State College for Colored Students collection, 1891-1947

Repository: Delaware State University Archives
William C. Jason Library
1200 N. DuPont Highway; Dover, DE 19901
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Creator: Unknown
Date: 1891-1947, n.d.
Location: Row 9, Bay A and B, Shelf 1
Extent: 4 linear feet
Language: English
Source of Acquisition: unknown
Accruals: unknown

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Scope and Content:
The State College for Colored Students (SCCS) collection is an artificial collection of materials pertaining to the SCCS era of DSU history (1891-1947). The provenance of the materials found here is unclear, and for that reason, this collection was created to give cohesion and greater prominence to materials dated prior to 1947. These materials are dated from an era underrepresented within the broader university archives.

The collection primarily includes six ledgers containing records of incoming mail, matriculation, *Echo* sales, news clippings, Sunday school activities, and a journal maintained by Samuel Conwell, the secretary to President Jason. The additional records within this collection are diverse. They include financial reports for the administration of the college, diplomas, student report cards (box 2), news clippings, an admissions brochure, photocopies of the papers of William C. Jason, and more.

Arrangement: The records are arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box and Folder Listing:

**Box 1, Subjects:**
- Diploma and report card [blank], 1920, n.d.
- Finance notes and reports, 1903-1911, n.d.
- “General Information” admissions brochure, c. 1930
- Jason, William C. papers 1892-1900 [photocopies of originals at the Delaware Public Archives], n.d.
- Miscellaneous, 1892-1928
- Negro Young Peoples Christian and Education Congress program, August 6-11, 1902
- News clippings, 1905-1920
Postcards of SCCS, n.d.

Recommendations of the Prudential Committee of the SCCS after a visit to Hampton Institute, Va., n.d.
Second Morrill Act from December 2, 1889 photograph reproduction, n.d.
Showell, Charles Coral exam, 1908
Showell, Charles Coral Diploma [OVERSIZE folder], 1911
Suggested outline of work at the SCCS, Dover, DE, n.d.

**Box 2, Student Records [RESTRICTED]:**
- Box label and loose materials, 1936-1946
- A, 1923-1933
- B and C, 1921-1934
- C, 1923-1934
- D, 1923-1934
- E, F and G, 1924-1934
- H, 1923-1934
- I, J and K, 1924-1947
- L, Mc and M, 1923-1934
- N, O and P, 1923-1930
- Q and R, 1923-1933
- S, 1923-1947
- T, U and V, 1923-1939
- W, X, Y and Z, 1923-1933

**Box 3, artifact:**
- Wooden box that formerly contained the student records found in box 2

**Box 4, artifact:**
- Ledger recording incoming mail, 1904-1916

**Box 5, artifact:**
- Ledger of *Echo* publication sales, 1912

**Box 6, artifact:**
- Ledger of news clippings of printed speeches [fragile]

**Box 7, artifact:**
- Matriculation book, 1892-1916
- Ledger of Sunday school activities recorded by Samuel Conwell, 1906-1912
- Journal of reflections about the SCCS written by Samuel Conwell, 1896-1900

**Colophon:**
This collection was first formed under the stewardship of Emily Cottle. The provenance of the items found here is unknown, and with one exception, no records transfer documentation exists. The student records found in box 2 and the wooden box found in box 3 were transferred
from the administration building in January 2014. This collection was formally processed, boxed and described by Rejoice Scherry in January 2017, but the foldering and arrangement is largely a continuance of the work of Emily Cottle.