

# White, Edith R.

Edith R. White Papers  
circa 1923-2010, undated

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### Unit Date

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### Language

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### Abstract

This collection contains of a variety of documents relating to women's activism and educational activity in the city of Norfolk, Virginia.

### Creator

White, Edith R. (1923-)

### Extent

4.80 Linear Feet

### Extent

3 Holinger document cases and 3 oversize boxes boxes

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## Source of Acquisition

Edith R. White

## Method of Acquisition

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# Biographical or Historical Information

Edith R. White was born in New Jersey in November 4, 1923. Upon graduating from Vassar College, she became a member of the U.S. Navy's WAVES, Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service. For her first operation with WAVES, she trained in cryptography, specifically breaking Japanese codes, and worked in Washington DC. Her second appointment was at Sampson Hospital, a tuberculosis hospital in New York, where she met her husband, Forrest. Shortly after their marriage, they moved first to California for some time, bringing their first child into the world, then to Richmond where Edith gave birth to another child, thenceforth moving to, and settling in Norfolk until this day.

Norfolk had a vastly different political setting than Edith's previous residences. There were on-going issues not only involving racial segregation, but also women's rights. Edith previously had black officers in the Navy and black friends in college, and she believed that this was no way for anyone to live, let alone her children. Being the natural born fighter for civil rights that she was, Edith decided to get involved with as many activist groups that she could. Such groups were the League of Women Voters, Women's Interracial Council, American Association of University Women, and the Norfolk Committee for Public Schools, the latter of which Forrest White would become president.

Note written by James Detterman

# Scope and Contents

The Edith R. White collection contains of a variety of documents relating to women's activism and educational activity in the city of Norfolk, Virginia. Some of the organizational materials contained in the collection include the Fortnightly Study Club, Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation, and the Norfolk Story League.

An oral history interview with Edith R. White can be found in the [Old Dominion University Libraries Digital Collections](#).

# Related Materials

Forrest P. White Papers (MG 5); Forrest R. "Hap" White Papers (MG 96); Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation Papers (MG 54).

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# Keywords

Women--Societies and clubs

Norfolk (Va.)--Politics and government--20th century  
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Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation (Norfolk, Va.)  
Church Women United  
Fortnightly Study Club (Norfolk, Va.)  
Norfolk Story League

## Accruals and Additions

An addition to the collection was received in January 2016.

## Arrangement Note

The collection is organized into four series: Series I: The Fortnightly Study Club; Series II: Women of Norfolk; Series III: Norfolk Story League; and Series IV: Other Organizations.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Series I: The Fortnightly Study Club**

**Unit ID** Series I

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71617

**Unit Date** 1923-2010

#### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains directories, programs, and scrapbooks related to the Fortnightly Study Group White was a member of.

### **Sub-Series A: Directories and Programs**

**Unit ID** Sub-Series A

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71618

**Unit Date** 1983-2008

#### **Scope and Contents**

This sub-series consists of directories and programs related to meetings held by the Fortnightly Study Group.

### **Box 1**

**Unit ID** Box 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71619

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

### **Folder 1: Fortnightly Study Club Member pamphlets belonging to Betsy Nugent**

**Unit ID** Folder 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71620

**Unit Date** 1983-2008

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 1, Fortnightly Study Club Member pamphlets belonging to Betsy Nugent, 1983-2008, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

### **Folder 2: Fortnightly Study Club Member pamphlets belonging to Connie Ferebee**

**Unit ID** Folder 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71621

**Unit Date** 1988-2005

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 2, Fortnightly Study Club Member pamphlets belonging to Connie Ferebee, 1988-2005, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Sub-Series B: Scrapbooks**

**Unit ID** Sub-Series B

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71623

**Unit Date** 1923-2010

**Scope and Contents**

This sub-series includes scrapbooks related to the Fortnightly Study Group.

**Box 2**

**Unit ID** Box 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71624

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Scrapbook of Histories**

**Unit ID** Item 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71625

**Unit Date** 1923-1962

**Graphic Materials** 2 (box)

**Preferred Citation**

Scrapbook of Histories, 1923-1962, Box 2, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Scrapbook of Histories**

**Unit ID** Item 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71636

**Unit Date** 1960-1988

**Graphic Materials** 2 (box)

**Preferred Citation**

Scrapbook of Histories, 1960-1988, Box 2, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Box 3**

**Unit ID** Box 3

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71634

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

**Scrapbook of Histories**

**Unit ID** Item 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71642

**Unit Date** 1988-1995

**Graphic Materials** 3 (box)

**Preferred Citation**

Scrapbook of Histories, 1988-1995, Box 3, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

## **Scrapbook of Histories**

**Unit ID** Item 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71655

**Unit Date** 1995-2010

**Graphic Materials** 3 (box)

### **Preferred Citation**

Scrapbook of Histories, 1995-2010, Box 3, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

## **Series II: Women of Norfolk**

**Unit ID** Series II

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71627

**Unit Date** circa 1947-2005, undated

### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains reports, flyers, directories, and other material related to the Church Women United and Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation organizations.

### **Sub-Series A: Church Women United**

**Unit ID** Sub-Series A

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71628

**Unit Date** 1974-2005, undated

### **Scope and Contents**

This sub-series includes yearbooks and directories of the Norfolk Church Women United organization, as well as material relating to Community Understanding Day..

