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## Descriptive Summary

**Identifier**  
ICU.SPCL.IBWELLS

**Title**  
Wells, Ida B. Papers

**Date**  
1884-1976

**Size**  
6 linear feet (11 boxes)

**Repository**  
Special Collections Research Center  
University of Chicago Library  
1100 East 57th Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

**Abstract**  
Ida B. Wells, (1862-1931) teacher, journalist and anti-lynching activist. Paper contain correspondence, manuscript of Crusade for Justice: the Autobiography of Ida B. Wells, diaries, copies of articles and speeches by Wells, articles and accounts about Wells, newspapers clippings, and photographs. Also contains Alfreda M. Duster’s (Wells’ daughter) working copies of the autobiography which Duster edited. Correspondents include Frederick Douglass and Albion Tourgee. Includes photocopies of correspondence of Wells’ husband Ferdinand Barnett and a scrapbook of newspapers articles written by him.

## Information on Use

### Access

The collection is open for research. A scrapbook, located in Series XVIII, Subseries 1, by Ferdinand Barnett is restricted due to its fragile condition. A photocopy has been produced for researchers and is located in a binder in Box 10.

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**Biographical Note**

Ida B. Wells was born in Holly Springs, Mississippi in 1862, six months before the Emancipation Proclamation granted freedom to her slave parents. Following the death of both her parents of yellow fever in 1878, Ida, at age 16, began teaching in a one-room schoolhouse in rural Mississippi. Some time between 1882 and 1883 Wells moved to Memphis, Tennessee, to teach in city schools. She was dismissed, in 1891, for her outspoken criticism of segregated schools.

Her dismissal from the Memphis school system would be the beginning of her protests about justice, particularly as they pertained to the treatment of black Americans. In 1884 Ida B. Wells sued the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad for forcing blacks to ride in segregated and inferior carriages. Ida B. Wells won this case in the local court, but was defeated in the Supreme Court. Undaunted by heavy opposition and a seemingly hopeless cause, however, Wells, from that point on, made the welfare of African American people her main concern, meeting every obstacle head on with a characteristic determination.

A firm believer in the necessity for vast change, and in the value of education and direct challenge to bring this change about, Ida B. Wells began contributing articles to newspapers in 1887. She used these articles as a political tactic to further her cause; something she continued to do all her life. As editor of the Memphis Free Speech, her editorials condemning “lynch law” caused white mobs to wreck her press. One of the foremost crusaders against lynching, Wells was not silenced by such threats. Twice, in 1893 and 1894, she took her cause abroad on speaking tours of England, Scotland, and Wales.

In 1895 she published A Red Record: Tabulated Statistics and Alleged Causes of Lynchings in the United States, 1892-1893-1894 (Chicago: [1895]). The years 1893-1895 also saw Wells produce, with Frederick Douglass, Ferdinand L. Barnett (whom she was to marry in 1895), and I. Garland Penn, the booklet, The Reason Why the Colored American Is Not in the Columbian Exposition -- The Afro-American’s Contribution to Columbian Literature (Chicago: Ida B. Wells, 1893).
From 1910 on, Wells moved within the mainstream of black civic and political life in Chicago. She had, in earlier years, founded civic clubs -- the first of their kind for black American women; the Ida B. Wells Women’s Club is still in existence today. Between 1910 and 1931 she established the Negro Fellowship League, was instrumental in the founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and organized the Alpha Suffrage Club, the first suffrage club for black Women. She led the fight to elect Chicago’s first black alderman and congressman, Oscar DePriest, and herself ran (unsuccessfully) for state senator of Illinois in 1930. Her participation and leadership in numerous organizations, and her constant vigilance in the interests of black Americans was far-reaching and a particularly difficult and courageous task.

About 1927, Ida B. Wells began to write her autobiography, which she finished before her death on March 21, 1931. Edited by her daughter, Alfreda M. Duster, the autobiography was published as Crusade for Justice: The Autobiography of Ida B. Wells, as part of a series of Negro American Biographies and Autobiographies edited by John Hope Franklin (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1970).

Scope Note
The Ida B. Wells Papers consists of six linear feet of original manuscripts, correspondence, newspaper and journal articles written and compiled by Ida B. Wells-Barnett. The amount of material in the collection is rather small due to two house fires (1915 and 1923) that destroyed virtually all of her personal and professional papers. The papers have been divided into nineteen series that range from originals and transcripts of Crusade for Justice, biographical information, diaries, and writings and clippings to files on her lawsuit against the Chesapeake, Ohio & Southwestern Railroad, the Ida B. Wells Woman’s Club, and secondary materials and photographs.

