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### Creator

Christiansburg Industrial Institute

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## Administrative History

The Christiansburg Industrial Institute (CII) was founded in 1866 in Cambria (now Christiansburg), Virginia, by Civil War Union Captain Charles S. Shaeffer as a private primary school for black children. Through the support of the Friends Freedmen's Association in Philadelphia (a Quaker organization), Shaeffer received financial backing for the school. In 1896 Booker T. Washington molded the program to one that would emphasize technical training for blacks. A 185-acre farm was purchased as the school's campus in 1898. In 1934 the Montgomery County School Board began its management of the school. CII was converted in 1947 to a regional high school for blacks, and closed in 1966 when the local schools were integrated.

## Scope and Content

The Christiansburg [Virginia] Industrial Institute Historical Documents consist of photocopied historical documents about the school, its history, and the alumni association. Many of the materials are from the Edgar A. Long papers (Long served as principal of the school from 1905 to 1924), and include Long's handwritten drafts of lectures, writings, speeches, sermons, and lessons. Also included are copies of the 1902-03 and 1925-26 catalogs and the 1908 annual report. "Poems for Children and Letters," compiled by Nerissa Long Milton, "Married Life" compiled by Dora E.W. Spratt, and "Art Letters and Poetry of Audrey Long Whitlock", compiled by Amanda De Hart, are part of the alumni records. The bulk of the material was compiled under the title "Christiansburg Industrial Institute History and the Edgar A. Long Papers, 1866-1986" by Mrs. Amanda Edwin De Hart, archivist and historian for the CII alumni association.

## Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South  
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Christiansburg Industrial Institute

## Existence and Location of Copies

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged according to subject matter.

## Description of Subordinate Components

**"Christiansburg Industrial Institute History and the Edgar A. Long Papers," pp. 1-209**

**Unit Date** 1866-1986

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**"Christiansburg Industrial Institute History and the Edgar A. Long Papers" pp. 210-424 and appendixes**

**Unit Date** 1866-1986

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**"Christiansburg Industrial Institute History: A Century of Service to Youth Ends 1966," by Amanda Edwin De Hart**

**Unit Date** 1989

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**"Christiansburg Institute History: Photographs," compiled by Amanda Edwin De Hart**

**Unit Date** 1989

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**"Catalog of the Christiansburg Industrial Institute, Cambria, Va.," and "Annual Report of the Christiansburg Industrial Institute"**

**Unit Date** 1902-1903, 1908

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**"The Christiansburg Industrial Institute Twenty-Eighth Annual Catalogue"**

**Unit Date** 1925-1926

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**"Annual Alumni Catalogue: Day School and Night School Graduates," partial [lists CII alumni]**

**Unit Date** 1898, 1891-1925

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**"Married Life: A Blessing to the Truly Married," arranged [compiled] by Mrs. Dora E.W. Spratt**

**Unit Date** 1893, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

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**"Poems for Children and Letters," by Nerissa Long Milton**

**Unit Date** 1986, n.d.

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**Container** 9 (folder)

**"Art Letters and Poetry from Audrey Long Whitlock" [compiled] by Amanda Edwin De Hart**

**Unit Date** 1972-1990

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Articles about the history of CII; photographs of collages of CII alumni**

**Unit Date** 1991

**box-folder** 1 (box)

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**"Christiansburg Industrial Institute History and the Edgar A. Long Papers"**

**Unit Date** 1866-1986

**box-folder** 2 (box)

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**"Christiansburg Industrial Institute History: Part II: A Collection of Items"**

**Unit Date** 1989

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**"Christiansburg Industrial Institute History: Part III: Photographs"**

**Unit Date** 1989

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**Christiansburg Industrial Institute, The Twenty-Eighth Annual Catalog (photocopy)**

**Unit Date** 1925-1926

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**Container** 4 (folder)

**Poetry from Raleigh Randolph**

**Unit Date** 1984-1996

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**"Official Program and Souvenir Book, Christiansburg Institute," (first reunion)**

**Unit Date** July 1-3, 1977

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Christiansburg Industrial Institute Reunion photograph album**

**Unit Date** July 1-3, 1977

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**"Welcome to Christiansburg Institute 2nd Reunion"**

**Unit Date** July 4-6, 1980

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Scrapbook and ephemera**

**box** 3