

# Burton Publishing Company Collection (AC51)

## *Introduction*

The Burton Publishing Company Collection contains items related to an unpublished book titled *Negro Men, Women and Affairs of Greater Kansas City*, compiled between 1914 and 1915.

## *Descriptive Summary*

Creator: Burton Publishing Company  
Title: Burton Publishing Company Collection  
Dates: 1914-1915  
Size: 0.16 linear feet, 1 box  
Collection Number: AC51

## *Donor Information*

Found in collection.

## *Citation Note*

Burton Publishing Company Collection (AC51), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri.

## *Administrative Information*

Reproduction Restrictions: Unrestricted.

Access Restrictions: Unrestricted.

Additional Forms: All sample pages and photographs have been digitized and are available for viewing in the reading room.

Related Collections: Additional photographs considered for inclusion in *Negro Men, Women and Affairs of Greater Kansas City* can be found in the Williams Photo Studio Collection (AC27).

## *Historical Sketch*

According to an August 1914 notice in the *Kansas City Sun* newspaper, "Mr. Burton of the Burton Publishing Co., of this city, is compiling a brief but complete and comprehensive history of the institutions, associations, societies, and clubs of Greater Kansas City, that have for their purpose the betterment and general uplift of the Colored race." Other notices the same year solicited biographies for inclusion in the proposed volume. The book, titled *Negro Men, Women and Affairs of Greater Kansas City*, was never completed.

***Scope and Content Note***

The collection consists of two series arranged by item type.

**Series 1: Textual Materials, 1914-1915**

This series consists of textual materials concerning the publication of *Negro Men, Women and Affairs of Greater Kansas City*. The series includes prospectuses, loose sample pages, and promotional materials. The prospectuses provide information concerning proposed topics and biographies for the book.

**Series 2: Photographs, ca. 1915**

This series consists of photographs considered for inclusion in *Negro Men, Women and Affairs of Greater Kansas City*. The series includes paper prints and cabinet cards arranged alphabetically by surname.

***Collection Inventory*****Series 1: Textual Materials, 1914-1915**

- f. 1 Prospectus, 1914
- f. 2 Prospectus, 1915
- f. 3 Loose sample pages, 1915
- f. 4 Promotional materials, ca. 1915

**Series 2: Photographs, ca. 1915**

- f. 5 Baldwin, Mr., ca. 1915
- f. 6 Baldwin, Mrs., ca. 1915
- f. 7 Bowser, Dora J., ca. 1915
- f. 8 Bowser, James D, ca. 1915
- f. 9 Crews, Florence M., ca. 1915
- f. 10 Floyd, Mrs., ca. 1915
- f. 11 Grisham, Gabriel N., ca. 1915
- f. 12 Harsly?, Dr., ca. 1915
- f. 13 Harsly?, Mrs., ca. 1915
- f. 14 Jones, Anna H., ca. 1915
- f. 15 Mosly, Mrs. Willis G., ca. 1915
- f. 16 Mosly, Willis G., ca. 1915
- f. 17 Shackelford, E. A., ca. 1915
- f. 18 Smith, Lydia C., ca. 1915
- f. 19 Thompson, Bell Jane, ca. 1915
- f. 20 Unthank, Thomas C., ca. 1915
- f. 21 Wilson, J. A., ca. 1915
- f. 22 Wilson, Mrs. J. A., ca. 1915

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