

# A Guide to the Dale F. Harter Collection of "Undocumented Deeds: An Exhibit on the History of Harrisonburg's African-American Community, 1930-1985" SC 0105

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## Descriptive Summary

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**Abstract**

These four folders contain items and information used in the exhibit "Undocumented Deeds: an exhibit on the history of Harrisonburg's African-American Community." The exhibit was curated by Dale F. Harter and held in the Warren-Sipe Museum of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society in the autumn of 1991.

**Creator**

Harter, Dale F.

**Extent**

0.16 cubic feet 4 folders

**Repository**

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## Administrative Information

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**Acquisition Information**

Copies of texts and photographs mounted in the display were purchased from the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society in 1992.

**Processing Information**

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## Bio/Historical Note

Some (but not all) of the people or groups mentioned in the collection:

- Ebony Players
- Effinger Street School
- Harris, W. N. P.
- Harrisonburg-Adjacent Community Choir
- Lucy Simms School
- Non-sectarian Chorus
- Sampson, Ralph (Sr. and Jr.)
- Shades of Ebony
- Simms, Lucy F.
- Webb, Roberta

## Scope and Content

This collection consists of photocopies of news clippings, school reunion programs, portions of church histories, scrapbooks, newsletters, photographs, and other items displayed in the exhibit "Undocumented Deeds: an exhibit on the history of Harrisonburg's African-American community" compiled by Dale F. Harter and held in the Warren-Sipe Museum of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society in the autumn of 1991. Information pertains largely to the time period 1930-1985. Most items were loaned for the display, and

the collection includes copies of the loan contracts. Also included is a 3-page chronology of African-American history in Harrisonburg by Dale Harter.

## Keywords

African American athletes -- United States -- Biography  
African American teachers -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg -- Sources  
African American teachers and the community -- Sources  
African American neighborhoods -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg -- Sources  
African American churches -- History -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg -- Sources  
African Americans -- Genealogy  
African Americans -- Education (Elementary) -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg -- Sources  
African Americans -- Education (Secondary) -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg -- Sources  
African Americans -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg -- History -- Sources  
African Americans -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg -- Social life and customs -- Sources  
African Americans -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg -- Economic conditions -- Sources  
Harrisonburg (Va.) -- History -- 20th century  
Exhibit scripts  
Genealogies (histories)  
African Americans -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg -- History  
Sampson, Ralph, 1960-  
Webb, Roberta Morgan, 1889-1990  
Simms, Lucy F. (Lucy Frances), 1856-1934  
Harris, W.N.P. (William Nelson Pendleton), 1881-1977  
Sampson, Ralph, Sr.  
Stevens, Howard  
Effinger Street School  
Lucy F. Simms School (Public school)  
Bethel A.M.E. Church (Harrisonburg, Va.)  
John Wesley United Methodist Church (Harrisonburg, Va.)  
Bundy's Boys Band  
Ebony Players (Harrisonburg, Va.)  
Shades of Ebony (Harrisonburg, Va.)  
Harrisonburg-Adjacent Community Choir  
Non-Sectarian Chorus (Harrisonburg, Va.)

## Arrangement

The collection is arranged topically in folders. Folder one contains items relating to the exhibit and the Harrisonburg Rockingham Historical Society, such as fliers, newspaper clippings, and donor gift/loan contracts between Dale Harter and H-RHS. Folder two contains an account of Bethel A.M.E. Church History and other church newsletters. Folder three contains information for the 4th reunion of the Lucy Simms - Effinger Street School in 1991 and other documents related to the school. Folder four contains miscellaneous information about local area

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Undocumented Deeds Paperwork

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1061

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886559]** 1 (box)

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**Harrisonburg Churches and Choirs**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1062

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886559]** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Lucy Simms and Effinger Street School**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1063

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886559]** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Local Human Interest and Miscellaneous**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1064

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886559]** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)