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Summary Information

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Kelsey, George D.

Title and Dates

George D. Kelsey Papers, 1932-1996

Abstract

George D. Kelsey was the Henry Anson Buttz Professor of Christian Ethics at Drew University, where he taught for 24 years. Prior to teaching at Drew, Kelsey taught at Morehouse College where he became a mentor to Martin Luther King, Jr., then a student. He also served as an executive with the Federal Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches.

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English

Biography of George D. Kelsey

George Dennis Sale Kelsey was born on July 24, 1910 in Columbus, Georgia to Andrew Zadok Kelsey and Marie Hayward Jones Kelsey. He and his brother, Andrew II, were raised in Griffin, Georgia. In 1928, Kelsey graduated as valedictorian of his class from Cabin Creek High School, a Negro Baptist institution dedicated to the teaching of African-American students. Kelsey married Leola B. Hanks in 1930 and they had two sons, George D. Jr. and Everett Newton Kelsey.

Kelsey entered Morehouse College in Atlanta in the fall of 1928 and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1934 with high honors. He graduated from Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, MA with a Bachelor of Divinity degree, and as valedictorian, in 1938. During this time, Kelsey served often as a preacher and lecturer, beginning a long tradition of public oration.

Kelsey entered the Ph.D. program at Yale University in 1937. He postponed completion of the degree program in 1938 to accept a teaching position as Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Morehouse College. Also in 1938, Kelsey was ordained as a minister in the Providence Baptist Church in Atlanta. He received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Yale in 1946. From 1945 to 1948, Kelsey served as the Director of the School of Religion at Morehouse College and was a visiting lecturer at Gammon Theological Seminary. He began to contribute to books and journals, and his first article titled "The Nature of the Christian Ethic" was published in *The Journal of Religious Thought* in 1945.

It was during this time that Kelsey first met Martin Luther King, Jr., who studied sociology at Morehouse. A member of the class of 1948, King received his highest marks in his first two years of college in Kelsey's Bible class. Later, Kelsey offered criticism of a chapter in King's *Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story* prior to its publication. King later cited George Kelsey as one of his main influences in pursuing the study of race and religion.

Aside from maintaining a long-running correspondence with King, Kelsey worked and studied alongside several prominent religious thinkers of his time, including Reinhold Niebuhr, Paul Tillich, and Benjamin E. Mays. Later, the writings and views of these authors formed the basis of Kelsey's teachings on Christian ethics and civil rights.

In 1948, Kelsey took a position with the Federal Council of Churches as an Associate Secretary in the Field Department. The same year, when the Federal Council was consolidated into the National Council of the Churches of Christ, Kelsey was promoted to Associate Director of the Central Department of Field Administration. He retained this position until 1952. Kelsey became a member of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen, the Society for the Study of Black Religion, and the National Council on Religion in Higher Education.

In 1950, Kelsey was a guest lecturer at Drew University in Madison, NJ and taught a seminar on Christian Ethics. In 1951, he accepted the position of Associate Professor of Christian Ethics at Drew and was promoted to full Professor in 1957. In 1972, he was awarded the title of Henry Anson Buttz Professor of Christian Ethics at Drew, which he kept until his retirement in 1976.

During his time at Drew, Kelsey published numerous articles, chapters, book reviews and pamphlets. Kelsey's first book, *Racism and the Christian Understanding of Man*, was published in 1965. *Social Ethics Among Southern Baptists, 1917-1969*, based on his doctoral dissertation *Social Thought of Contemporary Southern Baptists*, was published in 1973.

In 1979, Kelsey delivered the convening prayer at the 96th Congress of the U.S. Senate in Washington D.C. In 1989, Andover Newton Theological School established the Kelsey-Owens Black Ministries Program. Kelsey was honored by Drew University in October 1992 with a luncheon and presentation of a portrait. He died after a long illness on April 3, 1996 in Madison, NJ.

