Guide to Chester Higgins Document

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**Collection Summary**

**Creator:**  Clinton J. Calloway (1869-1940)

**Title:**  Clinton J. Calloway Correspondence

**Dates:**  1900-70

**Quantity:**  1.46 cubic feet

**Identification:**

**Abstract:**  Clinton J. Calloway, served as the director of the college’s Extension Department to gain the financial support for erecting modern school building from Julius Rosenwald of Chicago. Rosenwald was part owner and president at Sears, Roebuck, and Company. The success of this small suggestion began what became the largest output of effort for rural school building and uplifting of education since slavery was abolished.Calloway was responsible for managing the applications for each school, the building and disbursing the funding for each school. He devoted his time to expanding educational opportunities for African American through the management of the Anna T. Jeanes Fund, which made it possible for counties in southern states to fund the first home economics teachers.

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**Administrative Information**

**Preferred Citation**

Clinton J. Calloway & General Correspondence (1900-35)

**Acquisition Information**

No information available

**Processing Information**

The papers were received for processing in archival storage containers, with the documents in what was assumed to be their original folders. From their arrangement in the storage containers, it was assumed that all the folders were arranged alphabetically by folder title and were stored in alphabetical order while in active use. However, the alphabetical order was not entirely intact; many of the folders were not labeled or were mislabeled in reference to their actual contents.

Also, considering the belief that the folders were originally filed alphabetically, it was determined that some folders were missing. Because it was difficult to determine whether all files were originally arranged alphabetically as one unit, or in separate series according to subject matter, and given the present state of the folders, the processors decided to separate the folders into series according to subject matter that would be arranged alphabetically within each series.

In processing the collection, original folders were replaced with acid-free folders. Folders were labeled, either following the original labeling, or in the case of missing or incorrect labels were assigned folder titles. Folder titles assigned by the processors are indicated in the inventory enclosed in square brackets. All metal fasteners were removed.

**Index Terms**

The papers are indexed under the following headings in the Tuskegee University Library’s online catalog. Researchers seeking materials about related subjects, persons, organizations, or places should search the catalog using these headings.

**Subjects:**

* + - Rural School Correspondence
		- General Correspondence
		- Correspondence Concerning land for school etc.
		- Correspondence Re: Teaching Applications and Rosenwald Applications
		- The Clinton J. Calloway Collection Correspondence
		- The Clinton J. Calloway Collection W.M Rakestraw Correspondence
		- Correspondence Re: Teachers Applications and Rosenwald Fund Applications
		- Mary E. Foster Correspondence

**Person (s):**

Clinton J. Calloway

**Biography**

Calloway was born April 18, 1869, to former slaves George and Elizabeth (Grant) Calloway. Prior to his birth, his father and two uncles, William Calloway, and Leander Grant, became trustees in the establishment of the Freedom’s school in Cleveland. He relocated to Alabama in 1895, after graduation from Fisk. He was recruited by William E. Benson, a fellow classmate, to become principal of a new black secondary vocation school in Elmore County, Alabama, named the Kowaliga Academic and Industrial Institute. Calloway joined the Tuskegee Extension Department and turned a one-teacher shanty at Kowaliga plantation into a three-building, eleven-teacher plant that was in session eight-months of the year. Following this accomplishment, he returned to Tuskegee to become the primary advocate for the Macon County Schools. Primarily, Booker T. Washington brought Calloway to Tuskegee as a special assistant to George Washington Carver.

Extension Department, beginning in 1905, Calloway was responsible for the management of the applications for each school, the building and disbursing the funding for each school. He devoted his time to expanding educational opportunities for African American through the management of the Anna T. Jeanes Fund, which made it possible for counties in southern states to fund the first home economics teachers; the Smith-Hughes Appropriation for Vocational Education; and the Julius Rosenwald Fund (1911). Between 1914 and 1915, Calloway managed the fundraising for and the construction of twenty-one schools in six counties.

“By 1920, 638 schools had been built under Calloway’s management. During that year, Rosenwald decided to move his program to Nashville, Tennessee, and hired Samuel L. Smith as its administrator, thus severing the program from Tuskegee and ended the racial intimacy of black professionals working with black communities.”

At the age of 66, Calloway retired from Tuskegee in 1935. He died on April 2, 1940, and is buried in the Tuskegee University Cemetery.

**Scope and Contents**

The collection compiled by Clinton J. Calloway comprises a range of documents, including a variety of different correspondence such as general correspondence and correspondence Concerning land for school. Dating as far as the 1900s, these materials primarily consist of Correspondence Re: Teachers Applications and Rosenwald Fund Applications & forms specifically of Rural Correspondence.

**Arrangement**

The papers are arranged into different series:

**Series I:**

Rural School Correspondence

General Correspondence

Correspondence Concerning land for school etc.

Correspondence Re: Teaching Applications and Rosenwald Applications

The Clinton J. Calloway Collection Correspondence

The Clinton J. Calloway Collection W.M Rakestraw Correspondence

Correspondence Re: Teachers Applications and Rosenwald Fund

Applications

**Restrictions**

**Restrictions on Access**

There are no restrictions on access to these papers.

**Restrictions on Use**

Researchers are responsible for addressing copyright issues on materials not in the public domain.

**Inventory**

**Series I: Royal School Correspondence**

**Box**  **Folder**

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1 3 Royal School Correspondence C. 1910-16

1 4 Royal School Correspondence D. 1910-16

1 5 Royal School Correspondence E. 1910-16

1 6 Royal School Correspondence F. 1910-16

1 7 Royal School Correspondence A. 1917

1 8 Royal School Correspondence B. 1917

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2 2 General Correspondence A. 1918

2 3 General Correspondence B. 1918

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2 6 General Correspondence E. 1918

2 7 General Correspondence F. 1918

2 8 General Correspondence G. 1919

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3 3 Rural Correspondence 1917

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4 1 Rural Correspondence 1917

4 2 Rural Correspondence 1917

4 3 Rural Correspondence 1917

4 4 Rural Correspondence 1917

4 5 Rural Correspondence 1917

4 6 Mary E. Foster Correspondence 1923

4 7 Correspondence Concerning land for school etc. A. (Rosenwald Fund)

4 8 Correspondence Concerning land for school etc. B. (Rosenwald Fund)

4 9 Correspondence Concerning land for school etc. C. (Rosenwald Fund)

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5 10 Correspondence Rosenwald Schools 1917

5 11 Reports teacher list for Rosenwald fund A. 1917-18

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10 8 Rosenwald Correspondence Tennessee 1918

10 9 L.A. Jones Correspondence Supervisor, Macon co. Negro Schools 1932

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10A 5 Correspondence re: Teaching application+ Rosenwald fund application 1916

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10B 3 Rosenwald Correspondence 1917-19

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11A 5 The Clinton J. Calloway Collection W.M Rakestraw Correspondence A. 1919

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