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Afro-Americans

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This Afro-American author's collection includes thirty-one feet of diaries, correspondence, photographs, sound recordings, manuscripts of his writings, and published materials. Abbott and Van Mol provide detailed descriptions of each record series in the collection.
331. Alexander, Lee G. "Expanding Sources for Black Research at Atlanta University." *Georgia Archive* 7 (Spring 1979): 16-21.
The author cites many collections in the Trevor Arnett Library. Description is limited to collection titles with occasional scope and content notes and comments on research values.
332. Biddle, Stanton F. "The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture: Documenting the Black Experience." *Bulletin of the New York Public Library* 76 (1972): 21-35.
The author provides an overview of this rich resource that contains clipping files; sound recordings; manuscript collections; motion pictures; archives; and photographs.
333. Billington, Monroe. "Black Slavery in Indian Territory: The Ex-Slave Narratives." *Chronicles of Oklahoma* 60 (Spring 1982): 56-65.
An analysis of data in interviews of former slaves gathered by the WPA's Federal Writers Project in the 1930s. Most the narratives are in the Library of Congress, but the article also cites those in the Oklahoma Historical Society.
334. Boles, Nancy G. "Black History Collections." *Maryland Historical Magazine* 66 (Spring 1971): 72-78.
Boles cites manuscript collections in the Maryland Historical Society by collection title and content notes under the headings plantation accounts; slaves and slavery; Africa and colonization; abolitionists; freedmen; the Civil War; and post-Civil War.
335. Bontemps, Arna. "The James Weldon Johnson Memorial Collection of Negro Arts and Letters." *Yale University Library Gazette* 18 (October 1943): 19-26.
This is an overview of a collection assembled by Carl Van Vechten. Its purpose was to portray Afro-American life in the 20th century through books and unpublished materials. Bontemps mentions some manuscripts and photographs in the collection, but not in detail.

An administrative history precedes the inventory. Record series, inclusive dates, volume, and content notes appear under each U.S. legation in Liberia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Gold Coast, Gambia, and Nigeria.

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The author reviews record groups and record series in the U.S. National Archives documenting economic and commercial relations; agriculture; trade and tariffs; immigration; and military affairs.
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The records described in this article date from the creation of the War Department General Staff in 1901 through 1919. Bethel comments specifically on three major sub-groups: General Staff records, Army War College records, and Board of Ordnance and Fortification records.
528. Bhagat, Sheela. "Materials on India in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library." *Indian Archives* 23 (January/December 1974): 47-60.
The author provides a checklist of papers by record group with annotated folder titles. The annotations identify subjects treated or correspondents' names and inclusive dates.
529. Blanton, DeAnne and Jennifer D. Heaps. "The Home Front: Letters Received." *Prologue* 23 (Fall 1991): 289-294.
The authors review the topical content of civilian letters written to federal officials and agencies during WWII and explain how to locate these letters in the National Archives.
530. Bunce, Peter W. "Genealogical Resources in the National Archives -- Chicago Branch." *Illinois Libraries* 68 (April 1986): 259-261.
Bunce cites record groups, with inclusive dates, that contain rich materials for genealogists. Most appear to be microfilmed records.
531. Bunce, Peter W., Kenneth W. Shanks, and David S. Weber. "Of Trials, Tribes, and Topographers: Holdings of the Chicago Regional Branch of the National Archives." *Illinois Libraries* 63 (April 1981): 283-286.
Records of the U.S. courts; Bureau of Indian Affairs; Corps of Engineers; and U.S. censuses are the principal record groups that the authors describe. They mention, with less detail, records of other federal agencies and the branch's microfilm holdings.
532. Burdick, Charles B. "Foreign Military Records of World War I in the National Archives." *Prologue* 7 (Winter 1975): 213-220.
A historical report on a project to copy German, French, and British