Scope and Content Note

The George D. Kelsey Papers contain a comprehensive overview of Kelsey's education, career and ministry. The collection largely consists of handwritten notes from Kelsey's lectures, sermons, research, and manuscripts and early drafts of his published works. Documents from Drew University, Andover Newton Theological School, Morehouse College, Yale Divinity School and other colleges provide information on Kelsey's studies and teachings. The collection includes items from conferences and conventions attended by Kelsey, and from professional organizations Kelsey worked with, including the National Council of the Churches of Christ and the Society for the Study of Black Religion. The papers also contain information pertaining to Martin Luther King Jr. collected by Kelsey. The collection consists of academic papers, agendas, books, brochures, bulletins, certificates, correspondence, conference and seminar papers, drafts, examinations, lecture notes, magazines, manuscripts, newspapers, offprints, outlines, photographs, published works, research notes, resumes, sermons, sheet music, speeches, surveys, syllabi, and yearbooks. In addition, one audiocassette, one drawing, and one printing plate are included.

Arrangement

The George D. Kelsey Papers are arranged into eight series:

- [Series 1: Education, 1934-1959](#)
 - [Subseries A: Morehouse College and Andover Newton Theological School-- Class Notes and Papers, 1934-1939](#)
 - [Subseries B: Yale University – Dissertation, "The Social Thought of Contemporary Southern Baptists," 1946-1966](#)
 - [Subseries C: Harvard Divinity School – Class Notes, 1958-1959](#)
 - [Subseries D: New School For Social Research – Class Notes, Undated](#)
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- [Series 4: Publications, 1943-1985](#)
 - [Subseries A: Books, 1957-1985](#)
 - [Subseries B: Chapters, Articles and Essays, 1943-1978](#)
 - [Subseries C: Reviews, 1948-1974](#)
- [Series 5: Research and Notes, c. 1940-1969](#)
 - [Subseries A: Notes, c. 1940-1970](#)
 - [Subseries B: Research, undated](#)
- [Series 6: Correspondence, 1941-1996](#)
- [Series 7: Biographical and Miscellaneous, 1828, 1943-1996](#)
 - [Subseries A: Biographies, 1947-1999](#)
 - [Subseries B: Family and Miscellaneous Papers, 1828-1994](#)
- [Series 8: Reading Notes, undated](#)
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Access and Use

Access

The George D. Kelsey Papers are open to research.

Restrictions on Use and Copyright Information

Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish materials from the collection must be requested from Drew University Archives. Researchers are responsible for other copyright compliance.

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Processing and Other Information

Processing Information

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Contents List

Series 1: Education, 1934-1959

Series Description

The Education Series contains materials relating to Kelsey's studies. It includes notes and course materials compiled by Kelsey during his early and post-doctoral study, a draft of his thesis for Andover Newton Theological School, drafts of his dissertation for Yale University, and other academic papers.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically when dates available, otherwise alphabetically.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
		Subseries A: Morehouse College and Andover Newton Theological School-- Class Notes and Papers, 1934-1939	
1	1	American Christianity	1934-1939
1	2	Christian Social Ethics	1934-1939
1	3-5	Church History	1934-1939
1	6	Church Organization	1934-1939
1	7-8	Contemporary Theology	1934-1939
2	1	Cultural Anthropology	1934-1939
2	2	English Bible	1934-1939

2	3	Greek	1934-1939
2	4	History of Christian Social Teaching	1934-1939
2	5	Homiletics	1934-1939
2	6	Industrial Relations and the Labor Movement	1934-1939
2	7	Medieval World	1934-1939
2	8	Missions	1934-1939
2	9	New Testament	1934-1939
3	1-2	Old Testament	1934-1939
3	3	Philosophy of Religion	1934-1939
3	4-5	Religious Education	1934-1939
3	6	Senior Field Work	1934-1939
3	7	Sociology	1934-1939
3	8	Speech Principles	1934-1939
4	1	Theology	1934-1939
4	2	Thesis, "The Impact of Western Economic and Commercial Forces on African Tribal Life"	1939
4	3-4	Miscellaneous Papers	1934-1939
		Subseries B: Yale University – Dissertation, "The Social Thought of Contemporary Southern Baptists," 1946-1966	
4	5-7	Draft 1	undated
5	1-2	Draft 2	undated
5	3	Draft 3	undated
5	4-5	Draft 4	undated
5	6	Draft 5	undated
6	1	Draft 6	1946
6	2	Outlines	undated
6	3	Correspondence	1966
		Subseries C: Harvard Divinity School – Class Notes, 1958-1959	
6	4	Ethics	1958-1959
6	5	Social Relations	1958-1959
6	6	Theology	1958-1959
7	1	Theology	1958-1959
		Subseries D: New School For Social Research – Class Notes, Undated	
7	2	Anthropology	undated
7	3	Social Philosophy	undated
7	4	Social Psychology	undated