Aside from the original manuscripts of her autobiography Crusade for Justice: Autobiography of Ida B. Wells, there are 27 original photographs, articles, and correspondence. The collection also contains Wells’ diaries from 1885-1887 and 1930, and two other books owned by her. The papers include contemporary accounts and articles about Ida B. Wells, including her trips to England and her suit against the Chesapeake, Ohio, & Southwestern Railroad Company. The oversize materials in Box 11 contain additional contemporary newspaper accounts. The remainder of the collection consists chiefly of her daughter Alfreda M. Duster’s working copies of the autobiography, including a few biographical versions, research correspondence, notes, background material, publication correspondence concerning Crusade for Justice, and articles about Ida B. Wells.

Much of the information on the original folder headings has been retained, including information in quotation marks taken from Alfreda M. Duster’s folder heading notes. The use
of the initials “AMD” and “IBW” in the inventory refer to Alfreda M. Duster and Ida B. Wells, respectively. Ida B. Wells’ name also appears as “IBW-B” to indicate her married name, Barnett.

Series XIX contains a small amount of addenda material relating to Ida B. Wells that came at a later date. It includes a small but important collection of manuscript and primary printed materials concerning Ida B. Wells including correspondence with Frederick Douglass and Judge Albion Tourgee, articles, and original newspaper clippings written by and about her. This series also includes photocopies of correspondence of her husband Ferdinand Barnett and a scrapbook of newspaper articles written by Ferdinand Barnett. The scrapbook is in fragile condition and is not available for research, but a photocopy of the entire scrapbook has been made and is located in Box 10 Folder 8.

**Related Resources**
The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html

**Subject Headings**
- Wells-Barnett, Ida B., 1862-1931
- Barnett, Ferdinand
- Douglass, Frederick, 1818-1895
- Duster, Alfreda 1904-
- Tourgee, Albion Winegar, 1838-1905
- World’s Columbian Exposition
- Lynching
- African Americans
- African American women
- African American journalists
- Diaries
- Photographs

**INVENTORY**

**Series I: Crusade for Justice Manuscript (Original and Typescript)**

Series I contains the original manuscript of Crusade for Justice: Autobiography of Ida B. Wells as well as six versions of the typescript. Folder 1 through 8 contain the original manuscript versions of Crusade for Justice, 77 pages. Chapter divisions follow those of the printed edition, University of Chicago Press, 1970. Chapters in parentheses and page numbers are those of Mrs. Wells-Barnett. IBW and AMD have been used to delineate the versions produced by Ida B. Wells and the versions produced by her daughter, Alfreda M. Duster.

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Preface, two versions, (5 p.); Chapters I through VI, (30 p.), Chapters VII through XVI (42 p.); "Shipmates on first voyage to England... Chapter 5 of my first writing” in pencil; newspaper clippings, 1893

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"Old Copies of the Introduction," includes two by AMD, one by Jan Olsen (assistant to AMD)

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AMD typescript, with annotations "for verification of facts requested by Dr. Franklin. First section," Introduction through Chapter XVII, with footnotes

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**Box 5**
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- Typescript, 12 Chapters (p. 1 & 2 of Chapter 1 missing)

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- Typescript, 4 Chapters (67 p.), "Sent to Adolph Slaughter" (Ebony magazine?) [See AMD to A. Slaughter, March 29, 1965 ]

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**Box 6**
- Original manuscript of Crusade for Justice used by University of Chicago Press

**Box 7**
**Folder 1**
- Typescript, "Last copy of first 56 pages of Biography I Wrote."

**Box 7**
**Folder 2**
- Typescript, novelized version written under guidance of Mrs. McCutcheon of The Ethel McCutcheon Writers, Chapters 1, 2 and 8 p. of Chapter 3 (2 copies); 3 page summary (4 copies), also outline "for McDade School 1967 Negro History Program"
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Series II: Alfreda M. Duster Editorial and Research Notes

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Footnotes for most chapters of Crusade for Justice, "Footnotes Corrected by Dr. [John Hope] Franklin"

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Editorial notes, some footnotes on small slips of paper "cut to place in ms."

