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Collection on Frederick Douglass, circa 1850-1871

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Anacostia Community Museum Archives
Title:	Collection of Frederick Douglass materials
Date:	circa 1850 - 1871
Identifier:	ACMA.06-046
Extent:	1.27 Linear feet (2 boxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection, which dates from circa 1850-1971, contains materials relating to abolitionist Frederick Douglass. It includes 3 books (Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, Life and Times of Frederick Douglass, and My Bondage and My Freedom), a carte-de-visite, various portraits of Douglass, including an etching and lithograph, clippings from Harper's Weekly and the Evening Star, and photographs of Douglass in various settings, including one of Douglass in Key West with members of the Santo Domingo mission.

Administrative Information

Provenance

Transferred from the National Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution on June 14, 1994.

Preferred Citation

Collection on Frederick Douglass, Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

Restrictions

Use of the materials requires an appointment. Please contact the archivist at acmarchives@si.edu.

Biographical Note

Frederick Douglass (1818--895) was born into slavery on Maryland's Eastern Shore but fled north in 1838 to settle in Massachusetts. He soon joined the antislavery movement, and by the mid-1840s his commanding eloquence in offering firsthand testimony to the oppressions of slavery had transformed him into one of the movement's most persuasive spokesmen. Douglass' reforming zeal remained strong all his life. After the Civil War put an end to slavery, he continued to be a leading defender of the rights of African Americans during Reconstruction. In 1871, President Grant appointed Douglass secretary to a diplomatic mission charged with investigating the desirability of annexing the Caribbean nation of Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic) as a United States territory.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Types of Materials:

- Albumen prints
- Books
- Cartes-de-visite
- Clippings
- Lithographs
- Photographic prints
- Portraits

Names:

- Douglass, Frederick, 1817?-1895

Container Listing

Series 1: Photographs, 1862-1876

Box 1, Folder 1

[Fred Douglass, 1862-1865](#)

1 photographic_print_mounted_on_cardboard (3 15/16 x 2 3/8)

Names: Douglass, Frederick, 1817?-1895

Genre/Form: Cartes-de-visite

Topic: Portraits -- 19th century

African Americans

Abolitionists -- United States

Cabinet 10

[Frederick Douglass with Santo Domingo Comissioners aboard the USS Tennessee in Key West, Florida, 1871](#)

1 Framed photograph (15 1/4 x 19 1/4 inches.)

Notes: Pictured left to right is Captain Temple, Andrew White, Benjamin Wade, Samuel Gridley Howe, and Frederick Douglass.

Names: Douglass, Frederick, 1817?-1895

Topic: Ships

Abolitionists -- United States

Genre/Form: Albumen prints -- 19th century

Box 1, Folder 2

[Frederick Douglass and others at banquet table, Undated](#)

1 photographic_print_mounted_on_cardboard (8 x 10 3/8 inches)

Names: Douglass, Frederick, 1817?-1895

Genre/Form: Albumen prints -- 19th century

Topic: Portraits, Group

Chairs

Abolitionists -- United States

Dining

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Series 2: Publications, 1845-1895

Box 2 Narrative of the life of Frederick Douglass, an American slave /written by himself., 1845
1 Book (7 1/4 x 4 1/2 x 3/4 inches.)
Author: Douglass, Frederick, 1817?-1895
Author of Garrison, William Lloyd, 1805-1879
introduction,
etc.:
Topic: Abolitionists -- United States
 African American abolitionists
 Antislavery movements -- United States
Genre/Form: Narratives

Box 2 My bondage, and my freedom. . . By Frederick Douglass ; with introduction by Dr. James M' Cune Smith., 1855
1 Book (7 3/4 x 5 1/2 x 1 3/8 inches.)
Creator: Douglass, Frederick, 1817?-1895
Publisher: Miller, Orton & Mulligan
Topic: Antislavery movements -- United States
 Slavery -- United States -- Maryland

Box 2 Life and Times of Frederick Douglass/ written by himself, his early life as a slave, his escape from bondage, and his complete history / written by himself ; with an introduction by George L. Ruffin., 1882
1 Book (8 3/16 x 5 1/4 x 1 15/16 inches.)
Author: Douglass, Frederick, 1817?-1895
Publisher: Park Publishing Company
Topic: African American abolitionists
 Abolitionists -- United States
 Plantation life -- History
 Slavery -- United States -- Maryland
 Antislavery movements -- United States

Box 2 Harper's Weekly: Journal of Civilization Vol XXVII, No. 1405, November 24, 1883
1 Magazines (periodicals) (16 x 10 7/8 inches.)
Names: Douglass, Frederick, 1817?-1895
Genre/Form: Engravings
 Portraits -- African American men
 Magazines (periodicals)

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