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## **Biographical / Historical**

The Piedmont Sanatorium was established in Burkeville, Virginia in 1918 as a facility to treat African American patients with tuberculosis. Prior to its establishment, there were only two treatment facilities for African Americans with tuberculosis including the Central State Hospital for Mental Diseases and the State Penitentiary. The sanatorium also housed the first two year training program for African American nurses specializing in tuberculosis treatment in the United States. In the 1960s the Piedmont Sanatorium transitioned away from tuberculosis care to treat elderly mental health patients.

## **Content Description**

An album belonging to Victoria Morris containing autographs and sentiments from African American patients at the Piedmont Sanatorium in 1931, a recovery center in Burkeville, VA for patients recovering from tuberculosis.

## **Keywords**

African Americans--Hospitals--Virginia--History--20th century  
Tuberculosis--United States  
Personal health  
Mental illness--Treatment--History  
Psychiatric hospitals--Virginia  
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## **Arrangement**

The Victoria Morris Piedmont Sanatorium autograph album is arranged into one file.

## **Description of Subordinate Components**

### **Piedmont Sanatorium autograph album**

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**Mixed Materials** Small Collections Box 127

**Container** 1 (Folder)