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/repositories/3/resources/1200

Unit Date

1890-1945

Language

English

Extent

10.25 Cubic Feet 21 document boxes, 1 small oversize box

Repository

Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Use

This collection is open for research use.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was given to the Special Collections Library, University of Virginia, by James G. Johnson, Charlottesville, Virginia on August 28, 1946.

Preferred Citation

Charlottesville City Schools Collection, 1890-1945, MSS 2486, Special Collections, University of Virginia Library, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Biographical / Historical

Frank A. Massie was appointed Superintendent of Charlottesville City schools in 1892-1893 and some of the School Board Account Books overlap his time of service. James G. Johnson (1871-1957) became Superintendent of Charlottesville City Schools in 1909 and continued until his retirement in 1946 while the schools were still racially segregated.

Johnson was born in Elk Garden, Russell County, Virginia, later moving to Tennessee, where he attended Milligan College and taught for seven years in Tennessee. He then received his Master's (1906) and Ph.D. in English from the University of Virginia (1909). His father, Charles W. Johnson, had served in the Confederate States Army during the Civil War and became a physician after attending one session at the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

Scope and Contents

The collection includes school census materials for the following years: 1910, 1915, 1916, 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935, 1940. The census materials are separated into the categories of Black children, with the term "colored" used on the forms, and White children.

Census materials may also include the child's name and birth date; the names, addresses and occupations of parents or guardians; the child's school attendance status and literacy level (e.g. "unable to read"); and a child's special needs (e.g. "deaf," "crippled," "mental deficiency").

The collection also includes a list of teachers' certificates, 1914-1943, one volume; school board account books, 1891-1901 and 1908-1910; resident and non-resident summer school tuition books, 1907-1940, seven volumes.

In addition, there are lists of teachers, alphabetical with dates of certificates, 1914-1915; by school, classes, etc., 1915-1916 minutes of Charlottesville Education Association, 1906-1910; minutes of Charlottesville Grammar School teachers, 1903-1909; miscellaneous materials on text books and other matters; suggestions by teachers in 1938 on employing the "new curriculum"; and school book lists, 1908-1941.

Separated Materials

The printed item "The Budget" (1894 October 3 and 1895 January 19 issues) for the Midway School in Charlottesville, was transferred to Rare Books on February 21, 2022. It is catalogued as LD7501 .C4 B83 v. 1.

Keywords

African American students
Students, Black
Segregation in education -- Virginia
Education
Education--Virginia
Johnson, James G. (James Gibson), 1871-1957
Teachers--Certification
school census
school children
Segregation in education
Black people--segregation

Content Warning

This material contains references to outdated terminology for Black people and people with disabilities. The purpose of this note is to give users the opportunity to decide whether they need or want to view these materials, or at least, to mentally or emotionally prepare themselves to view the materials.

General

Boxes 6-7: Damaged census cards were mended with Japanese paper and wheat starch paste and rehoused in folders. For more information please contact the conservation department, reference: FY24. elw for Sue

Arrangement

The Charlottesville City Schools collection is arranged in three series: the first and largest series is the School Census Material (Boxes 1-16) and the second series is the School Board Account Books or ledgers (Boxes 17-20). The third series consists of Lists of Teachers, Minutes and Other Related Materials (Boxes 20-22).

The school census records were originally separated into Black student records and White student records and this order has been maintained. The records for Black children were originally labeled "colored" but the current term Black children has been substituted on the folder headings and in the description.

The School Board Account Books are foldered and arranged roughly in chronological order.

The third series is arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Description of Subordinate Components

School Census Material

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213927

Charlottesville City School Census Book, Black and White Children

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213928

Unit Date 1910

Mixed Materials [X032668146] 1 (Flat_Box)

Container 1 (Oversize_Folder(Within_an_OSBox))

Extent 1 items

Charlottesville City School Census Book, Black and White Children

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213929

Unit Date 1915

Mixed Materials [X032668146] 1 (Flat_Box)

Container 2 (Oversize_Folder(Within_an_OSBox))

Extent 1 items

Charlottesville City School Census Book, Black and White Children, "Annexed School District"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213930

Unit Date 1916

Mixed Materials [X032668146] 1 (Flat_Box)

Container 3 (Oversize_Folder(Within_an_OSBox))

Extent 1 items

Charlottesville City School Census Volume for Territory Annexed, Black and White Children, by address

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213932

Unit Date 1916 July 1

Ledgers [X032668149] 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Extent 1 Volumes