Series 2: Academic Career, 1939-1995

Series Description

The Academic Career Series contains materials related to Kelsey's career as an educator. Subseries A consists of notes, course materials, and examinations from his courses. Subseries B consists of documents pertaining to universities and colleges with which Kelsey was affiliated, and includes bulletins, correspondence, memoranda, minutes, schedules, student publications, and yearbooks.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically when dates available, otherwise alphabetically.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
		Subseries A: Lecture Notes, 1939-1976	
7	5	Morehouse College, Bible	1939-1944
7	6	Morehouse College, Christian Ethics	1939-1944
7	7	Morehouse College, Contemporary Theology	1939-1944
7	8	Morehouse College, Ethics	1939-1944
7	9	Morehouse College, Ethics of the New Testament	1939-1944
7	10	Morehouse College, History of Christian Ethics	1939-1944
7	11	Morehouse College, History of Christian Social Teachings	1939-1944
8	1-2	Morehouse College, History of Doctrine	1939-1944
8	3	Morehouse College, History of Dogma	1939-1944
8	4-7	Morehouse College, Philosophy	1939-1944
9	1-3	Morehouse College, Religion	1939-1944
9	4	Morehouse College, Social Ethics	1939-1944
9	5	Gammon Theological Seminary, History of Christian Thought	1946-1948
9	6	Gammon Theological Seminary, History of Theology	1946-1948
9	7-9	Drew University, Black Theory in Dialogue	1950-1973
10	1-4	Drew University, Black Theory in Dialogue	1950-1973
10	5-7	Drew University, Christian Ethics 301	1950-1973
10	8	Drew University, Christian Ethics 381-S	1950-1973
11	1-2	Drew University, Christian Ethics 381-S	1950-1973
11	3-5	Drew University, Christian Faith and Natural Law	1950-1973
11	6-7	Drew University, Christian Social Thought	1950-1973
12	1-2	Drew University, The Church and the Moral Life	1950-1973
12	3-4	Drew University, Cultural Anthropology	1950-1973
12	5	Drew University, Ethics 113	1950-1973
12	6	Drew University, Ethics 131	1950-1973
12	7	Drew University, Ethics 133	1950-1973
13	1-6	Drew University, Ethics and Contemporary Society	1950-1973
14	1-4	Drew University, History of Philosophy	1950-1973
14	5	Drew University, The Interpretation of History	1950-1973
14	6	Drew University, Justice and Human Rights	1950-1973
15	1-3	Drew University, Labor and Industrial Relations	1950-1973
15	4	Drew University, Liberation Theology	1950-1973
15	5	Drew University, Love, Justice and Piety	1950-1973
15	6	Drew University, Marriage and Sexuality	1950-1973
16	1	Drew University, Marriage and Sexuality	1950-1973
16	2	Drew University, Philosophical Backgrounds of Theology	1950-1973
16	3	Drew University, Philosophy	1950-1973
16	4	Drew University, Philosophy of Education	1950-1973
16	5	Drew University, Principles of Christian Ethics	1950-1973
16	6-8	Drew University, Problem of Abortion	1950-1973

