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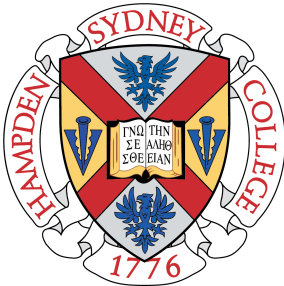
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Abstract

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Extent

0.5 Linear Feet

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27 Digital Image Scans Digital Collection: Civil Rights Articles from the Hampden-Sydney Tiger Newspaper

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34 Digital Image Scans Digital Collection: College Church Biracial Study Group

Repository

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Administrative Information

Access to materials

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Biographical / Historical Note

The Prince Edward County Integration Collection documents the viewpoints and efforts of county residents regarding the attempted desegregation of Prince Edward County Public Schools. In 1951, students at Robert Russa Moton High School, the local high school for African-Americans, began a protest of inadequate school facilities that was eventually adopted in as one of the cases in the historic *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. On May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court of the United States of America ruled that schools segregated by race were "inherently unequal," depriving Black students of "equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the 14th Amendment." A later Supreme Court decision in May of 1955 ordered that public schools across the nation desegregate "with all deliberate speed."

Rather than comply with these orders, the leaders of Prince Edward County chose to close all public schools, a decision that lasted from 1959 until 1964. The decision was well-publicized at the time, and was a source

of tension throughout the county.

Scope and Contents

The Prince Edward County Integration Collection, largely donated by the Reverend Richard J. Keever, features contemporaneous newspaper clippings related to the Prince Edward County school closings, as well as the administrative papers of several local human rights groups, such as The Prince Edward Council on Human Relations and the Citizens Organization for Public Education (COPE). Further materials document the history of a bi-racial study group, which met at College Church in 1964, including related local newsletters. Rev. Keever began researching the repercussions of the school closings in the early 1970s with an eye towards a larger project; featured in this collection are his research notes as well as annotated newspaper clippings, and a 1964 thesis by Anthony C. Sherman entitled "Christian Response and a Protracted Racial Crisis: A Study of Prince Edward County, Virginia." The collection also includes two digital collections: [Civil Rights Articles from the Hampden-Sydney Tiger](#), and the [College Church Biracial Study Group](#). The latter contains scans of materials already found in the physical collections, but the former contains additional scanned clippings from the Hampden-Sydney Tiger not found in the physical collection.

Related Materials

[The Voice of Prince Edward County \(SC 000107\)](#)

Keywords

School integration—Massive resistance movement

Civil Rights Movements--United States

Segregation in education

Prince Edward County (Va.)

Hampden-Sydney College

Prince Edward County (Va.)

Arrangement

The collection is organized chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Annotated Newspaper Clippings and Research Notes

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1943-1974

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

States' Rights Party of Virginia Flyer

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1956

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Session of College Church Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1959-1969

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Miscellaneous Clippings, Richmond News Leader

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1960-1969

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

**"Christian Response and a Protracted Racial Crisis: A Study of Prince Edward County, Virginia"
by Anthony C. Sherman**

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Unit Date 1964

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"The Bridge" Newsletter of the College Church Biracial Study Group, Issues 1 through 11

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1964

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Miscellaneous Clippings, Farmville Herald

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Unit Date 1964-1969

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Documents of the Prince Edward Council on Human Relations

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Unit Date 1965

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Container 8 (folder)

Administrative documents of the Citizens Organization for Public Education (COPE)

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Unit Date 1965

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Miscellaneous Clippings, Richmond Times Dispatch

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Unit Date 1965-1969

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Promotional Materials Related to Desegregation

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Miscellaneous Clippings, Various Newspapers

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Miscellaneous Clippings, Hampden-Sydney Tiger

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"The G.P.," Issue 3

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Unit Date 1969

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Miscellaneous Clippings, Virginian-Pilot

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1969

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Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings

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Unit Date Undated

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Container 16 (folder)