

# **Atlanta University Presidential Records, 1856-1984**

## **Series 4. Horace Bumstead Records, 1876-1919**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Horace Bumstead was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on September 29, 1841. He attended Yale University along with Edmund Ware, and after a brief stint in the United States Army during the Civil War, he joined the faculty of Atlanta University in 1875 as an instructor in Natural Science. Bumstead went on to become Professor of Latin; Acting President, 1886-1887; and President from 1888 to 1907. Named the “Apostle of Higher Education of the Negro” by W.E.B. DuBois, Bumstead advocated restructuring Atlanta University to include kindergarten, grade school, college prep, and college in order to better prepare it’s students. Due to losses in appropriations from the State of Georgia, much of Bumstead’s efforts centered around raising funds for the school. Several additions to the campus were built during his administration, including Furber College, and Graves Library. Horace Bumstead retired from Atlanta University in 1907, and died on October 6, 1919.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Adams, Myron. *A History of Atlanta University*. Atlanta: Atlanta University Press, 1930.

## SERIES DESCRIPTION SHEET

Series Number: 4

Series Title: **Horace Bumstead Records**  
Boxes 14-23

Date Range: 1876-1919

Quantity: 10 mss. boxes  
4.2 linear ft.

Type of Materials/Format: Textual records

**Content Description:** This series contains the correspondence and administrative records of Horace Bumstead, Congregationalist minister, educator, and second president of Atlanta University. The correspondence includes letters to and from Northern philanthropic groups who contributed to student scholarships and for improvements to the University's physical plant. Of comparatively small proportion is the professional correspondence, mostly from members of the Atlanta University faculty and influential friends. The majority of the letters are concerned with administrative affairs of the Bumstead administration. Among those correspondents are Charles W. Chesnutt, W.E.B. DuBois, Clark Howell, Augustus J. Orr, E.O. Thayer, and Booker T. Washington. These records also consist of correspondence of some of the students who attended Atlanta University from 1887 to 1904. Included are letters from students giving accounts of their school life and personal background. Newspaper clippings on noteworthy events such as the Atlanta Race Riot, and the Brownsville, Texas Race Riot are contained in subseries four. Copies of several issues of the *Atlanta University Publications* are contained among the printed materials in subseries six. News clippings comprise subseries seven.

**Arrangement:** Arranged in seven subseries. Arranged alphabetically within each subseries.

- (1) Financial Correspondence
- (2) Bulletin & Catalog Subscriptions
- (3) Administrative Correspondence
- (4) Noteworthy Features
- (5) Routine Correspondence
- (6) Printed Materials
- (7) Memorabilia.

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BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER		
		<u>Financial Correspondence, 1876-1919</u>	
14	1	Financial Correspondence (State Appropriation to Atlanta University discontinued [December 6, 1887])	1887
	2	[Abbot - Ayers]	1892-1904
	3	[Baceri - Blythe]	1892-1904
	4	[Boies - Byington]	1885-1904
	5	[Bumstead]	1889-1903
	6	[Bumstead]	1889-1907
	7	[Caldwell - Chittenden]	1892-1904
	8	[Choate - Clyde]	1892-1902
BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER		
15	1	[Cobb - Crane]	1893-1904
	2	[Cressy - Cutter]	1893-1903
	3	[Damon - Dyer]	1893-1903
	4	[Earnshaw - Ewing]	1893-1904
	5	[Faduma - Fumiss]	1893-1904
	6	[Gage - Guy]	1893-1908
	7	[Hadley - Hibbard]	1886-1907
	8	[Higganum - Hoyt]	1893-1903
	9	[Hubbard - Hynes]	1891-1902
BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER		
16	1	[Ide - Ingalls]	1901
	2	[Jackson - Jones]	1893-1906

3	[Kaulback - Kyle]	1892-1904
4	[Labarce - Lloyd]	1893-1903
5	[Locke - Lymon]	1894-1904
6	[McAdoo - McRae]	1892-1904
7	[Macy - Mervin]	1891-1907
8	[Miles - Myrich]	1892-1904
9	[Neostyle Co. - Noyes]	1892-1902
10	[Odell - Owen]	1886-1904
11	[Pace - Pope]	1892-1904

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER		
17	1	[Porter - Pyne]	1892-1904
	2	[Queen - Quotes]	1904
	3	[Randall - Ricks]	1892-1904
	4	[Riggs - Ryle]	1892-1904
	5	[Sabin - Small]	1891-1904
	6	[Smith - State of]	1892-1903
	7	[Stearns - Sykes]	1892-1904
	8	[Taber - Tolman]	1892-1904
	9	[Tompkins - Underwood]	1892-1904

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER		
18	1	[Vail - Van Wagenen]	1896
	2	[Wales - Whitney]	1892-1904
	3	[Ware, Edward T.]	1907-1919
	4	[Whitock - Wolcott]	1893-1908
	5	[Wood - Wyman]	1876-1902
	6	[Yale - Zabioskie]	1894