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Series III: Alfreda M. Duster Research Correspondence

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Correspondence, 1940-1958, includes two short holograph articles by Stella Reed Garnett attached to letters of March 30, 1941 & April 26, 1951; one letter from Langston Hughes to AMD, October 23, 1958

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Correspondence, 1963-1971, includes a few solicitations from institutions concerning the placing of IBW’s papers

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**Series IV: Crusade for Justice: Publication and Publicity**

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Correspondence concerning publication, 1940-1966, includes correspondence with Herman K. Barnett, Dr. Herbert Aptheker, and Dr. John Hope Franklin

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Correspondence concerning publication, distribution, and reviews, 1969-1972

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Book reviews and advertisements

**Series V: Ida B. Wells, Writings on Lynching**

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Item 6: Title page of Ida B. Wells, Lynch Law, photocopy, 1 p.

Series VI: Ida B. Wells, Biographical Materials

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Series VII: Ida B. Wells, Press Clippings

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Item 3: Editorial notice of Wells' visit to Manchester, England, Manchester Guardian, [April 1894], [annotated by Ida B. Wells], photocopy, 1 p.

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Item 7: Editorial, Birmingham Daily Gazette, May 18, 1894, [annotated by Ida B. Wells], photocopy, 1 p.

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Item 9: "Idol of her People: Ida B. Wells, the Colored Advocate, Welcomed Home," The Daily Inter-Ocean, August 8, 1894: 2, photostat, 3 p., and photocopy, 3 p.

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Item 13: Mrs. Delores Johnson Farrow, "Side Lights or Shadows on the Recent Race Riots at East St. Louis, Illinois," The Broad Ax, Chicago, July 28, 1917, on Farrow’s trip to East St. Louis with Wells, photocopy, 1 p.

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Series VIII: Chesapeake, Ohio & Southwestern Railroad Company v. Wells
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Item 1: "A Darky Damsel Obtains a Verdict for Damages Against the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad," Memphis Appeal-Avalanche, December 25, 1884, typescript, 4 p.

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Item 2: "Cases Argued and Determined in the Supreme Court of Tennessee," Shelby County, April Term, 1887: 613-615, 631, regarding appeal and overturn of Railroad v. Wells case, photocopy, 3 p., and typescript, 3 p.

Series IX: Ida B. Wells Woman’s Club
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Woman’s Club
• Membership Blanks (two copies), undated, with Woman’s Club envelope
• Invitation to "Breakfast," (in shape of cup and saucer) June 30, (no year), A.D., in Woman’s Club envelope
• Brochure with list of Members, 1940-1941.
• "Ida B. Wells Fiftieth Anniversary," no source, undated [1943], photocopy, 1 p.
Series X: Racial Conflict, Secondary Material

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Research Materials

• [Strummond], "Introduction" to Anti-Slavery, n.d, typed carbon copy, 1 p.
• Program, 43rd Annual Convention of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, November 7-9, 1958, Richmond, Virginia, 22 p.
• "How the NAACP Began," The Crisis (February 1959): 71-78, clipping, 8 p.
• August Meier and Elliott M. Rudwick, "Come to the Fair?," The Crisis (March 1965): 146-150; 193-198, clipping, 12 p.
• Brochure, Amistad Research Center and Race Relations Department, Fisk University, [1966]
• [Alfreda Duster?], holograph research notes and bibliographic references

Series XI: Ida B. Wells, Secondary Biographical Materials

Box 8
Folder 14

Essays about Ida B. Wells

• Anonymous, "Great Chicagoans," (20th of series), no source, [ca. 1969], photocopy, 1 p.
• Anonymous, "Ida B. Wells," typescript, 5 p
• Suzanne Ford, "Through the Looking Glass," [Berkeley, California newspaper, March 1949], photocopy, 1 p.
• Bettia H. Fortson, "Queen of Our Race," poem from Fortson, From Mental Pearls, 1915, typescript, 1 p.
• Excerpt from Howard F. Gosnell, Negro Politicians, p. 25-26, typescript, 1 p.
• Manpower Insurance Company brochure, "Ida B. Wells-Barnett," 1976
• Roscoe Conkling Simmons, "The Rust Revival...The College of an Illustrious Alumni," Chicago Defender, April 2, 1949: 17-18, photocopy, 2 p.
• Joan C. Snowden, "Ida B. Wells (Barnett)," typescript, T.D., 4 p. [duplicating contents of above]
• Excerpt from Eunice Rivers Walker, "Ida B. Wells: Her Contribution to the Field of Social Service," for M.S.W., Loyola University, 1941, carbon copy of typescript, 1 p.
• Editorial dedication to Ida B. Wells, Wellstown Crier, vol. 1, no. 1 (February 1949): 1, and activities of IBW Community Center and IBW Health center