### **Box 1**

**Unit ID** Box 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71629

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

### **Folder 3: Yearbooks**

**Unit ID** Folder 3

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71640

**Unit Date** 1974, 1977-1981

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 3, Yearbooks, 1974, 1977-1981, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

### **Folder 4: Directories**

**Unit ID** Folder 4

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71643

**Unit Date** 2000-2005

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 4, Directories, 2000-2005, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

### **Folder 5: Community Understanding Day**

**Unit ID** Folder 5

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71657

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 5, Community Understanding Day, undated, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Sub-Series B: Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation**

**Unit ID** Sub-Series B

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71644

**Unit Date** circa 1947-1959

**Scope and Contents**

This sub-series contains documents relating to the Norfolk Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation including newsletters and president's reports, flyers, pamphlets, booklets and brochures, correspondence, and newspaper clippings.

**Box 1**

**Unit ID** Box 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71645

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Folder 6: Newsletters, President's Reports**

**Unit ID** Folder 6

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71651

**Unit Date** 1952-1955

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 6, Newsletters, President's Reports, 1952-1955, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Box 4**

**Unit ID** Box 4

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71650

**Mixed Materials** 4 (box)

**Folder 1: Flyers, Pamphlets, Brochures, Booklets**

**Unit ID** Folder 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71652

**Unit Date** 1947-1959

**Mixed Materials** 4 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 4, Folder 1, Flyers, Pamphlets, Brochures, Booklets, 1947-1959, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 2: Letters, Notes**

**Unit ID** Folder 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71659

**Unit Date** circa 1950-1959

**Mixed Materials** 4 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 4, Folder 2, Letters, Notes, circa 1950-1959, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 3: Newspaper Clippings**

**Unit ID** Folder 3

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71660

**Unit Date** circa 1950-1959

**Mixed Materials** 4 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 4, Folder 3, Newspaper Clippings, circa 1950-1959, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Series III: Norfolk Story League**

**Unit ID** Series III

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71630

**Unit Date** circa 1960-2005, undated

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains documents pertaining to the Norfolk Story League including yearbooks, miscellaneous booklets, a member list, thank you and congratulatory letters, payment records, remembrances, newspaper clippings, photographs, and a scrapbook.

**Box 4**

**Unit ID** Box 4

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71631

**Mixed Materials** 4 (box)

**Folder 4: Norfolk Story League Yearbooks**

**Unit ID** Folder 4

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71632

**Unit Date** 1965-2008

**Mixed Materials** 4 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 4, Folder 4, Norfolk Story League Yearbooks, 1965-2008, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 5: Miscellaneous Booklets & Programs, Member List**

**Unit ID** Folder 5

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71635

**Unit Date** 1998-1999

**Mixed Materials** 4 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 4, Folder 5, Miscellaneous Booklets & Programs, Member List, 1998-1999, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 6: Thank You/Congratulatory Letters**

**Unit ID** Folder 6

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71653

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 4 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 4, Folder 6, Thank You/Congratulatory Letters, undated, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Box 5**

**Unit ID** Box 5

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71633

**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)

**Folder 1: Payment Records & Receipts**

**Unit ID** Folder 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71637

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 5, Folder 1, Payment Records & Receipts, undated, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 2: Obituaries & Remembrances**

**Unit ID** Folder 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71641

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 5, Folder 2, Obituaries & Remembrances, undated, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 3: Newspaper Clippings**

**Unit ID** Folder 3

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71654

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 5, Folder 3, Newspaper Clippings, undated, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

#### **Folder 4: Photographs**

**Unit ID** Folder 4

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71656

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

#### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 5, Folder 4, Photographs, undated, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

#### **Box 6**

**Unit ID** Box 6

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71638

**Mixed Materials** 6 (box)

#### **Scrapbook of Histories**

**Unit ID** Item 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71639

**Unit Date** 2000

**Graphic Materials** 6 (box)

#### **Preferred Citation**

Scrapbook of Histories, 2000, Box 6, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

#### **Series IV: Other Organizations**

**Unit ID** Series IV

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71646

**Unit Date** circa 1960-1973

#### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains publications, correspondence, reports and other material related to the Norfolk Area Human Relations Council as well as the American Association of University Women (AAUW), American Association for the United Nations (AAUN), and the Citizens Association for Justice in Virginia.

#### **Box 5**

**Unit ID** Box 5

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71647

**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)

#### **Folder 5: Norfolk Area Human Relations Council**

**Unit ID** Folder 5

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71648

**Unit Date** circa 1967-1969

**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

#### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 5, Folder 5, Norfolk Area Human Relations Council, circa 1967-1969, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

#### **Folder 6: Norfolk Area Human Relations Council**

**Unit ID** Folder 6

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71649

**Unit Date** circa 1967-1969

**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 5, Folder 6, Norfolk Area Human Relations Council, circa 1967-1969, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 7: Miscellaneous organizations**

**Unit ID** Folder 7

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/71658

**Unit Date** 1960-1973

**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 5, Folder 7, Miscellaneous organizations, 1960-1973, Edith R. White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.