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER		
		<u>Bulletin &amp; Catalog Subscriptions, 1886-1906</u>	
19	1	[Atlanta University Bulletin]	1892-1894
	2	[Atlanta University Bulletin - Letters regarding Subscriptions to]	1901-1906
	3	[Subscriptions re: catalog requests]	1886-1904
	4	[Subscriptions re: catalog requests]	1886-1904
		<u>Administrative Correspondence, 1885-1906</u>	
	5	[Professional Correspondence]	1886-1906

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER		
20	1	[Student Letters to donors of scholarships - rRe: School life and personal history]	1898-1904
	2	[Student Records and Correspondence]	1885-1904
	3	[Student Records and Correspondence]	1885-1904
	4	[Student Records and Correspondence]	1885-1904
	5	[Student Records and Correspondence]	1885-1904
	6	[Student Records and Correspondence]	1885-1904

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER		
21	1	[Student Records and Correspondence re: Payment of overdue bills]	1885-1904
		<u>Noteworthy Features, 1897-1907</u>	
	2	Atlanta Conference, [7th Annual] to Study the Negro Problems May 27, 1902 [The Negro Artisan]	1902
	3	[Atlanta University Football Game Report - Dec. 17 & 18, 1900 (Reported by G.A. Towns & F. Clemmer)]	1900
	4	Atlanta University Quartet Clippings and Correspondence re: Concert Tours	1897-1901
	5	Circulars, News Items and Financial Appeals	1899-1907
	6	Letter re: Industrial Training at Atlanta	1897
	7	Race Riot 1906 Atlanta, GA - Newspaper Clippings Sept. 23 - 1906 through Oct. 31 - 1906 - Included is an	

		article on J. Max Barber - Oct. 5, 1906	1906
	8	Race Riot 1906 Atlanta, GA Newspaper Clippings Nov. 1, 1906 through Oct. 7, 1907	1906-1907
	9	Race Riot - Brownsville, Texas (Oct. - Dec.)	1906
	10	Relief Fund	n.d.
		<u>Routine Correspondence, 1888-1908</u>	
	11	[Correspondence - Routine]	1892
	12	[Correspondence - Routine, A-D]	1889
	13	[Correspondence - Routine, E-I]	1889
BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER		
22	1	[Correspondence - Routine, J-N]	1889
	2	[Correspondence - Routine, R-W]	1888-1890
	3	[Correspondence - Routine]	1902-1908
	4	[Correspondence - Routine]	n.d.
		<u>Printed Materials, 1897-1917</u>	
	5	["Social and Physical Condition of Negro Cities..." <u>Atlanta University Publications</u> , No. 2, Atlanta: Atlanta University Press]	1897
	6	["The Negro Artisan - A Social Study." <u>Atlanta University Publications</u> , No. 7, Atlanta: Atlanta University Press]	1902
	7	["Notes on Negro Crime - Particularity in Georgia." <u>Atlanta University Publications</u> , No. 9, Atlanta: Atlanta University Press]	1904
	8	[Print: "A Select Bibliography of the Negro American." <u>Atlanta University Publications</u> , No. 10, Atlanta: Atlanta University Press]	1905
	9	["Economic Co=Operation Among Negro Americans." <u>Atlanta University Publications</u> , No. 12, Atlanta: Atlanta University Press]	1907
	10	["The Negro American Family." <u>Atlanta University Publications</u> , No. 13, Atlanta: Atlanta University Press]	1908
	11	["Efforts for Social Betterment Among Negro Americans." <u>Atlanta University Publications</u> , No. 14, Atlanta: Atlanta University Press]	1909

	12	["The College=Bred Negro American." <u>Atlanta University Publications</u> , No. 15, Atlanta: Atlanta University Press	1910
	13	["The Common School and the Negro American." <u>Atlanta University Publications</u> , No. 16, Atlanta: Atlanta University Press	1911
	14	["The Negro American Artisan." <u>Atlanta University Publications</u> , No. 17, Atlanta: Atlanta University Press	1912
BOX NUMBER 23	FOLDER NUMBER 1	[Morals and Manners among Negro Americans." <u>Atlanta University Publications</u> , No. 18, Atlanta: Atlanta University Press	1914
	2	["Economic Co-Operation among the Negroes of Georgia." <u>Atlanta University Publications</u> , No. 19, Atlanta: Atlanta University Press	1917
	3	["Select Discussions of Race Problems." <u>Atlanta University Publications</u> , No. 20: Atlanta Atlanta University Press	1916
	<u>Memorabilia, 1893-1906</u>		
	4	[Atlanta University -Circulars, News Items]	1893-1901
	5	["Atlanta, 1893-1894"]	1893-1894
	6	[News Clippings - Atlanta University Conferences]	1898
	7	[News Clippings - General]	1906
	8	[ <u>The Scroll</u> ]	1896