Charlottesville School Census, Black Children, 2 volumes

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213931

Unit Date 1920

Mixed Materials [X032668148] 2 (box)

Container 1-2 (Ledger)

Extent 2 Volumes

Charlottesville School Census, White Children - A-S, 7 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213933

Unit Date 1920

Mixed Materials [X032668149] 3 (box)

Container 2-8 (folder)

Extent 7 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census, White Children - T-Z

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213934

Unit Date 1920

Mixed Materials [X032668150] 4 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census, Black Children - A-Y, 6 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213935

Unit Date 1925

Mixed Materials [X032668150] 4 (box)

Container 2-7 (folder)

Extent 6 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census, White Children - A-C

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213936

Unit Date 1925

Mixed Materials [X032668150] 4 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census, White Children - D-Z, 9 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213937

Unit Date 1925

Mixed Materials [X032668151] 5 (box)

Container 1-9 (folder)

Extent 9 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census - A-Z Sheet

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213938

Unit Date 1925

Mixed Materials [X032668151] 5 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census - Charlottesville District of Albemarle County School Census Sheet

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213939

Unit Date 1925

Mixed Materials [X032668151] 5 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census, Black Children - A-Y, 3 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213985

Unit Date 1930

Mixed Materials [X032668152] 6 (box)

Container 1-3 (folder)

Extent 3 folder(s)

Scope and Contents

The 1930 Census for Black Children had two separate groups of forms which appear to overlap, both in alphabetical order. The first group were taken by Mrs. Dudley and L. Sneed. There is no indication as to why there are two groups of this census year for Black children.

Charlottesville School Census, Black Children - A-F, 4 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213986

Unit Date 1930

Mixed Materials [X032668152] 6 (box)

Container 4-7 (folder)

Extent 4 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census, Black Children - G-Y, 9 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213987

Unit Date 1930

Mixed Materials [X032668153] 7 (box)

Container 1-9 (folder)

Extent 9 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census, White Children - A-K, 8 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213988

Unit Date 1930

Mixed Materials [X032668154] 8 (box)

Container 1-8 (folder)

Extent 8 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census, White Children - L-Y, 9 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213989

Unit Date 1930

Mixed Materials [X032668155] 9 (box)

Container 1-9 (folder)

Extent 9 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census, Black Children - A-R, 6 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213990

Unit Date 1935

Mixed Materials [X032668156] 10 (box)

Container 1-6 (folder)

Extent 6 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census, Black Children - S-Y, 2 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213991

Unit Date 1935

Mixed Materials [X032668157] 11 (box)

Container 1-2 (folder)

Extent 2 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census - Children with Disabilities (White Children)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213992

Unit Date 1935

Mixed Materials [X032668157] 11 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census, White Children - A-K, 7 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213993

Unit Date 1935

Mixed Materials [X032668157] 11 (box)

Container 4-10 (folder)

Extent 7 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census, White Children - L-Z, 7 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213994

Unit Date 1935

Mixed Materials [X032668158] 12 (box)

Container 1-7 (folder)

Extent 7 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census, White Children - A-C

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213995

Unit Date 1939

Mixed Materials [X032668158] 12 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census, White Children, and Miscellaneous Documents - D-W

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213996

Unit Date 1939

Mixed Materials [X032668159] 13 (box)

Container 1-2 (folder)

Extent 2 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census, Black Children - A-S, 9 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213997

Unit Date 1940

Mixed Materials [X032668159] 13 (box)

Container 3-11 (folder)

Extent 9 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census, Black Children - T-Y, 2 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213998

Unit Date 1940

Mixed Materials [X032668160] 14 (box)

Container 1-2 (folder)

Extent 2 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census, White Children - A-E, 8 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/213999

Unit Date 1940

Mixed Materials [X032668160] 14 (box)

Container 3-10 (folder)

Extent 8 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census, White Children - F-M, 10 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/214000

Unit Date 1940

Mixed Materials [X032668161] 15 (box)

Container 1-10 (folder)

Extent 10 folder(s)

Charlottesville School Census, White Children - N-Z, 9 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/214001

Unit Date 1940

Mixed Materials [X032668162] 16 (box)

Container 1-9 (folder)

Extent 9 folder(s)

