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Descriptive Summary

Collection number

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Language

English

Abstract

This collection contains business, personal, and legal correspondence of the 1889 Normal Graduates of Virginia State University. Miss Harris taught in the public schools in Petersburg until her retirement.

Collector

These materials were collected by the late Luther Porter Jackson in 1945.

Physical Characteristics

There are c. 200 items in this collection.

Repository

Special Collections and Archives, Johnston Memorial Library, Virginia State University

Administrative Information

Access

There are no restrictions to this collection.

Use Restrictions

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Biographical/Historical Information

Mabel Harris was born in Petersburg, Virginia in 1867. Information about her early life is not well documented. She was at the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute (now Virginia State University) in 1886, taking a normal degree three years later. She began her career in the Petersburg Public School system in 1890. Miss Harris retired in 1931. She was very active in local church affairs and the Virginia State University Alumni Association. She was the first female to be appointed editor of the Alumni Journal for the University, in 1898.

Scope and Content Information

Most of the materials in this collection pertain to Miss Harris' uncle, the Reverend Mr. Henry Williams. There are a few items from friends, basically discussing personal business and/or inquiring as to her health and other activities. The materials are useful for local history, women's history and the history of education.

Organization

Series I. Correspondence

Series II. Legal Documents

Series III. Financial

Series IV. Tax Receipts

Series V. Writing

Series VI. Photographs

Series VII. Printed Material

Contents List

Series I. Correspondence 1888-1945

Scope and Content

Letters and postcards, mostly personal, all incoming.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically, from 1888-1945.

General correspondence 1888-1894

Folder 1

General Correspondence 1900-1906

Folder 2

General Correspondence 1907-1908

Folder 3

General Correspondence 1908-1910

Folder 4

General Correspondence 1912-1928

Folder 5

General Correspondence 1944-1945

Folder 6

Series II. Legal Documents 1889, 1895, 1896, 1899

Folder 7

Scope and Content

Teaching contracts for Petersburg Public Schools, 1880s-1890s

Series III. Financial n.d.

Folder 8

Scope and Content

This collection contains 3 documents: Savings Book for the Peoples Bank of Petersburg; an account of the holdings of the Old Dominion Investment Company; A true Reformer Insurance Policy.

Series IV. Tax Receipts n.d.

Folder 9

Scope and Content

City & state tax receipts

Series V. Writings n.d.

Folder 9

Series VI. Photographs n.d.

Folder 11

Scope and Content

There are 2 photographs in this collection, one sent from a member of the Tenth United States Cavalry (Buffalo Soldiers), stationed in Cuba.

Series VII. Printed n.d.

Folder 12

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One hand bill for Camilla Williams

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