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Chester D. Heywood
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Collection Information

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Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

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World War, 1914-1918 -- Personal narratives, American.
World War, 1914-1918 -- Participation, Afro-American.
United States. Army. Infantry Regiment, 371st.
United States -- History -- World War, 1914-1918.
Correspondence. aat
Soldiers. aat

Historical/Biographical Notes

Chester Dodd Heywood (1887-1919), a son of Frank Everett Heywood and Harriet (Dodd) Heywood was born in Worcester. He attended the U.S. Army's Officer's Training School in

Plattsburg, New York in 1916 and was called into active service in 1917. Heywood was eventually assigned to the 371st Infantry, a negro regiment, and later rose to command the regiment. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre by France for bravery in action near Arduiell, France. After the war he was assistant treasurer for the Heywood Boot and Shoe Company and later became its president. Heywood was active in government and civic affairs. He served on the school committee and the Common Council in Worcester and was an aide to the Secretary of War during the 1930s. He served on the boards of many local businesses and organizations and wrote a book entitled, "Negro Combat Troops in the World War."

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Series Descriptions

Series 1: Notebooks

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1	1	1980.99.1.1	Notebook of copies of letters written by Chester Heywood from France April through October 1918.
1	2	1980.99.1.1a	Aqp
1	3	1980.99.1.2	Notebook of copies of letters written by Chester Heywood from France November 1918 through January 1919.
1	4	1980.99.1.2a	Aqp
1	5	1980.99.1.3 & 3a	Original and photocopy of v.1, no.5 “The Amexforce Wavelet” dated April 16, 1918.
1	5	1980.99.1.4 & 4a	Original and photocopy of v. 1, no. 6 “The Amexforce Wavelet” dated April 19, 1918.