School Board Account Books

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/214966

School Board Account Books - Ledger

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/214977

Unit Date 1891-1892

Ledgers [X032668163] 17 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

School Board Account Books - City School Fund in Account with Frank A. Massie

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/214978

Unit Date 1892-1894

Ledgers [X032668163] 17 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

School Board Account Books - Journal, Frank A. Massie

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/214979

Unit Date 1892-1894

Ledgers [X032668163] 17 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

School Board Account Books - Ledger

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/214980

Unit Date 1892 September-1893 January

Ledgers [X032668163] 17 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

School Board Account Books - Day Book

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/214981

Unit Date 1893-1894

Ledgers [X032668163] 17 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

School Board Account Books - Journal

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/214982

Unit Date 1893 August-1894

Ledgers [X032668163] 17 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

School Board Account Books - Ledgers, 2 volumes

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/214983

Unit Date 1893-1894

Ledgers [X032668163] 17 (box)

Container 7-8 (folder)

Extent 2 folder(s)

School Board Account Books - Ledgers, 6 volumes

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/214984

Unit Date 1894-1900

Ledgers [X032668164] 18 (box)

Container 1-6 (folder)

Extent 6 folder(s)

School Board Account Books - Ledgers, 2 volumes

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/214985

Unit Date 1900-1910

Ledgers [X032668165] 19 (box)

Container 1-2 (folder)

Extent 2 folder(s)

School Board Non-Resident and Resident Summer School Tuition Books, 4 volumes

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/214986

Unit Date 1907-1921

Ledgers [X032668165] 19 (box)

Container 3-6 (folder)

Extent 4 folder(s)

School Board Non-Resident and Resident Summer School Tuition Books, 3 volumes

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/214993

Unit Date 1921-1940

Ledgers [X032668166] 20 (box)

Container 1-3 (folder)

Extent 3 folder(s)

Lists of Teachers, Minutes and Other Related Materials

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/214967

Appointment of Frank A. Massie as Superintendent of Charlottesville City Schools

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/214994

Unit Date 1892-1893

Mixed Materials [X032668166] 20 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

Correspondence of James G. Johnson and Passbook for Tuition Accounts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/214995

Unit Date 1932-1945

Mixed Materials [X032668166] 20 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

List of Teachers - Alphabetical with dates of certificates

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/214998

Unit Date 1914-1915

Ledgers [X032668166] 20 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

List of Teachers - By Schools, Classes, etc.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/215000

Unit Date 1914-1916

Ledgers [X032668166] 20 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

Minutes of Charlottesville Educational Association

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/215002

Unit Date 1906-1910

Ledgers [X032668166] 20 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

Minutes of Charlottesville Grammar School Teachers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/215007

Unit Date 1906-1910

Ledgers [X032668167] 21 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

Notebook Listing Faculty

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/215010

Unit Date 1927-1931

Mixed Materials [X032668167] 21 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

Outline Course of Study

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/215011

Unit Date 1910-1925

Text [X032668167] 21 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

Public School Book Lists, 3 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/215012

Unit Date 1890-1941

Mixed Materials [X032668167] 21 (box)

Container 4-6 (folder)

Extent 3 folder(s)

Reports to and from the Superintendent

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/215013

Unit Date 1898-1899

Mixed Materials [X032668167] 21 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

Request from James G. Johnson for Teacher Responses About New Curriculum Movements Use in Schools

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/215014

Unit Date 1938 March 16

Mixed Materials [X032668167] 21 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

Responses by Teachers to Questions about Employing New Curriculum Movements - Jefferson School, 2 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/215015

Unit Date 1938

Mixed Materials [X032668167] 21 (box)

Container 9-10 (folder)

Extent 2 folder(s)

Responses by Teachers to Questions about Employing New Curriculum Movements - Lane High School?, 2 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/215016

Unit Date 1938

Mixed Materials [X032668168] 22 (box)

Container 1-2 (folder)

Extent 2 folder(s)

Responses by Teachers to Questions about Employing New Curriculum Movements - McGuffey School?

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/215017

Unit Date 1938

Mixed Materials [X032668168] 22 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

Responses by Teachers to Questions about Employing New Curriculum Movements - McGuffey, Clark, and Venable

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/215018

Unit Date 1938

Mixed Materials [X032668168] 22 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

Responses by Teachers to Questions about Employing New Curriculum Movements - Miscellaneous

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/215019

Unit Date 1938

Mixed Materials [X032668168] 22 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)

Responses by Teachers to Questions about Employing New Curriculum Movements - Venable, 2 folders

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/215020

Unit Date 1938

Mixed Materials [X032668168] 22 (box)

Container 6-7 (folder)

Extent 2 folder(s)

"The Jeffersonian"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/215021

Unit Date 1944 November 7

Text [X032668168] 22 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Extent 1 folder(s)