

# NANNIE HELEN BURROUGHS PAPERS

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### Summary

Main Entry: Nannie Helen Burroughs, 1879-1961.

Date Span: 1933-1961.

Abstract: Collection of correspondence between Nannie Burroughs, African American Baptist leader, and Kathleen Mallory and Blanche S. White, of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. The correspondence documents the efforts of these women for joint projects of ministry, training, and efforts to improve race relations between white and black Baptists. Papers are copies of material located in the Nannie Burroughs Papers in the Library of Congress.

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### Historical Sketch

Nannie Helen Burroughs was born May 2, 1879, the daughter of John and Jennie Burroughs. In 1883, Jennie Burroughs moved with her daughter Nannie, then five, to Washington D.C. so the girl could be educated in its city schools. Burroughs' parents were associated with a small and fortunate class of free blacks and ex-slaves who possessed the energy and ability to begin working towards prosperity almost as soon as they were freed by the American Civil War.

In 1896, Burroughs helped establish the National Association of Colored Women (NACW), one of a number of new associations of black women organized for philanthropic and charitable purposes. In 1897, she started work as an associate editor at the *Christian Banner* in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She worked as bookkeeper and stenographer for the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention from 1898 to 1908. Burroughs served as Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention from 1900 to 1947. She was founder and president of the National Training School for Women and Girls in Washington, D.C. from 1909 to 1961. She died in Washington, D.C. on May 20, 1961.

### Scope and Content Note

The material in this collection is a portion of the Nannie Helen Burroughs Papers in the Library of Congress. This section of the Burroughs papers includes the correspondence between Burroughs and two leaders in the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, Kathleen Mallory and Blanche Sydnor White. Mallory served as the Executive Secretary of the WMU of the Southern Baptist Convention, and White was Corresponding secretary of the WMU of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. The correspondence includes an exchange of letters from these individuals representing the white (Southern Baptists)

and African American Baptists women committed to missions and improved interracial cooperation.

The letters include discussions of the logistics for meetings and events, reactions to meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention and National Baptist Convention, financial support of the Training School, Training School concerns, matters related to literature and books, training institutes, and interracial cooperation. Also included with the letters are excerpts from a 1933 address by Burroughs entitled, "How white and colored women can cooperate in building a Christian civilization," 1933.

A digital copy of these letters is also available in the archives.

### **Arrangement**

Arranged generally in chronological order.

### **Preferred Citation**

Nannie Helen Burroughs Papers, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee

### **Access Restrictions**

None

### **Related Material in the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives**

Una Roberts Lawrence Papers, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, AR 631

Burroughs, Nannie Helen, *How*. Washington, DC : National Baptist Convention. Pam.88

Mason, Michele Ann. *Nannie H. Burroughs' rhetorical leadership during the inter-war period*. Thesis (Ph. D.) -- University of Maryland, College Park, 2008. BR563.N4 M37 2008

Taylor, Traki Lynn. *God's school on the hill : Nannie Helen Burroughs and the National Training School for women and girls, 1909-1961*. Thesis (Ph. D.)--University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1998. LC1411 .T39 G62 1998

### **Subject Terms**

Burroughs, Nannie Helen, 1879-1961.

Mallory, Kathleen Moore, 1879-1954

White, Blanche Sydnor, 1891-1974

Southern Baptist Convention. Woman's Missionary Union.

National Baptist Convention of the United States of America. Woman's Convention Auxiliary

African American Baptists – History

African American women – History.

Women in church work

## **Container List**

### **Box 1**

- 1.01 Mallory, Kathleen – Correspondence, 1935-1940
- 1.02 Mallory, Kathleen – Correspondence, 1941-1947
- 1.03 Mallory, Kathleen – Letters sent, 1935-1947
- 1.04 Mallory, Kathleen – Postcards, 1936-1946
- 1.05 White, Blanche S. – Correspondence, 1933-1938
- 1.06 White, Blanche S. – Correspondence, 1939-1941
- 1.07 White, Blanche S. – Correspondence, 1942-1961, undated
- 1.08 White, Blanche S. – Letters sent, 1933-1935
- 1.09 White, Blanche S. – Letters sent, 1936-1939
- 1.10 White, Blanche S. – Letters sent, 1940-1942
- 1.11 White, Blanche S. – Letters sent, 1943-1961
- 1.12 Address- “How white and colored women can cooperate in building a Christian civilization,” 1933