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Scope and Contents

Letters, speeches, newspaper clippings, and memorabilia of Dr. William O. Armstrong, principal of Dunbar School, Fairmont, and the first Black student to attend the graduate school at West Virginia University. Includes correspondence, articles, speech scripts, and other material regarding Armstrong's involvement with the Marion County Public Library, Marion County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and other organizations. Also includes memorial articles, obituaries, and correspondence to Armstrong's family after his death in 1970.

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Fairmont.

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African-Americans. SEE ALSO Coal miners - African Americans.

West Virginia University

Armstrong, William O., 1887-1970

Description of Subordinate Components

Forms: Program; Persons: West Virginia State College; Places: Institute, WV; Subjects: West Virginia State College Summer Convocation Order of Exercises

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170474

Unit Date 1945 August 17

Forms: Typescript speech; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Institute, WV; Subjects: Convocation address (world conditions, the position of the US in the world community, possible contributions of the graduating class to the developing pattern of American Democracy)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170475

Unit Date 1945 August 17

Forms: Typescript citation, investiture, newspaper comments, newspaper clippings; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Institute, WV; Subjects: Honorary degree, Doctor of Humanities, William O. Armstrong

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170476

Unit Date 1945 August 17

Forms: Newspaper clippings, typescript copy of newspaper comment; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Armstrong named judge of "Voice of Democracy" contest

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170477

Unit Date 1964 December 3

Forms: Newspaper clipping; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV and Chicago, IL; Subjects: American Music Festival Achievement Award

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170478

Unit Date 1949 September 27

Forms: Program; Persons: Dunbar School; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Annual commencement

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170479

Unit Date 1955 May 27

Forms: Program; Persons: West Virginia State College; Places: Institute, WV; Subjects: Scholarship Convocation (Armstrong delivered an address)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170480

Unit Date 1955 October 16

Forms: Typescript, newspaper clipping; Persons: Mayor William G. Meyer and Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Marion County Library Week and National Library Week

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170481

Unit Date 1962 April 8

Forms: Newspaper clipping; Persons: Friends of the Marion County Public Library; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Friends of the Library organization

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170482

Unit Date 1965 September 6

Forms: Typescript copies; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Armstrong memorial planned by the Library Board, Library receives copies of "Streets for People: A Primer for Americans" for Armstrong memorial shelf

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170483

Unit Date 1970 August 15-1970 September 6

Forms: Typescript, newspaper clippings; Persons: Dunbar School; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Dunbar School's undefeated basketball team, entry in State Dramatic Tournament

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170484

Unit Date 1918-1919, 1936

Forms: Typescript, newspaper clippings; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Marion County Planning Committee of the Marion County Community Action Association (Dr. Armstrong was a member)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170485

Unit Date 1966, undated

Forms: Typescript, newspaper clippings, certificate; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong, Anthony M. Sauro, and Joseph J. Straight; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Community Service from the Greater Fairmont Council of Churches

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170486

Unit Date 1966

Forms: Typescript, newspaper clipping; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Charleston, WV; Subjects: Armstrong attends Governor's Third Annual Conference on the Community, Charleston Gazette article on conference and biographical information

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170487

Unit Date 1968

Forms: Typescript, newspaper clipping; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Dr. Armstrong's letter to the Editor of the Fairmont Times on the future of WV and better education for youth

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170488

Unit Date 1968

Forms: Typescript; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Address by Dr. Armstrong to the Black Methodists for Church Renewal concerning Black Power in the Methodist Church

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170489

Unit Date 1968 November 12

Forms: Newspaper clipping; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Letter to the editor regarding days the Marion County Public Library was closed during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holidays

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170490

Unit Date ca. 1970 March

Forms: Typescript, newspaper clipping; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong, Jr.; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Fairmont Times-West Virginian article on Dr. Armstrong's death on 1970 May 23 [also includes typescript copy]

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170491

Unit Date 1970 March 24

Forms: Newspaper clipping; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong and John Bloom; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Editorial from The West Virginian on the deaths of Dr. Armstrong and John Bloom

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170492

Unit Date 1970 May 25

Forms: Newspaper clipping; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong, Jr.; Places: Charleston, WV; Subjects: Article from The Charleston Gazette on the death of Dr. Armstrong

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170493

Unit Date 1970 May 25

Forms: Newspaper clipping; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Article on Dr. Armstrong's life with picture of last photograph taken (published in The West Virginian)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170494

