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Descriptive Summary
Title: John Harvey Furbay papers
Date (inclusive): 1936-1939
Collection number: 489
Extent: 1 box (0.5 linear ft.)
Abstract: John Harvey Furbay (1903-1999) was a professor, professional consultant, and college administrator who worked and studied in both the United States and Africa. The collection consists of Furbay's letters, educational and politically related ephemera, and personal papers.
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Biography/History
John Harvey Furbay was born on September 23, 1903 in Mt. Gilead, Ohio. He obtained his B.S. from Asbury College in 1924, his M.A. from New York University in 1927, and his Ph.D. from Yale University in 1931. Furbay became a professor of biology and education and taught at Taylor University from 1927-29 and again from 1931-33. He also taught at the College of Emporia from 1933-35. Furbay was later president of the College of West Africa, Monrovia, Liberia from 1935-39. In addition to his career in education, Furbay was also an educational consultant with General Motors from 1957-81. His publications include World Without Strangers (1955), The Shape of Things to Come (1961), and Spotlight on Africa (1960).
Scope and Content
Collection consists of letters and papers relating to his administration as dean and acting president of the College of West Africa in Monrovia. Included are numerous examples of correspondence, personal memorabilia, governmental and official publications, and some research notes and papers. Whereas much of the material is denotative of personal souvenir keeping, many of the more official publications offer an important look at government publishing at a period in Liberian history (i.e. ca. 1930s) when censorship of dissent was on the rise.
Organization and Arrangement
Collection materials have been roughly grouped according to their dates of creation, reception, transaction, or publication.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Subjects
Furbay, John Harvey, 1903-1999 --Archives.
Box 1, Folder 1  
**Liberia, Souvenirs. 1936-1939.**

Scope and Content Note
Poems, correspondence, and ephemera including pamphlets, flyers, and periodical clippings. Poetry (typescript) written by Edwin Barclay, president of Liberia from 1933-1944.

Box 1, Folder 2  
**Liberia, Souvenirs. 1936-1939.**

Scope and Content Note
Academic administrative and governmental reports, periodicals, memos, and ephemera including event programs, flyers, and periodical clippings. Periodical publications include Marcus Garvey's *The Black Man*, with Garvey's poem *Man Will Stay* printed on the front cover.

Box 1, Folder 3  
**Liberia, Souvenirs. 1936-1939.**

Scope and Content Note
Academic administrative reports, correspondence, notes, a small notebook, a small Liberian flag, and ephemera including event programs and periodical clippings.

Box 1, Folder 4  
**Liberia, Souvenirs. 1940-1943.**

Scope and Content Note
Academic administrative reports, correspondence, notes, and ephemera including event programs and periodical clippings.

Box 1, Folder 5  
**Liberia, Souvenirs. 1940-1943.**

Scope and Content Note
Mostly correspondence and notes with various ephemera including a event programs, periodicals, and periodical clippings, and a photographic postcard. Includes the newspaper *The African Nationalist*, vols. 3 and 4, no. 26, 28-31, 71 and 72.

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Liberia, Souvenirs. 1940-1943.**

Scope and Content Note
Mostly correspondence and notes with various ephemera including a event programs and flyers, periodicals, and periodical clippings, and a photographic postcard. Includes the newspaper *The African Nationalist*, vols. 3 and 4, no. 31, 43 and 77.

Box 1, Folder 7  
**Liberia, Notes. 1936-1937.**

Scope and Content Note
Mostly notes (holograph and typescript) and correspondence with various ephemera including pamphlets, event programs, and periodical clippings.

Box 1, Folder 8  
**Liberia, Notes. 1936.**

Scope and Content Note
Mostly notes (holograph and typescript), governmental reports, and correspondence with various ephemera including pamphlets, event programs, event invitations, and periodical clippings. Includes materials on slavery in Liberian society.

Box 1, Folder 9  
**Liberia, Notes. 1936.**

Scope and Content Note
Notes, correspondence, and governmental reports with various ephemera including pamphlets, event programs, event flyers, event invitations, periodicals, and periodical clippings.