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Unit ID

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Unit Date

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Text [1000522922]

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15 (Binder)

Language

English .

Creator

Odom, William.

Creator

Odom, Carol.

Creator

Robinson Jr., T. Burwell.

Extent

.35 Linear Feet 1 legal-sized half-Hollinger box

Repository

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

There are no restrictions to access or use for research purposes.

Biographical sketch

Dr. William L. Odom was born in December 1934 in Richmond, Virginia. He received his bachelor's degree from Hampden-Sydney College before getting his master's degree (1959) and Ph.D. (1961) from University of Virginia. From 1961 to 1965, Dr. Odom taught ancient Greek at Randolph-Macon College before joining the ancient languages faculty at Hampden-Sydney College. After leaving Hampden-Sydney College in 1969, Dr. Odom spent six years at Keuka College in Keuka Park, New York, serving first as vice president, then dean, and finally acting president. In 1975, he was inaugurated as the 29th president of Bethel College in Tennessee. Dr. Odom retired from that position in 1991, then served as vice president of development of Habitat for Humanity International from 1991 to 1994, and then as Salvation Army director of development from 1994 to 2000. During his time at Hampden-Sydney College, Dr. Odom and his wife, Carol, were involved in the civil rights movement in Prince Edward County. Specifically, when Hampden-Sydney College graduate, T. Burwell Robinson, Jr., was fired from his teaching position at Robert Russa Moton High School in Farmville, Virginia under questionable circumstances, Dr. Odom and others in the community rallied support for his cause. Accused of provoking unrest among his black students, Robinson's firing precipitated a second student strike at the school, including a sit-in in the school's auditorium, a march through downtown Farmville, and an occupation of the principal's office.

Scope and content

Included in this collection, which dates from 1967 to 1969, is correspondence, documents, newspaper and magazine clippings, and photographs. The vast majority of these materials relate to the firing of Robert Russa Moton High School teacher T. Burwell Robinson but also include information regarding the Odom's involvement in the Community Action Group Preschool Program and the Prince Edward School Advisory Committee.

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School integration -- Virginia -- Prince Edward County.
Segregation in Education -- Virginia -- Prince Edward County.
Prince Edward County (Va.) -- History -- 1953-1961.
Prince Edward County (Va.) -- History -- 1962-1969.
Robinson Jr., T. Burwell.

Ownership and Custodial History

This collection of materials, originally compiled by Dr. William and Carol Odom, came to the Greenwood Library Archives, via Susan Bagby, in summer 2000.

Description of Subordinate Components

Hampden-Sydney Tiger, editorial by T. Burwell Robinson

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Correspondence

William Odom Correspondence

Unit Date 1968

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Dr. William L. Odom to Dr. Doswell

Unit Date 1968-02-21

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W. Lester Banks to Dr. William L. Odom

Unit Date 1968-09-04

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W. Lester Banks to W.T. Reveley (Dr. Odom cc'd)

Unit Date 1968-09-04

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Letters between T. Burwell Robinson and Superintendent Bryant H. Harper

Unit Date 1969-04-15-1969-05-24

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T. Burwell Robinson to Boyd Bosma, National Education Association, Coordinator for Civil Liberties

Unit Date 1969-05-06

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Carol Odom from C.G. Gordon Moss

Unit Date 1969-05-19

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William Odom Correspondence

Unit Date 1969

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Rev. L. Francis Griffin to Ray A. Moore (Dr. Odom cc'd)

Unit Date 1969-01-31

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William L. Odom to Prince Edward School Advisory Committee

Unit Date 1969-03-07

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Rev. L. Francis Griffin to William L. Odom

Unit Date 1969-03-09

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Rev. L. Francis Griffin to William L. Odom

Unit Date 1969-03-25

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William L. Odom to School Patrons, Hampden District, Mercy Seat Church

Unit Date 1969-03-27

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Documents

Letters to the Editor of the Hampden-Sydney Tiger

Unit Date 1969-04-23

Unit Date 1969-05-07

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Prince Edward County School Advisory Committee, newsletter

Unit Date 1968-10-12

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Petitions to School Board

Unit Date 1968

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Response to Prince Edward County School Board, "Toward a Balanced Viewpoint" statement, undated

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Re: Community Action Group Preschool Program, undated

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Re: School Board and Electoral Board letter writing campaign, undated

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Newspaper and Magazine Clippings

Newspaper Clippings

Unit Date 1968

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Article, Look Magazine, "The Lost Years... ,"

Unit Date 1966-11-29

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Washington Post, POTOMAC, "Back Where They Started."

