

**The Joan Reese Papers
on African Americans in Colorado**

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Scope and Content

Among other pursuits, Joan Reese served as a longtime volunteer in the Western History Department at the Denver Public Library. These papers include her research notes (for an unfinished book) on African Americans in Colorado. The collection contains index cards on various subjects pertaining to blacks in Colorado. Many of the cards function as an annotated bibliography – this will prove useful for subsequent researchers. Reese also compiled photographs, newspaper articles, correspondence, and papers for her research purposes – these are included, also.

Series

- I. Index Cards**
- II. Papers and Newspaper Articles**
- III. Photographs**

The collection is divided into three series: Index Cards, Papers and Newspaper Articles, and Photographs.

Joan Reese's working notes comprise the first series. The Index Cards series includes notes taken and bibliographical information on various subjects. They are arranged in alphabetical order by subject.

The second series, Papers and Newspaper Articles, consists of correspondence, short histories, newspaper articles, and miscellaneous notes.

The third series, Photographs, are various photographs gathered during her research. Subjects include Hattie McDaniel, George Morrison, Sr., and Burnis McCloud.

In order to avoid confusion dates, for the most part, have been omitted from this finding aid. Reese gathered her data in a number of ways over a large span of time.

Container List

Series I: Index Cards

Box 1

Box 1	FF1	25 index cards and notes on Bibliography	n.d.
Box 1	FF2	13 index cards on blacks, Denver, business and businessmen	n.d.
Box 1	FF3	5 index cards on churches	n.d.
Box 1	FF4	10 index cards on blacks, Colorado, and colonization	n.d.
Box 1	FF5	5 index cards on blacks, Denver, and crime	n.d.
Box 1	FF6	19 index cards on blacks in Denver and demographics	n.d.
Box 1	FF7	13 index cards on discrimination, Denver and blacks and 2 miscellaneous notes	n.d.

Box 1	FF8	10 index cards on blacks, Denver, and education	n.d.
Box 1	FF9	1 card on education and YMCA	n.d.
Box 1	FF10	32 index cards on employment	n.d.
Box 1	FF11	15 index cards on entertainment	n.d.
Box 1	FF12	9 index cards on blacks, Denver, and housing	n.d.
Box 1	FF13	18 index cards on the Ku Klux Klan	n.d.
Box 1	FF14	2 index cards on labor unions and 2 notes on labor organizations	n.d.
Box 1	FF15	93 index cards - 7 miscellaneous notes on musicians	n.d.
Box 1	FF16	69 index cards with names, addresses, phone numbers, etc.	n.d.
Box 1	FF17	74 index cards with names and addresses phone numbers, etc.	n.d.
Box 1	FF18	11 index cards on blacks, Denver, and the NAACP	n.d.
Box 1	FF19	8 index cards on black Denver newspapers and 2 miscellaneous index notes on magazines and blacks, etc.	n.d.
Box 1	FF20	2 index cards and 1 note on black newspapers in DPL's Western History Department	n.d.
Box 1	FF21	52 miscellaneous index cards and notes	n.d.
Box 1	FF22	24 index cards and notes on blacks, Denver, and personalities	n.d.
Box 1	FF23	4 index cards on blacks, Denver, and pioneers	n.d.

Box 1	FF24	9 index cards on Denver, population, and black statistics	n.d.
Box 1	FF25	13 index cards on blacks, Denver, and politics	n.d.
Box 1	FF26	13 index cards and notes on blacks, Denver, and religion	n.d.
Box 1	FF27	4 index cards on blacks, Colorado, and settlements	n.d.
Box 1	FF28	4 index cards on black Denver social institutions	n.d.
Box 1	FF29	64 index cards on blacks, Denver, societies and clubs, and 7 miscellaneous notes	n.d.
Box 1	FF30	2 index cards on blacks in the Spanish-American War	n.d.
Box 1	FF31	2 index cards on blacks , Denver, and sports	n.d.
Box 1	FF32	35 index cards on Denver, and Colorado weather	n.d.
Box 1	FF33	6 index cards on World War II casualties and troop statistics	n.d.
Box 1	FF34	37 index cards and notes on the home front in World War II	n.d.
Box 1	FF35	42 index cards on blacks in World War II - racial discrimination - segregation	n.d.
Box 1	FF36	32 index cards on black servicemen in World War II	n.d.
Box 1	FF37	6 index cards on servicewomen in World War II	n.d.
Box 1	FF38	14 index cards on World War II	

		Tuskegee Airmen	n.d.
Box 1	FF39	54 index cards on blacks in Colorado in World War I	n.d.
Box 1	FF40	9 index cards on World War I - colored woman clubs, etc.	n.d.
Box 1	FF41	22 index cards World War I - homefront - black patriotism - Liberty Bonds, etc.	n.d.
Box 1	FF42	23 index cards on World War I, Denver, Colorado - segregation - Jim Crow - discrimination	n.d.
Box 1	FF43	3 index cards on "Spanish Influenza" in World War I	n.d.

Series II: Papers and Newspaper Articles

Box 1

Box 1	FF44	1 picture of George Morrison , Sr.	n.d.
Box 1	FF45	1 picture of George Morrison, Sr. and his wife Willa May	n.d.
Box 1	FF46	1 picture of George Morrison , Sr., his daughter Marion Robinson, his wife, Willa May, and Hattie McDaniel	n.d.
Box 1	FF47	Miscellaneous information on the life of George Morrison Sr.	n.d.
Box 1	FF48	Photograph of Hattie McDaniel (as Beulah) with Marvin Miller and 2 photographs of Hattie McDaniel as Beulah and Bill "Whitman" and 1 photograph of Sam McDaniel	n.d.
Box 1	FF49	Miscellaneous information on the life of Paul Whiteman	n.d.
Box 1	FF50	Brochure on the Tuskegee Airman Memorial	

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Box 1	FF51	Newspaper articles on Burnis McCloud and 1 small photographs on Burnis McCloud	n.d.
Box 1	FF52	Photocopy of information of "The Negro Population of Denver, Colorado"	n.d.
Box 1	FF53	Correspondence to and from Joan Reese	n.d.
Box 1	FF54	Miscellaneous Notes	n.d.
Box 1	FF55	Miscellaneous newspaper articles	n.d.
Box 1	FF56	Miscellaneous photocopy articles	n.d.