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Guide to the

Frederick Douglass collection

1859-1894

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Summary

Creator: Douglass, Frederick, 1818-1895

Title: Frederick Douglass collection

Date: 1859-1894

Size: 0.2 linear feet (one box)

Source: Provenance unknown, 1982 Thomas T. Moebs/Americana and Fine Books, 1982

Abstract: African-American abolitionist, orator, author, diplomat and public official, born in slavery circa 1817. Ten autograph letters signed by Frederick Douglass; typescript of "John Brown," an address delivered at Harpers Ferry and edited in Douglass's own hand; one pamphlet of an Anti-Fugitive Slave Law Meeting at which Douglass presided in 1851; obituaries of Douglass; miscellaneous printed matter; photocopies and research materials relating to Douglass. Substantive letters include an April 24 [1869?] A.L.S. to Downing [George Thomas?] on the appointment of Ebenezer Bassett as United States resident minister to Haiti, a post for which Douglass had been considered and which he would accept in 1889; and an 1894 letter to Rev. R.A. Armstrong written on behalf of Ida B. Wells, then traveling in Europe to speak against racial discrimination and lynchings of African-Americans in southern states.

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Creator History

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Key Terms

Subjects

Abolitionists -- United States

Antislavery movements -- United States

Geographic Names

Haiti -- Foreign relations -- United States

Harpers Ferry (W. Va.) -- History -- John Brown's Raid, 1859

Titles

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Names

Douglass, Frederick, 1818-1895

Bassett, Ebenezer D., 1833-1908

Brown, John, 1800-1859

Wells-Barnett, Ida B., 1862-1931

United States