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Abstract

This collection contains material related to the National Ideal Benefit Society. Items include a program for the "Tenth Annual Session of the Supreme Lodge of the National Ideal Benefit Society, Inc. September 5,6,7, 1922", checks made out to third parties from the Society, and a small broadside for Thanksgiving services put on by the Society.

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0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

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Administrative History

The National Idea Benefit Society was started by Alexander Watson Holmes in 1912. The Richmond based insurance organization provided death and sick insurance to Black people during the time of Jim Crow.

External Source: "Building an Ideal Organization: A. W. Holmes and the National Ideal Benefit Society, Inc.", The Uncommon Wealth, Library of Virginia, <https://uncommonwealth.lva.virginia.gov/blog/2023/07/12/building-an-ideal-organization-a-w-holmes-and-the-national-ideal-benefit-society-inc/>, accessed September 4th, 2026.

Scope and Content

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Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South
African Americans -- History
Richmond (Va.)

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Check Receipt from the Ideal Nursery of Supreme Lodge

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Program from the Tenth Annual Session of the Supreme Lodge of the National Ideal Benefit Society

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Receipt from the Ideal Nursery Board

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Thanksgiving Services Program from the National Ideal Benefit Society

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Unit Date 1912-12-01

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