

# **William H. Twiggs Collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Shorefront Legacy Center
<b>Creator</b>	Twiggs, William H.
<b>Title</b>	William H. Twiggs Collection
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1905-1998
<b>Extent</b>	0.25 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	William H. Twiggs (1865-1960) was a African-American printer, civic leader, and barber in Evanston, Illinois. In 1889, he was involved with the publishing the Afro-American Budget, a early periodical for the African-American community. Spanning from 1905 to 1998, the collection contains original as well as photocopied materials relating to the life, work, and legacy of William H. Twiggs.

## **Biographical/Historical note**

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William H. Twiggs (1865-1960) was an African-American printer, civic leader, and barber in Evanston, Illinois. Born in Davenport, Iowa, Twiggs moved to Evanston in 1884 at the age of seventeen. Five years later, he was involved with the publishing the Afro-American Budget, a early periodical for the African-American community. Twiggs would go on to print several other periodicals, as well as tickets for Chicago's 1933 Century of Progress International Exposition. He was a long-time member of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, serving as the Sunday School Superintendent for 25 years and board trustee for over 50 years. Twiggs was also an active member of the Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge, the Emerson Street YMCA, the R. B. Elliott Lodge No. 36 Knights of Pythias, and the Pride of the North Chapter No. 61 of the Order of the Eastern Star. Twiggs died in 1960. In 1986, a nine-acre park in Evanston was dedicated in his name.

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## **Scope and Contents note**

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The William H. Twiggs collection is arranged into three series: "History," "Newspaper Clippings," and "Artifacts." Spanning from 1905 to 1998, the collection contains original as well as photocopied materials relating to the life, work, and legacy of William H. Twiggs.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Processing Information note**

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## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Materials note

Ebenezer A.M.E. Church records, Shorefront Legacy Center

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Subject(s)

- African American printers
  - African American--History.
  - African Americans--Illinois--Evanston.
  - Publishers and publishing--Illinois--Evanston.
  - Suburban African Americans--Illinois--Evanston.
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## Cited Sources

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Robinson, Morris (Dino), Jr. "William H. Twiggs: Early Pioneer." Shorefront Journal 1, no. 3 (Winter 2000): 1, 6-7.

## Series I. History

**Collection Inventory****Series I. History undated****Scope and Contents note**

This series is comprised of Twiggs-related personal and professional advertisements, notes, and a personal Christmas/New Year's card.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
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History	1	1
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**Series II. Newspaper Clippings 1905-1998****Scope and Contents note**

This series contains various newspaper clippings—original and photocopies—related to the life and work and legacy of William H. Twiggs.

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Newspaper Clippings	1	2
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**Series III. Artifacts circa 1950****Scope and Contents note**

This series is comprised of an etched woodblock stamp containing the likeness of William H. Twiggs, used for his personal “Thank You” card.

**Series III. Artifacts**

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**Box**

William H. Twiggs' Portrait Stamp

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