Unit Date 1968-03-24

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Farmville Herald, "School Board Starts Actions on Alternate School Building Plan."

Unit Date 1968-07-17

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Richmond News Leader, "NAACP Seeks to Register 100,000 Negro Voters."

Unit Date 1968-09-03

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Farmville Herald, "School Patrons Select Education Advisory Group."

Unit Date 1968-09-27

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Farmville Herald, "Presidential Candidates."

Unit Date 1968-10-18

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Newspaper Clippings

Unit Date 1969

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Richmond Times Dispatch, "Tuition-Aid Case Heard By U.S. Court."

Unit Date 1969-01-24

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Farmville Herald, "Tuition Grant Case Under Review By Three Judge Court."

Unit Date 1969-01-24

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unknown, "At Hearing - Poverty Agency Endorsed."

Unit Date 1969-01-31

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unknown, "Segregation Assailed - Mississippi Grants to Schools Barred,"

Unit Date 1969-01-31

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Richmond Times Dispatch, "Darden Urges Virginia Plan for Funding Private Schools."

Unit Date 1969-02-22

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unknown, "Virginia's Public Schools."

Unit Date 1969-02-26

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Farmville Herald, "Freedom and Quality."

Unit Date 1969-02-28

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Farmville Herald, "Another Union Election."

Unit Date 1969-03-14

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The Afro-American, "10 Years Later - No Catching Up..."

Unit Date 1969-03-22

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Richmond Times Dispatch, "Board Fires Teacher at Moton."

Unit Date 1969-04-23

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The Tiger (Hampden-Sydney), "Profs Support Robinson" and "Dr. Moss Comments."

Unit Date 1969-04-25

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The Virginian-Pilot, "Light in the Dark - Farmville's Two Colleges."

Unit Date 1969-04-28

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The Farmville Herald, "State to Name New Head."

Unit Date 1969-05-02

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The Farmville Herald, "Reply to School Board Statement."

Unit Date 1969-05-14

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The Virginian-Pilot, "Rehire Mr. Robinson - A Fresh Start in Farmville."

Unit Date 1969-05-15

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The Virginian-Pilot, "Heart - - and Horse Sense."

Unit Date 1969-05-22

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Roanoke Times, "Dismissed Teach Called Scapegoat of Racial Problems in Prince Edward."

Unit Date 1969-05-22

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Farmville Herald, "States Rights Group Organize 4th District for Thurmond-Wright." (reprint)

Unit Date 1998-10-07

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Newspaper Clippings, Undated

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unknown, "The Great Society." undated

Text [1000522922] 01 of 01 (box)

unknown, "Classes for 5-Year Olds - Community Action Group Seeks Preschool Program Volunteers." undated

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Richmond Times-Dispatch, "Prince Edward Declines to Reappoint School Chief." undated

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Photographs

Unidentified African-American school children doing Biology project

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Unit Date 1967

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Extent 1 Photographic PrintsBlack and White print5"x3.5"

Unidentified African-American school children and teachers at dinner table.

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Unit Date 1967

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Mrs. Graves Thompson, music teacher.

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Unit Date 1967

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Unidentified African-American school child painting.

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Unit Date 1967

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Unidentified African-American school child painting.

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School children seated around table.

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School children seated on floor with teachers.

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Group of school children, undated

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Group of school children, undated

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Teacher and school children crouching on floor, undated

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Teachers and school children playing game, undated

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Teachers and school children playing dancing, undated

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School children painting, undated

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School children playing dress-up, undated

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