



## **Archives Finding Aid** ***NAACP - Beloit Chapter***

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### **HISTORY**

NAACP stands for The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The acronym has been kept by the organization retained in accordance with tradition.

“Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation’s oldest civil rights organization. Throughout the 1920s and 1930s, the association led the black civil rights struggle in fighting injustices such as the denial of voting rights, racial violence, discrimination in employment, and segregated public facilities. Dedicated to the goal of an integrated society, the national leadership has always been interracial, although the membership has remained predominantly African American.”

<https://americanhistory.si.edu/brown/history/3-organized/naacp.htm>

The Beloit chapter was founded in 1919. The goals were similar to the national organization, and focused on working to “ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons as well as to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.”

<https://www.aahsb.com/featuredstories/sadie-bell>

Many notable Beloit citizens have been involved in some way including Sadie Bell, Leon Peterson, Rubie Bond, and Cheryl Caldwell.

<https://www.aahsb.com/>

This branch is still active as of writing this finding aid (Sept. 2024), most of their information is located on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NAACPBeloit>

### Scope of Collection

This collection contains printed and handwritten record files from the NAACP organization, printed information from various websites about African American history in Wisconsin, and news articles collected by BHS related to NAACP actions and activities in Beloit. (This folder will continue to be added to.)

### Container List

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CONTAINER	FOLDER	DATE	TITLE	SUBJECTS
Box 01	1		Leon Peterson Scholarship Committee Notes	Financial Paperwork NAACP School
Box 01	2		Applications and Blank Sample forms for Scholarship	Viewing Restrictions
Box 01	3		Leon Peterson Awards	NAACP School- Scholarship
Box 01	4		Requests for funding, and donations to the scholarship fund	Financial Paperwork Fundraiser NAACP School School-Scholarship
Box 01	3		Leon Peterson Scholarship Newspaper Clippings	Newspaper Newspaper- Beloit Daily News NAACP School School- Scholarship
Box 01	6		Leon Peterson- Personal Documents	Photos, photocopies of letters, legal fees, newspaper clippings, memorians.
Box 01	7		African American Culture History in Wisconsin	Genealogy / Local Family History Record Book

Box 01	8	1984	Citizens Complaint Against Beloit Police- Sgt. Hein	Police Racism - reports and correspondence
Box 01	9		NAACP Beloit Finances	Monthly/Bimonthly, bulk 1980s
Box 01	10		NAACP Board Meeting Minutes / Agendas	Financial Paperwork NAACP Record Book
Box 01	11		NAACP Publications	NAACP Newsletter Newspaper, Beloit Daily News, attendance lists
Box 01	12		NAACP Business Letters and Reports	Financial Paperwork Legal Documents Letter