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Jamaica Papers. 2 boxes of records from Moravian congregations in Jamaica. Available at the Moravian Archives, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Fully digitized online at <https://www.moravianchurcharchives.findbuch.net/php/main.php#4d6973734a6d63>.

Records related to several historically Black congregations of the Moravian Church in North America, including in New York and North Carolina. Some materials available at the Moravian Archives, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

West Indies Papers. 13 boxes of records related to Moravian missions in the Caribbean region, similar to the Eastern West Indies Collection; however, a different record group. Fully digitized online and accessible at <https://www.moravianchurcharchives.findbuch.net/php/main.php#4d6973735749>.