17	1	Drew University, Problem of Abortion	1950-1973
17	2	Drew University, Problems in Christian Ethics	1950-1973
17	3-6	Drew University, Seminar in Christianity and Race Relations	1950-1973
18	1-2	Drew University, Seminar in Christianity and Race Relations	1950-1973
18	3-6	Drew University, Race Relations	1950-1973
19	1-2	Drew University, Race Relations	1950-1973
19	3	Drew University, Racism and the Christian Understanding of Man	1950-1973
19	4-7	Drew University, Social Ethics	1950-1973
20	1-2	Drew University, Social Philosophy	1950-1973
20	3-5	Drew University, Social Problems and Social Change	1950-1973
20	6	Drew University, Social Relations	1950-1973
20	7	Drew University, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exams	1950-1973
21	1	Lutheran Theological Seminary, Christianity and Race Relations	1971
21	2	Pennsylvania State University, Religious Studies	1973
21	3	Bryn Mawr College, Ethics and Modern Society	1976
21	4-5	Bryn Mawr College, Ethics and Public Policy	1976
21	6	Morris Brown, Church History	undated
21	7-8	Miscellaneous	undated
		Subseries B: Correspondence and Ephemera, 1941-1995	
21	9	Gammon Theological Seminary	1941-1947
21	10	Yale Divinity School	1943-1993
21	11	Morehouse College	1946-1993
21	12	Spelman College	1946-1947
21	13	Atlanta University	1947
22	1	Drew University Correspondence	1950-1992
22	2-4	Drew University Ephemera	1949-1980
22	5	Howard University	1950
22	6	Harvard Divinity School	1957-1995
22	7	Luther Academy	1962
22	8	Pennsylvania State University	1972-1973
22	9	Texas Southern University	1972
22	10	Andover Newton Theological School	1975-1986
22	11	Bryn Mawr College	1976-1977
22	12	Clark College	undated

Series 3: Ministerial and Professional Career, 1932-1991

Series Description

The Ministerial and Professional Career Series contains materials from Kelsey's ministry and non-academic career. Subseries A includes sermons (see [appendix](#)). Subseries B, Subseries C, and Subseries D contain brochures, bulletins and correspondence from conferences, ministry, and professional organizations and churches, respectively. This series contains materials from the convening prayer Kelsey delivered to the United States Senate in 1979.

Arrangement

Subseries A: Arranged alphabetically.

Subseries B: Arranged chronologically.

Subseries C: Arranged chronologically.

Subseries D: Arranged chronologically.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
		Subseries A: Sermons and Speeches, c. 1940-1970, Undated	
23	1	A	undated
23	2	B	undated

23	3-5	C	undated
23	6	D	undated
24	1	E	undated
24	2	F	undated
24	3	G-H	undated
24	4	I-L	undated
24	5	M	undated
24	6	N	undated
25	1	O	undated
25	2-3	P	undated
25	4	Q-R	undated
25	5-6	S	undated
25	7	T-U	undated
25	8	V-X	undated
26	1-2	Untitled	undated
26	3	Notes on Sermons	undated
26	4	Prayers	undated
26	5	Orders of Worship	1968-1972
		Subseries B: Conferences, 1946-1988	
26	6	World Conference on Faith and Order	1951
26	7	Conference on Methodism and the Inclusive Church	1956
26	8	Consultation on Long-Range Planning	1966
26	9-10	Conference on Racism	undated
27	1	Miscellaneous Bulletins, Brochures and Schedules	1946-1988
		Subseries C: Ministry, 1942-1991	
27	2	Baccalaureates and Convocations	1942-1983
27	3	Weekend Services	1946-1991
27	4	Funeral Services	1974-1982
27	5	United States Senate 96th Congress Convening Prayer	1979
		Subseries D: Organizations, 1932-1990	
27	6	Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America	1932-1950
27	7	National Council on Religion in Higher Education	1945
27	8	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People	1947-1950
27	9	National Council of the Churches of Christ	1949-1952
27	10	Fund for the Advancement of Education	1952-1961
27	11	Race Relations Institute	1955
27	12	Association of American Colleges Arts Program	1958-1972
27	13	James Library Disposition Committee	1968
27	14	Young Life Institute	1971-1972
28	1	Society for the Study of Black Religion	1973

28	2	Kelsey-Owens Black Ministries Program	1988-1990
28	3	Home Mission Board	undated
28	4	National Urban League	undated
28	5	World Council of Churches	undated
28	6-8	A Comprehensive Study of the Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of Advancements in Biomedical and Behavioral Research and Technology	1976

