetry	Box 8
Indices to the original volumes	Box 8

Scrapbooks: Originals

Scope and Contents note

The original pages from Hunter's disbound scrapbooks.

Access Restrictions:

[Access RESTRICTED due to fragile nature. Use copies available in boxes 7-8.]

School and Financial Records, 1886-1913 and undated (online item available) Box 8 > Folder 27

Digital Object: [School and Financial Records, 1886-1913 and undated](#)

Scrapbook, original binding (online item available) Box 8 > Folder 28

Digital Object: [Scrapbook, original binding](#)

Scrapbook, 1886-1921 (online item available) Box 9 > Folder 1

Digital Object: [Scrapbook, 1886-1921](#)

Scrapbook, 1886-1921 (online item available) Box 9 > Folder 2

Digital Object: [Scrapbook, 1886-1921](#)

Scrapbook, 1891-1928 (online item available) Box 9 > Folder 3

Digital Object: [Scrapbook, 1891-1928](#)

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