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Folder 1
Essays about Ida B. Wells
• "Great Women in Negro History," Sepia Magazine, (February 1959), photocopy, 1 p.
• Herbert Kupferberg, "Great American Women You Ought to Know," Parade, December 8, 1974, photocopy, 2 p.
• Frances Matlock, "Grand Boulevard’s First Lady," Chicago Courier, reprint from Special Edition on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, January 18, 1969, 1 p.

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Essays about Ida B. Wells

Series XII: Ida B. Wells, Published Illustrations

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Published Illustrations
• Published illustration with summary of life of Ida B. Wells Barnett, no source, undated
• Photostat of page from book, featuring portrait photographs of Ida Wells Barnett, Fannie Mason, Louise Solomon Waller, and Sarah Sheppard, no source, no date

Series XIII: Ida B. Wells Homes, Chicago Housing Authority

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Item 1: "Good Homes, Low Rents," brochure and preliminary application (detached) for apartments in Ida B. Wells Homes, undated

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Item 2: "Let’s Make History!" promotional flyer issued by the Ida B. Wells Woman’s Club, to name the new C.H.A. Housing project after Ida B. Wells, [1938]

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Item 4: Alfreda M. Duster, Chicago, to Mr. A.E. Perkins, New Orleans, October 2, 1940, typed carbon copy, T.L.S., 1 p.

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Item 5: Dedication invitation from The Honorable Edward J. Kelly, October 27, 1940

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Item 6: Program for the Dedication of Ida B. Wells Homes, October 27, 1940

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Item 7: List of Articles Laid in the Cornerstone of the Ida B. Wells Homes, typed carbon copy, 1 p.

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Item 9: "Ida B. Wells Homes -- the Monument Immortal," advertisement, back cover of Negro Youth Photo Script, graduation issue, vol. I, no. 3 (June 1942)

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Series XIV: Alfreda M. Duster, Secondary Biographical Material
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Research Materials
• Photograph with caption, "A Dramatic Feature..." with Alfreda Duster posing as her mother Ida B. Wells, with fragment of accompanying article, Chicago Defender, July 1950, 2 p.
• Frances Matlock, "Grand Boulevard’s First Lady," Chicago Courier, reprint from Special Edition on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, January 18, 1969, 1 p.
• Pamela Zekman, "'Bootstrap’ Winner Says Education is Key to Success," Chicago Tribune, April 30, 1970, photocopy, 2 p.
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• Ida B. Wells to Mrs. Albion Tourgee, February 10, 1893, photocopy, 1p., with attached note from Dorothy Sterling, 1p.
• Ida B. Wells to Judge Tourgee, February 10, 1893, photocopy, 2p.
• Ida B. Wells to Mrs. Tourgee, February 23, 1893, photocopy, 1p.
• Ida B. Wells to Judge Tourgee, July 1, 1893, photocopy, 3p.
• Ida B. Wells to Frederick Douglass, March 18, 1894, photocopy, 4p.
• Frederick Douglass to Reverend C.F. Aked, March 27, 1894, in support of Ida B. Wells, photocopy, 2p.
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• Ida B. Wells to Judge A.W. Tourgee, November 27, 1894, photocopy, 4p.
• Ida B. Wells to Mrs. Albion Tourgee, May 19, 1895, photocopy, 7p.
• Ida B. Wells to Mrs. Albion Tourgee, August 26, 1895, photocopy, 4p.
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• Ida B. Wells [to Mrs. Tourgee], undated (missing first page), photocopy, 3p.