Series 4: Publications, 1943-1985

Series Description

The Publications Series contains outlines, manuscripts, drafts, copies, and offprints of Kelsey's published works, along with related notes, correspondence and reviews. Subseries A consists of materials related to Kelsey's two books, *Racism and the Christian Understanding of Man* and *Social Ethics Among Southern Baptists*. Subseries B consists of materials related to Kelsey's published articles, pamphlets, essays, and chapters in symposia and other collections. Subseries C consists of book reviews written by Kelsey.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
		Subseries A: Books, 1957-1985	
28	9	<i>Racism and the Christian Understanding of Man</i> , Draft 1	undated
29	1	<i>Racism and the Christian Understanding of Man</i> , Draft 1	undated
29	2-3	<i>Racism and the Christian Understanding of Man</i> , Draft 2	undated
29	4-5	<i>Racism and the Christian Understanding of Man</i> , Draft 3	undated
29	6	<i>Racism and the Christian Understanding of Man</i> , Draft 4	undated
30	1	<i>Racism and the Christian Understanding of Man</i> , Draft 4	undated
30	2	<i>Racism and the Christian Understanding of Man</i> , Galley Proofs	undated
30	3	<i>Racism and the Christian Understanding of Man</i> , Notes	undated
30	4	<i>Racism and the Christian Understanding of Man</i> , Outlines	undated
30	5	<i>Racism and the Christian Understanding of Man</i> , Correspondence	1957-1974
30	6	<i>Racism and the Christian Understanding of Man</i> , Reviews	1965-1966
30	7-8	<i>Social Ethics Among Southern Baptists</i> , Draft 1	undated
31	1	<i>Social Ethics Among Southern Baptists</i> , Draft 1	undated
31	2	<i>Social Ethics Among Southern Baptists</i> , Draft 2	undated
31	3	<i>Social Ethics Among Southern Baptists</i> , Draft 3	undated
31	4	<i>Social Ethics Among Southern Baptists</i> , Outlines	undated
31	5	<i>Social Ethics Among Southern Baptists</i> , Correspondence	1955-1985
31	6	<i>Social Ethics Among Southern Baptists</i> , Reviews	1973-1974
		Subseries B: Chapters, Articles and Essays, 1943-1978	
31	7	"The Christian Way in Race Relations"	1943
31	8	"The Nature of the Christian Ethic"	1945
31	9	"Protestantism and Democratic Intergroup Living"	1947
31	10	"The Confusion as to Means and Ends in Social Progress"	1950
32	1	"Present Crisis in Negro Ministerial Education"	1949
32	2	"Our Bread and Butter Culture"	1949
32	3	"Social Policies of Contemporary Methodism"	1951
32	4	"Racial Patterns and the Churches"	1952
32	5	"An Interpretation of the Doctrine of Stewardship"	1953
32	6	"Religious Bases of Human Rights"	1953
32	7	"The Implications of the Fall of Man for Race Relations, and Justice, The Unfinished Task of the West"	1954
32	8	"Negro Churches in the United States "	1955

32	9	"The Plight of Man"	1956
32	10	"Churches and Freedom"	1956
32	11	"Ethico-Cultural Revolution in American Race Relations"	1957
32	12	"Meaning of Vocation in Urban Culture"	1958
32	13	"Law, Morals and American Protestantism"	1960
32	14	"The Lord of Life"	1960
32	15	"Meditations"	1962
32	16	"The Nature of the Racist Faith"	1964
32	17	"Power Available in the Church"	1968
32	18	"Your Reasonable Service"	1970
32	19	"Christian Faith and the Second Post-Reconstruction Era"	1974
32	20	"The Racist Search for the Self"	1978
32	21	"So You Want to Be in Style"	undated
32	22	Correspondence	1951-1960
		Subseries C: Reviews, 1948-1974	
33	1	Published	1951-1965
33	2	Manuscripts and Drafts	1948-1974

Series 5: Research and Notes, c. 1940-1969

Series Description

The Research and Notes Series contains Kelsey's research, including handwritten notes, newspaper articles, bibliographies, and other materials. There is no indication whether these materials were used for Kelsey's lectures, writings, studies, or personal research. Subseries A contains Kelsey's written notes on various authors and subjects, including a lengthy manuscript titled "The Nature of Racism." Subseries B contains photocopied material collected by or given to Kelsey.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
		Subseries A: Notes, c. 1940-1970	
33	3	Authors, Ba – Be	undated
33	4	Authors, Br – F	undated
33	5	Authors, H – M	undated
33	6	Authors, N – Ram	undated
33	7	Authors, Raw – Sa	undated
34	1	Authors, Sid – Sim	undated
34	2	Authors, Tillich	undated
34	3-4	Authors, Troltsch	undated
34	5	Authors, W	undated
34	6	Articles	1954-1961
34	7	Bibliographies	undated
34	8-9	Nature of Racism	undated
35	1-6	Notes	1940-1949
35	7	Notes	1950-1959
35	8	Notes	1960-1969
36	1-7	Notes	undated
37	1	Notes	undated
		Subseries B: Research, undated	
37	2	Authors, C – F	undated

