

Western Kentucky University

TopSCHOLAR®

---

Manuscript Collection Finding Aids

Manuscripts

---

2-23-2009

## National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - Bowling Green, Kentucky Branch (MSS 249)

Manuscripts & Folklife Archives

Western Kentucky University, [mssfa@wku.edu](mailto:mssfa@wku.edu)

Follow this and additional works at: [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_mss\\_fin\\_aid](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_mss_fin_aid)



Part of the [United States History Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

Folklife Archives, Manuscripts &, "National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - Bowling Green, Kentucky Branch (MSS 249)" (2009). *Manuscript Collection Finding Aids*. Paper 767. [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_mss\\_fin\\_aid/767](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_mss_fin_aid/767)

This Finding Aid is brought to you for free and open access by TopSCHOLAR®. It has been accepted for inclusion in Manuscript Collection Finding Aids by an authorized administrator of TopSCHOLAR®. For more information, please contact [topscholar@wku.edu](mailto:topscholar@wku.edu).

Manuscripts & Folklife Archives  
Department of Library Special Collections  
Western Kentucky University  
Bowling Green, KY 42101-1092

*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 249    NATIONAL Association for the Advancement of Colored People –  
Bowling Green, Kentucky Branch**

½ box. 3 folders. 13 items. 1919-1937. Photocopies.

2010.27.54

***ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY***

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded 12 February 1909 in New York by a group of activists, both white and black, who felt the need to renew the abolitionists' struggle for civil and political liberty on behalf of African Americans. The group's mission was "to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination."

The Bowling Green, Kentucky branch of the NAACP was organized ten years later on 2 February 1919 at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 716 College Street. Fifty-three persons were enrolled as charter members. Mr. E. I. Smith was selected as the group's first president, serving until 1925. The local chapter's charter was presented to the organization 1 January 1920 at a gathering celebrating the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. After a period of more than 80 years the Bowling Green branch of the NAACP became dormant on 31 December 1999 but was reactivated in 2003.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This collection consists of photocopies of the minutes of the Bowling Green, Kentucky chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People from 2 February 1919 to 8 June 1927. The minutes reveal the concerns of the group and its many activities on behalf of racial justice locally as well as nationally. The minute book also provides membership lists, including the charter members, and financial reports. The collection includes various communications from NAACP headquarters, 1925-1927, that kept members informed about national issues such as the anti-lynching law.

## ***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>National Association for the Advancement of Colored People – Bowling Green Branch</b>	<b>1919-1937</b>	<b>13 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	NAACP – Minutes of Bowling Green branch	1919-1927	1 item; 173 p.
Folder 3	NAACP – Miscellaneous loose pages found in 1919-1927 minute book	1923-1937	11 items

## ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

MSS 249 NATIONAL Association for the Advancement of Colored People – Bowling Green, Kentucky Branch 1919-1937

Minutes of the Bowling Green, Kentucky branch of the NAACP, 1919 to 1927. Also includes membership lists and financial reports.

½ box. 3 folders. 13 items. Photocopies.  
2010.27.54

## ***SUBJECT ANALYTICS***

African Americans – Bowling Green F2  
African Americans – Bowling Green – Political activity F2  
Lynchings – South Carolina – Comments about F3  
Minute books F2  
Race relations  
Smith, Emanuel I., 1852-1929 F2

Lile/Jeffrey 02/23/2009