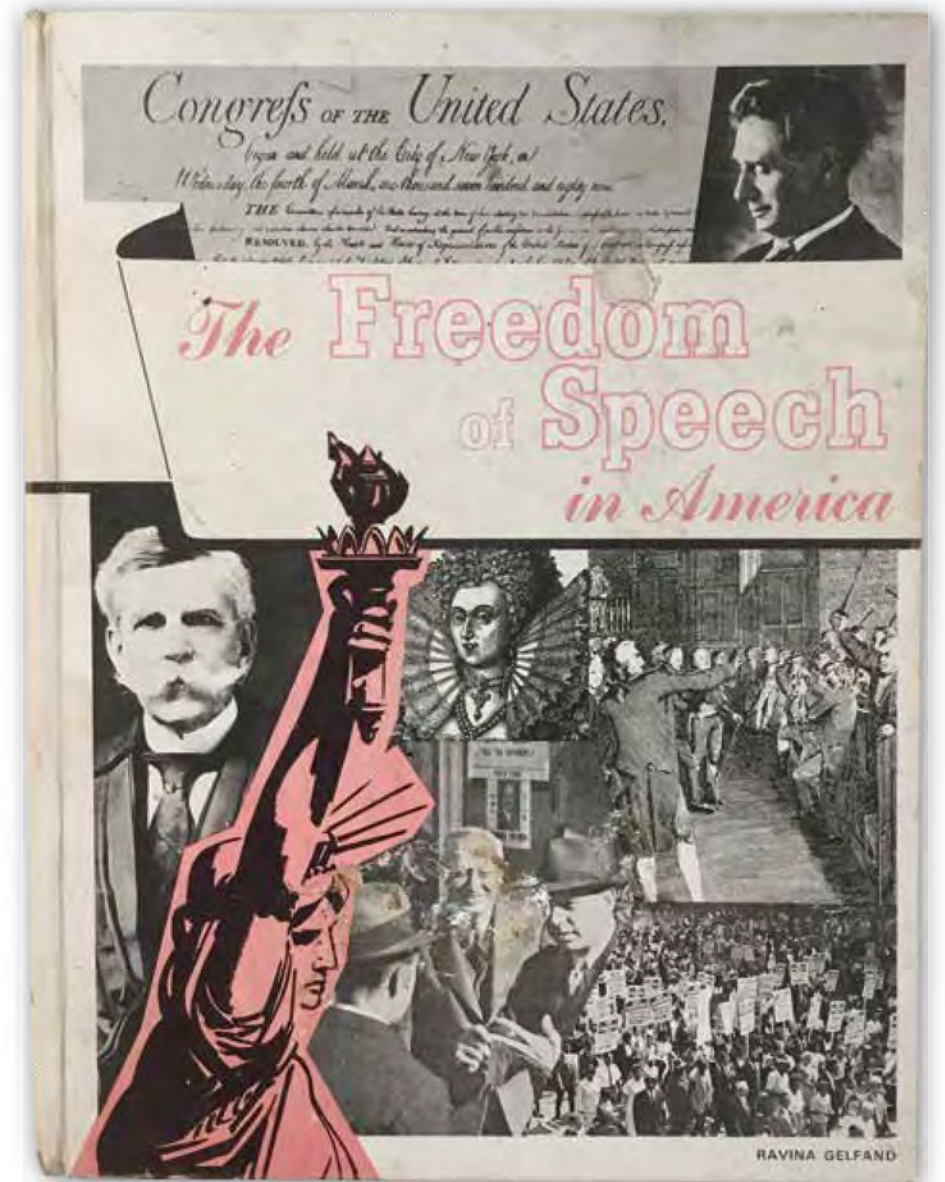


Anna T. Jeanes

Julius Rosenwald and his Fund were not alone in their desire to provide schoolhouses and teachers for the rural African American communities of the South. Working in tandem and prior to Rosenwald was Anna T. Jeanes, a Philadelphia Quaker, interested in providing adequate teachers for rural African American students. By 1913 when the Rosenwald program began in Alabama, Jeanes had already helped to place 16 teachers in 17 counties. In 1907, Jeanes created a \$1 million fund to recruit and educate competent teachers. This developed into a shadowing program where experienced African American teachers would demonstrate proper teaching and then supervise apprentice teachers.

These Jeanes teachers were an important part of the rural education community and often indispensable to many of the schools. The Jeanes teachers were known to help fundraise for Rosenwald schools by means of raffles or picnics or even planting a patch of cotton, the proceeds of which went to the school fund. The teachers campaigned for more schools, most often to the churchgoers, encouraging the community to build a dedicated schoolhouse near the church. Even into the time of the Rosenwald and Jeanes funds about 60% of children that attended school in North Alabama, did so in a church.



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