37	3	Authors, G – J	undated
37	4	Authors, L – M	undated
37	5	Authors, N	undated
37	6	Authors, O – R	undated
37	7	Authors, T	undated
37	8	Authors, W	undated
37	9	Miscellaneous Authors	undated
38	1	Subjects, A	undated
38	2	Subjects, B-Chr	undated
38	3	Subjects, Chu	undated
38	4	Subjects, Ci-E	undated
38	5	Subjects, F-M	undated
38	6	Subjects, N-R	undated
39	1	Subjects, Seg-Sex	undated
39	2	Subjects, Sexual Ethics	undated
39	3	Subjects, So-W	undated

Series 6: Correspondence, 1941-1996

Series Description

The Correspondence Series consists of letters written and received by Kelsey. See Series 1 for Drew University correspondence, Series 3 for correspondence related to publications, and Series 6 for Martin Luther King, Jr. correspondence.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
39	4	Correspondence	1941-1950
39	5	Correspondence	1951
39	6	Correspondence	1952
39	7	Correspondence	1953
39	8	Correspondence	1954
40	1	Correspondence	1954
40	2	Correspondence	1955
40	3-4	Correspondence	1956
40	5-6	Correspondence	1957
41	1-2	Correspondence	1958
41	3	Correspondence	1959
41	4	Correspondence	1960
41	5-6	Correspondence	1961
41	7-8	Correspondence	1962
42	1	Correspondence	1962
42	2-4	Correspondence	1963
42	5-6	Correspondence	1964
43	1	Correspondence	1964
43	2	Correspondence	1965
43	3	Correspondence	1966
43	4-5	Correspondence	1967
43	6	Correspondence	1968
44	1	Correspondence	1968
44	2-3	Correspondence	1969

44	4-5	Correspondence	1970
44	6-7	Correspondence	1971
45	1-2	Correspondence	1972
45	3	Correspondence	1973
45	4	Correspondence	1974
45	5	Correspondence	1975
45	6	Correspondence	1976
45	7	Correspondence	1977
46	1	Correspondence	1978
46	2	Correspondence	1979
46	3	Correspondence	1980-1982
46	4	Correspondence	1983-1986
46	5	Correspondence	1987-1988
46	6	Correspondence	1989-1990
46	7	Correspondence	1991-1996
47	1-2	Correspondence	undated

Series 7: Biographical and Miscellaneous, 1828, 1943-1996

Series Description

The Biographical and Miscellaneous Series contains materials which summarize the life and career of Kelsey. Subseries A includes biographies, curricula vitae, newspaper and magazine articles, and information on the honorary luncheon and portrait presentation by Drew University in 1992. Subseries B contains miscellaneous materials related to Kelsey's family, finances, and personal schedules, photographs, artwork, and other personal papers. There is a small amount of material related to Martin Luther King, Jr., including one signed letter from King.

Arrangement

Subseries A: Arranged chronologically.

Subseries B: Arranged alphabetically.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
		Subseries A: Biographies, 1947-1999	
47	3	Biographical Statements	1947-1986
47	4	Curricula Vitae	1948-1979
47	5	Newspaper Clippings	1952-1987
47	6	"George D. Kelsey: An Estimate of His Scholarship" by Donald G. Jones	1979-1980
47	7	<i>Drew Magazine</i>	1992
47	8	Presentation of Portrait by Drew Theological School	1992
47	9	Obituaries	1996
47	10	The Pastor Scholar Special Edition: <i>Unsung Hero: The Legacy of George Kelsey</i>	1999
		Subseries B: Family and Miscellaneous Papers, 1828-1994	
47	11	Addresses	undated
47	12	"American Dream" Proposal	1992
47	13	American Society for Colonizing the Free People of Color	1828
47	14	Appointments	1974
47	15	Kelsey, Leola	1941-1984
48	1	Kelsey, Everett	1953-1954
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