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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Smithsonian Libraries
<b>Title:</b>	Leslie Leland Locke scrapbooks
<b>Identifier:</b>	SIL-DL.MSS001781B
<b>Date:</b>	1873-1939
<b>Creator:</b>	Museums of the Peaceful Arts. Locke, L. Leland (Leslie Leland), b. 1875 (Compiler) United States National Museum
<b>Extent:</b>	0.5 Linear feet (3 v., ill. (some col.); 28-38 cm.)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	Scrapbooks compiled by Leslie Leland Locke, chiefly containing notes and ephemera on the history of calculating machines and typewriters, information on inventors, and notes for Locke's own collection of calculating machines. Some of the inventors, correspondents, inventions, companies, and agencies referenced include: Charles Babbage; Frank Stephen Baldwin (Baldwin's calculating machine); Edwin A. Bayley; Ernst Benecke (Brunsviga-Maschenienwerke Grimme, Natalis & Co. A.G., Braunschweig); Burroughs Adding Machine Co.; Vannevar Bush; C.E. Locke Mfg. Co. (the Locke Adder); Grover C. Chase; Colburn Gear & Mfg. Co. (George L. Colburn); Thomas A. Edison (Ediphone); Facit calculating machines; Felt & Tarrant Mfg. Co.; the Graf Zeppelin (for the calculating machines used on its flights); George B. Grant; R. Haase (Brunsviga-Maschenienwerke Grimme, Natalis & Co. A.G., Braunschweig); A.V. Kryha; George F. Kunz; Derrick N. Lehmer; the MADAS calculator; Marchant Calculating Machine Co.; the "Millionaire" (O. Steiger); Monroe Calculating Machine Co.; the Museums of the Peaceful Arts; Picht braille typewriters for the blind; George Sarton; Thaleswerk; Franz Trinks; Triumphator Works; the United States Patent Office; and the United States National Museum (Smithsonian Institution; including curators C.W. Mitman and Frank A. Taylor of the Division of Engineering, and J.E. Graf, U.S.N.M. associate director). Excerpted material is taken from various publications, such as the International office equipment magazine; the International export review; the American mathematical monthly; the Mathematics teacher; the New York Times; the New York world; the New York Sun; the Herald examiner; Colliers; the Chicago Tribune; and Science.

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## Biographical Note

Leslie Leland Locke (1875-1943) was a professor of the history of mathematics at Brooklyn College, and a noted authority on the history of mathematical instruments, particularly the Peruvian quipu. In 1939, Locke donated his personal collection of early calculating machines to the United States National Museum (Smithsonian Institution). He was also a graduate of Grove City College.

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## General

Title devised by cataloger.

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No obvious organizing scheme is evident among the three scrapbooks, with materials from overlapping time periods and on the same general topics and persons scattered throughout the volumes. A variety of formats are featured, including handwritten notes, correspondence, patents and their diagrams, advertisements, newsclippings, photographs, brochures, illustrations, and reprinted articles.

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Items are mostly typed in or mounted on blank leaves. Some items are laid in (for example, two IBM Corp. punch-cards are laid in v. 3).

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## Local Notes

SCDIRB copy (v. 1, 39088016107161; v. 2, 39088016106866, v. 3, 39088016538043) has bookplate: Ex libris Leslie Leland Locke.

SCDIRB copy of v. 1 and v. 2 (both measuring 38 cm.) are bound in green cloth decorated with black on the front covers and spines, with spine title "Scrap book". Volumes 1 and 2 were commercially produced blank books (stamped "Weis no. 105 patented" on back paste-down endpapers); v. 1 has printed label for H.A. Farnell & Co., Inc., stationers, 86-88 Livingston St., Brooklyn, N.Y. Volume 1 has approximately 100 pages; v. 2 has approximately 144 pages.

SCDIRB copy of v. 3 (28 cm.) has a black embossed cloth binding, with printed binder's ticket on front paste-down endpaper: Bound by Chas. A. Scott, 286 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N.Y. Volume 3 has approximately 50 pages. An article in French, reprinted from the Bulletin de la Soci{acute}et{acute}e d'Encouragement pour l'industrie nationale, Sept.-Oct. 1920, t. 132, p. [545]-760, is inserted at the front of v. 3.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Calculators
- Inventions
- Office equipment and supplies industry -- United States
- Patents -- United States
- Typewriters