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Unit Date

1910-1963

Language

English

source

Bluestone Harmony Association

Creator

Bluestone-Harmony Academic and Industrial School

Creator

Bluestone Baptist Association

Extent

0.25 Cubic Feet One half-width letter document box

Condition Description

Fair. Some pamphlets are brittle, have detached covers, and have evidence of water damage.

Repository

Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was a purchase from McBride Books to the Small Special Collections Library at the University of Virginia Library on 23 August 2024.

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Biographical / Historical

Few black Virginians received a formal education until public schools were widely established during Reconstruction. The Virginia Constitution of 1870 mandated a system of public education for the first time. Public schools in Virginia were segregated from the outset, apparently without much thought or debate, on the widely held assumption that such an arrangement would deter conflict. Of course, public schools were segregated in many other states, both North and South. Southern black schools, however, were often dependent on funding from unsympathetic state and local governments controlled by whites, resulting in education programs with fewer resources for both students and teachers. Despite social and economic challenges, African Americans pursued education with great fervor.

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Successful in their creation of a school, the Harmony Association came into existence in 1877 for a similar goal. The two associations merged in 1900, and the Bluestone-Harmonic Academic and Industrial School was established in Keysville, Virginia.

Sources: Virginia Museum of History and Culture. Accessed 2/06/25 <https://virginiahistory.org/learn/civil-rights-movement-virginia/beginnings-black-education>

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Content Description

This collection contains one catalog for the Bluestone-Harmony Academic and Industrial School from 1935-1936, two Minutes of the annual session of the Harmony Baptist Sunday School Convention: 45th (1941), 46th (1942), and fourteen minutes of the annual session of the Bluestone Baptist Association: 39th (1910), 43rd (1914), 50th (1921), 51st (1922), 52nd (1923), 53rd (1924), 55th (1926), 58th (1929), 59th (1930), 67th (1938), 69th (1940), 73rd (1944), 75th (1946), 91st (1963).

The minutes note church officers, constitutions of the associations, committee actions, and general announcements. The Bluestone Baptist Association was established around 1871, and an area of focus was the education of Black children in Charlotte, Lunenburg, and other surrounding counties.

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In addition to the minutes and catalog is a folder of research compiled by the seller, including photocopied portions of "Charlotte County, Virginia: Historical, Statistical, and Present Attractions," "History of the American Negro," "Historic Architectural Survey of Charlotte County, Virginia," and "The Bluestone-Harmonic Academic and Industrial School." As well as printouts from the Bluestone Harmony Baptist Association and Ministries, Inc.

Keywords

African American Baptists

African Americans -- Education
African Americans -- Virginia
Virginia -- History -- 20th century
African American schools
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Description of Subordinate Components

McBride Books research on the Bluestone Baptist Association and Harmony Baptist Association

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/254873

Unit Date 1907-2024

Mixed Materials [X032784885] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Minutes of the Bluestone Baptist Association

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/254874

Unit Date 1910

Unit Date 1914

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Minutes of the Bluestone Baptist Association

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/254875

Unit Date 1921-1924

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Minutes of the Bluestone Baptist Association

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/254876

Unit Date 1926

Unit Date 1929

Unit Date 1930

Mixed Materials [X032784885] 1 (box)

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Language English

Catalogue for the Bluestone-Harmony Academic and Industrial School

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/254877

Unit Date 1934-1935

Mixed Materials [X032784885] 1 (box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Includes Announcements for 1935-1936

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Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/254878

Unit Date 1938-1940

Mixed Materials [X032784885] 1 (box)

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Minutes of the Harmony Baptist Sunday School Convention and the Women's Auxiliary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/254879

Unit Date 1941-1942

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Unit Date 1944

Unit Date 1946

Unit Date 1963

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