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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Solomon G. Brown Papers
Identifier:	Accession 15-098
Date:	1888 and undated
Extent:	0.43 cu. ft. (1 12x17 box)
Creator::	Brown, Solomon G., 1829?-1906
Language:	Language of Materials: English

Administrative Information

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Historical Note

Solomon G. Brown (1829?-1906) was the first African American employee at the Smithsonian Institution, serving for fifty-four years from 1852 to 1906. During his time at the Smithsonian, he held many titles and performed many duties in service to the Institution. He served under the first three Smithsonian Secretaries, Joseph Henry, Spencer Fullerton Baird, and Samuel P. Langley. He also served his community in Anacostia, a part of Washington, D.C., and was a prominent advocate of African American progress.

Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of digital copies of a scrapbook of Solomon Brown's family genealogy, as compiled by Ms. Clara Ellis Bailey Payne. The scrapbook includes copies of poems written by Solomon G. Brown, photographs, lists of family trees, and copies of death certificates. The accession also includes a portrait of the Younger family, relatives of Solomon G. Brown; and a poem written by Solomon G. Brown in memoriam of his niece, Mrs. Alevia A. Smith (nee Younger), following her death on January 13, 1888.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

African Americans

Types of Materials:

Color photographs

Digital images

Manuscripts

Names:

Baird, Spencer Fullerton, 1823-1887

Brown, Solomon G., 1829?-1906

Henry, Joseph, 1797-1878

Langley, S. P. (Samuel Pierpont), 1834-1906

Payne, Clara Ellis Bailey

Smith, Alevia A.

Geographic Names:

Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)

Container Listing

Box 1

Box 1 of 1 Portrait of the Younger family, relatives of Solomon G. Brown.

[Image\(s\):](#)

Box 1 of 1 Poem written by Solomon G. Brown in memoriam of his niece, Mrs. Alevia A. Smith (nee Younger), following her death on January 13, 1888.

[Image\(s\):](#)

Electronic Records

Electronic records Scrapbook of Solomon Brown's family genealogy, as compiled by Ms. Clara Ellis Bailey Payne (electronic records)

[Image\(s\):](#)