

# Inventory of the Obelia "Bee" Graves Papers 1936-1945

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## Overview of the Collection

### Identification:

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### Language of Materials

The papers are in: English

**Abstract:**

This collection contains letters to Obelia "Bee" Graves, from her family and friends, while she attended Winston-Salem Teachers College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The institution is presently known as Winston-Salem State University. Winston-Salem Teachers College was the first historically black college to grant bachelors degrees in elementary school education. The collection also includes college documents from her time at college such as report cards and her admission acceptance. The collection also contains letters from two soldiers to Bee Graves' sister, Cleonis. The soldiers served during World War II in the Philippines.

**Creator:**

Graves, Obelia "Bee" arrangement

**Quantity:**

0.50

**Repository:**

Special Collections Research Center

## Administrative Information

**Conditions Governing Access**

Collection is open to all researchers.

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**Acquisition Information**

The materials were acquired by Special Collections Research Center on 11/25/2008.

**Preferred Citation**

Obelia "Bee" Graves Papers, Special Collections Research Center, Swem Library, College of William and Mary.

## Additional Information

### Biographical Note

Obelia "Bee" Graves attended Winston-Salem Teachers College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the first historically black college to grant bachelor degrees in elementary school education. Her family lived in Blance, North Carolina. Her parents were Vester and Sallie Graves. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: <a href="http://scrc.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Obelia "Bee" Graves">http://scrc.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Obelia "Bee" Graves </a>.

## Scope and Contents

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## Index Terms

This Collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

**Corporate Name:**

Winston-Salem State University  
Winston-Salem Teachers College

## Genre/Form of Material:

Correspondence

Photographs

## Personal Name:

Education--North Carolina.

## Topical Term:

African American women--Education.

African Americans.

Report cards

Women college students

World War, 1939-1945--Pacific Area

## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Letters from Family

**ArchonID** id44200

**Unit Date** 1937-1939

#### Letters from Vester Graves (Father)

**ArchonID** id44224

**Unit Date** 1937-1938

**Container** 1 (Folder)

#### Letters from Sallie Graves (Mother)

**ArchonID** id44225

**Unit Date** 1937-1939

**Container** 2 (Folder)

#### Letters from Cleonis Graves (Sister)

**ArchonID** id44226

**Unit Date** 1937

**Container** 3 (Folder)

#### Letters from Melba Graves (Sister)

**ArchonID** id44227

**Unit Date** 1937-1938

**Container** 4 (Folder)

#### Letter from Ella Graves (Sister)

**ArchonID** id44743

**Unit Date** 1938

**Container** 5 (Folder)

#### Letter from Lois Long (Cousin)

**ArchonID** id44744

**Unit Date** 1937

**Container** 6 (Folder)

## **Letters from Auntie Madie**

**ArchonID** id44745

**Unit Date** 1937

**Container** 7 (Folder)

## **Letters from Uncle Henry**

**ArchonID** id44746

**Unit Date** 1937, 1939

**Container** 8 (Folder)

## **Letters from Friends**

**ArchonID** id44201

**Unit Date** 1936-1939

## **Postcards from Friends**

**ArchonID** id44747

**Unit Date** 1936-1939

**Container** 9 (Folder)

## **Letters from Female Friends**

**ArchonID** id44748

**Unit Date** 1936

**Container** 10 (Folder)

## **Letters from Elbert Swann**

**ArchonID** id44749

**Unit Date** 1936-1938

**Container** 11 (Folder)

## **Letters from Elbert Swann**

**ArchonID** id44750

**Unit Date** undated

**Container** 12 (Folder)

## **Letters from Louise Moore**

**ArchonID** id44751

**Unit Date** 1937

**Container** 13 (Folder)

## **Letters from Helen B.**

**ArchonID** id44752

**Unit Date** 1939

**Container** 14 (Folder)

## **Letter from Walter (Boyfriend)**

**ArchonID** id44753

**Unit Date** 1938

**Container** 15 (Folder)

## **Letters from C.L.B., Jr.**

**ArchonID** id44754

**Unit Date** 1936

**Container** 16 (Folder)

### **Letters from J.B. Saunders**

**ArchonID** id44755

**Unit Date** 1936, 1938

**Container** 17 (Folder)

### **Letters from Male Friends**

**ArchonID** id44756

**Unit Date** 1939

**Container** 18 (Folder)

## **Miscellaneous**

**ArchonID** id44202

**Unit Date** 1936-1945

### **Letters from soldiers to Cleonis Graves (Sister)**

**ArchonID** id44757

**Unit Date** 1945

**Container** 19 (Folder)

### **Miscellaneous Items**

**ArchonID** id44758

**Container** 20 (Folder)

### **College Documents**

**ArchonID** id44759

**Unit Date** 1936-1940

**Container** 21 (Folder)

### **College Documents**

**ArchonID** id44761

**Unit Date** 1936-1940

**Container** 22 (Folder)