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• Ferdinand Barnett to Frederick Douglass, August 10, 1891, photocopy, 3p.
• [Frederick Douglass] to Ferdinand Barnett, August 13, 1891, photocopy, 3p.
• Ferdinand Barnett to Mrs. Potter Palmer, December 20, 1891, photocopy, 2p.; with cover letter from Archie Motley to Alfreda Duster, November 19, 1977, and Mrs. Duster’s reply, November 23, 1977
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• Ferdinand Barnett to Judge Albion W. Tourgee, May 24, 1899, photocopy, 2p.
• Wedding invitation to marriage of Ida B. Wells and Ferdinand Barnett, June 27, 1895
• Newspaper clipping featuring photograph of Ferdinand Barnett with caption
• Newspaper photograph of the Barnett family including Ferdinand and Ida B. Wells-Barnett, with caption, "Breaking Home Ties," The Broad Ax, December 22, 1917
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Photocopy of scrapbook [collected by Ferdinand Barnett], 73p. Includes personal memorabilia and published articles by Barnett

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- Emma Lou Thornbrough to Alfreda Duster, May 6, 1958, 1p.
- Alfreda Duster to Emma Lou Thornbrough, January 19, 1960, carbon copy, 1p.
- Emma Lou Thornbrough to Alfreda Duster, February 19, 1960; and reply, May 9, 1960, carbon copy, 1p.
- Alfreda Duster to Emma Thornbrough, September 26, 1969, carbon copy, 1 p.; with attached holograph address
- Emma Lou Thornbrough to Alfreda Duster, April 3, 1970; and reply, April 28, 1970, carbon copy, 1p.
- Emma Lou Thornbrough to Alfreda Duster, May 4, 1970, 1p.
- Emma Lou Thornbrough to Alfreda Duster, January 30, 1971, 1p.; and reply March 22, 1971, carbon copy, 1p.
- Alfreda Duster to Emma Thornbrough, January 29, 1974, carbon copy, 1p.
- Emma Lou Thornbrough to Alfreda Duster, February 26, 1974, 1p.

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- Historic Black Memphians, exhibition catalog, [after 1978], including entry on Ida B. Wells
- Oak Woods Cemetery Association, location map and charter agreement for Barnett family lot
- "Ida B. Wells-The ‘Mother of Clubs,’” typescript, author and source unknown, 1p.

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• "Negroes and Lynchings," The Daily Commercial, June 9, 1894, negative photostat
• "Riddled. The Mob's Summary Execution of the Three Negro Prisoners," The Memphis Commercial, March 10, 1892, negative photostat and positive photostat
• G.E. Ousley, "A Negro on the Negro's," The Memphis Commercial, June 10, 1894, negative photostat
• Editorial comment denying Wells' status as a Memphis citizen, The Memphis Commercial, June 17, 1894: 4, negative photostat
• "A Darky [Damsel] Obtains a Verdict for Damages against the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad," The Memphis Appeal-Avalanche, December 25, 1884, negative photostat
• "A Wicked Libel," The Memphis Appeal-Avalanche, May 30, 1892: 4, positive photostat
• "Terror reigns in Taney," The Memphis Appeal-Avalanche, May 31, 1892, negative photostat
• "Race Relations," The Memphis Appeal-Avalanche, June 13, 1892: 4, negative photostat
• B.T. Fields, B.A. Ames, and M.H. Barker, "Colored Folk Protest," The Memphis Appeal-Avalanche, June 30, 1892, negative photostat and photostat enlargements
• Editorial comment on Ida B. Wells' trip to London, The Memphis Appeal-Avalanche, June 24, 1894, negative photostat
• Illegible. The New York Age, November 19, 1892: 2, negative photostat, in three parts
• "Clu[....] Among Women," (on the National Association of Colored Women), The New York Age, January 4, 1900: 2, negative photostat, in three parts
• "Ida B. Wells Abroad. Speaking in Liverpool Against Lynchers of Negroes," The Daily Inter-Ocean, April 9, 1894: 8, negative photostat, with photocopy of fragment of same article
• "Ida B. Wells Abroad. The Bishop of Manchester on American Lynching," The Daily Inter-Ocean, April 28, 1894: 10, negative photostat, with photocopy of fragment of same article
• "Ida B. Wells Abroad. Lectures in Bristol, England, on American Lynch Law," The Daily Inter-Ocean, May 19, 1894: 16, negative photostat
• "Ida B. Wells Abroad. Ellen Richardson, the Benefactress of Stephen Douglas," The Daily Inter-Ocean, May 28, 1894: 4, negative photostat
• "Ida B. Wells Abroad. A Breakfast with Members of Parliament," The Daily Inter-Ocean, June 25, 1894, negative photostat
• "Ida B. Wells Abroad. Her reply to Governor Northen [of Georgia] and Others," The Daily Inter-Ocean, July 7, 1894: 18, negative photostat
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