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Abstract

Margaret White taught in the Norfolk school system off and on since 1930. Involved in struggle to reopen the public schools during the integration crisis. CBS television documentary, "The Lost Class of '59" recorded her efforts. Correspondence and printed material, the bulk of which dates from 1959-1964, chiefly relates to the CBS documentary. Member of the Norfolk Committee for Public Schools.

Creator

White, Margaret E. (1908-1995)

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0.20 Linear Feet

Extent

1 half Hollinger document case boxes

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Biographical or Historical Information

Margaret E. White was born in Norfolk, Virginia on February 22, 1908. She graduated from Hollins College in 1930 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. After graduation, Miss White was employed by the Norfolk School System, teaching history at Blair Junior High from 1930 to 1934. After leaving that position for the commercial world for a couple of years, Miss White resumed her position at Blair Junior High School from 1936 to 1945.

From 1945 through 1946, Miss White became Program Director of the American Red Cross in South Korea, where she supervised the recreational activities for the United States Army. In 1947, she returned to a career in education at Alice Deal Junior High School in Washington, D.C., teaching science and math. After only one year in Washington, Miss White returned to Norfolk in 1948. She again was employed by the Norfolk School System, teaching history at Granby High School from 1948-1965. It was during this period that Miss White became involved in the struggle to reopen the public schools of Norfolk, during the integration crisis of 1958-1960.

Miss White's efforts to reopen the schools in Norfolk, were recorded on a CBS television documentary, "The Lost Class of '59." There is substantial evidence in her papers of the support of many people throughout the nation in her valiant struggle to maintain educational standards for all students of all races.

In 1965, Miss White became Director of Public Relations for "Operation Headstart" while working for the Southeast Tidewater Opportunity Program. This was a federally funded program to assist in the education and employment of the poor minorities of the United States. In 1971, she worked for the Goodwill Industries. During 1976, Miss White worked with the Bicentennial Committee.

Margaret White retired to a home for Senior Citizens in Richmond, Virginia. Miss White's philosophy in regard to public education and her humanitarian activities can be summarized by her own comments: "World history must not be neglected: without a world view how can we comprehend the nationalism of Asia, the Middle East, and Africa? Everywhere the oppressed people are rising up and making their declarations of independence. Students need to be taught a respect for the accomplishments of other races, cultures and civilizations before the United States can truly lead the world -- a world which has no hope unless it finds peace among dissimilarities. There are values besides facts that concern teachers who deserve the title: the value of respect for law and order, the respect for the dignity of mankind, the appreciation of individual differences and the realization that hate reaps evil. No, it is not riches, nor is it prestige which makes us teach. It is the conviction that in men there is a potential which can, through education, tolerance, and understanding, build a better world. The hope of this teacher is that a strong voice of moderation will speak out to open our public schools, so we may -- each in his own way, TEACH."

Note written by William B. Taylor, Jr.

Scope and Contents

The collection includes correspondence, lists, and printed materials collected by Margaret White, a Norfolk, Virginia public school teacher involved with the reopening of the public schools after they were closed in 1958. The bulk of the collection relates directly to a television documentary produced by CBS. The program,

"The Lost Class of '59," deals with the problem of integration and the closing of public schools in Norfolk, Virginia.

Related Materials

The lost class of '59 [videorecording] : a study of Virginia's massive resistance: segregation and the Norfolk Public Schools / a presentation of CBS News; CBS Television Network; edited and produced by Edward R. Murrow, Fred W. Friendly; reporter director, Arthur D. Morse. Call #: LC2803.N6 L67 1959

Keywords

Norfolk (Va.)--History--20th century
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Virginia--Politics and government
Lost class of '59
CBS Television Network
Norfolk Bicentennial Commission

Arrangement Note

This collection is divided into three series: Series I: Correspondence; Series II: Lists; and Series III: Printed Materials.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Correspondence

Unit ID Series I

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21748

Unit Date 1959-1964, undated

Scope and Contents

This series is arranged in chronological order by month and year. Letters, telegrams, and post cards are included in this series.

Box 1

Unit ID Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21749

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Folder 1: Correspondence

Unit ID Folder 1

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21750

Unit Date 1959 January

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

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[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 1, Correspondence, 1959 January, Margaret White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 2: Correspondence

Unit ID Folder 2

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21751

Unit Date 1959 February-March

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 2, Correspondence, 1959 February-March, Margaret White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 3: Correspondence

Unit ID Folder 3

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21755

Unit Date 1960 March-November

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 3, Correspondence, 1960 March-November, Margaret White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 4: Correspondence

Unit ID Folder 4

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21756

Unit Date 1961 December

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 4, Correspondence, 1961 December, Margaret White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 5: Correspondence

Unit ID Folder 5

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21761

Unit Date 1962 October 19-25

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 5, Correspondence, 1962 October 19-25, Margaret White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 6: Correspondence

Unit ID Folder 6

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21763

Unit Date 1962 October 26-31

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

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[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 6, Correspondence, 1962 October 26-31, Margaret White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 7: Correspondence

Unit ID Folder 7

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21767

Unit Date 1962 November-December

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 7, Correspondence, 1962 November-December, Margaret White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 8: Correspondence

Unit ID Folder 8

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21768

Unit Date 1963 May-1964 February

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 8, Correspondence, 1963 May-1964 February, Margaret White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 9: Correspondence

Unit ID Folder 9

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21772

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

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[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 9, Correspondence, undated, Margaret White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Series II: Lists

Unit ID Series II

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21752

Unit Date 1976

Scope and Contents

This series includes a list of resources for the Norfolk Bicentennial Commission which Margaret White was involved in 1976.

Box 1

Unit ID Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21753

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Folder 10: Norfolk Bicentennial Commission - Catalogue Resource Materials Committee

Unit ID Folder 10

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21754

Unit Date 1976

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 10, Norfolk Bicentennial Commission - Catalogue Resource Materials Committee, 1976, Margaret White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Series III: Printed Materials

Unit ID Series III

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21757

Unit Date 1952-1962

Scope and Contents

This series contains newspaper clippings, periodicals, annual reports, and flyers. Within each subs-series, the materials are arranged chronologically.

Sub-Series A: Newspaper Clippings

Unit ID Sub-Series A

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21758

Unit Date 1958-1962, undated

Box 1

Unit ID Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21759

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Folder 11: Newspaper Clippings

Unit ID Folder 11

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21760

Unit Date 1958 September 17-1962 October 21

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

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[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 11, Newspaper Clippings, 1958 September 17-1962 October 21, Margaret White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 12: Newspaper Clippings, undated

Unit ID Folder 12

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21764

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 12, Newspaper Clippings, undated, Margaret White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Sub-Series B: Periodicals

Unit ID Sub-Series B

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21762

Unit Date 1958-1959

Box 1

Unit ID Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21765

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Folder 13: Periodicals

Unit ID Folder 13

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21766

Unit Date 1958 October-1959 January 4

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 13, Periodicals, 1958 October-1959 January 4, Margaret White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Sub-Series C: Annual Reports

Unit ID Sub-Series C

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21769

Unit Date 1952

Box 1

Unit ID Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21770

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Folder 14: Norfolk Hospitality Committee for International Guests

Unit ID Folder 14

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21771

Unit Date 1952

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 14, Norfolk Hospitality Committee for International Guests, 1952, Margaret White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Sub-Series D: Flyers

Unit ID Sub-Series D

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21773

Unit Date undated

Box 1

Unit ID Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21774

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Folder 15: Vote for Public Schools

Unit ID Folder 15

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/21775

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 15, Vote for Public Schools, undated, Margaret White Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.