Unit Date 1970 May 26

Forms: Newspaper clipping; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong and George Spencer Roberts, Colonel in the United States Air Force Retired; Places: Fairmont, WV and Sacramento, CA; Subjects: Article from The Fairmont Times regarding the inspirational effect on Roberts' life exerted by Dr. Armstrong

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170495

Unit Date 1970 May 28

Forms: Autographed letter signed, card; Persons: Mrs. Miriam A. Hamblin to Mrs. Jane L. Armstrong; Places: Institute, WV to Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Condolences on Dr. Armstrong's death and contribution to a memorial fund

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170496

Unit Date 1970 May 28

Forms: Newspaper clipping; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong and the Marion County Public Library Board; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Tribute to Dr. Armstrong by the Library Board (preface to a list of new library rental books accessioned)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170497

Unit Date 1970 May 31

Forms: Card, typed letter; Persons: Greater Boston Chapter of the Massachusetts Heart Association to Mrs. Jane L. Armstrong, Mrs. Jane L. Armstrong to Greater Boston Chapter of the Massachusetts Heart Association, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence F. Shaw; Places: Boston, MA to Fairmont, WV and Fairmont, WV to Boston, MA; Subjects: Memorial contribution to the Massachusetts Heart Association by Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Jane L. Armstrong's letter of thanks

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170498

Unit Date 1970 June 16-1970 June 27

Forms: Typed letter [carbon copy]; Persons: Mrs. Jane L. Armstrong to Mrs. Miriam A. Hamblin; Places: Fairmont, WV to Institute, WV; Subjects: Acknowledgement of Mrs. Hamblin's library contribution in memory of Dr. Armstrong

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170499

Unit Date 1970 June 27

Forms: Typed letter [copy]; Persons: E.K. Feaster (President, Fairmont State College) to Mrs. Jane L. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV to Institute, WV; Subjects: Contribution from Mr. and Mrs. Feaster to the Student Loan Matching Fund in memory of Dr. Armstrong, list of names of other contributors

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170500

Unit Date 1970 June 1

Forms: Newspaper clipping; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong, Mrs. George R. Lambert, Joseph E. Hoffmann, Mrs. Joseph Early, Richard H. Talbott, Mrs. Arthur H. Pritchard; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Article from The West Virginian on the Marion County Public Library Board-planned memorial for Dr. Armstrong

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170501

Unit Date 1970 August 13

Forms: Typed letter [copy], newspaper clipping, manuscript copy of tribute; Persons: Eleanor Lambert to Mrs. Jane L. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Copy of tribute to Dr. Armstrong read at the May Marion County Public Library Board meeting, clipping from The Fairmont Times

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170502

Unit Date 1970 May 26-1970 August 13

Forms: Newspaper clipping; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: No place listed; Subjects: Dr. Armstrong elected Vice Chairman of the trustee section of the West Virginia Library Association

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170503

Unit Date undated

Forms: Newspaper clipping; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong, Mrs. George R. Lambert; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Resolution of the Marion County Public Library Board in memory of Dr. Armstrong, election of officers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170504

Unit Date 1970 August 15

Forms: Newspaper clipping; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong, Mrs. George R. Lambert; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Article regarding Mrs. Lambert's election as Marion County Public Library Board President, planned memorial to Dr. Armstrong

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170505

Unit Date 1970 August 18

Forms: Newspaper clipping, typescript; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Article from Times-West Virginian regarding the presentation of a volume for the Armstrong Memorial shelf in the Marion County Public Library

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170506

Unit Date 1970 September 6

Forms: Letter [typescript copy, resolution; Persons: Judy K. Rule (Secretary of the West Virginia Library Association) to Mrs. Jane L. Armstrong; Places: No place listed; Subjects: Resolution adopted by the West Virginia Library Association in memory of Dr. Armstrong

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170507

Unit Date 1970 November 9

Forms: Typed letter signed; Persons: Major Joseph G. Riefer (Commanding Officer of the Salvation Army); Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Letter of condolence and commendation of Dr. Armstrong's service to the Salvation Army

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170508

Unit Date 1971 January 11

Forms: Typed letter [copy]; Persons: Mrs. Jane L. Armstrong to Ruth Early (librarian), Mrs. Fannie Cobb Carter; Places: Institute, WV to Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Contributions for books to be added to the Armstrong Memorial Shelf

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170509

Unit Date 1971 February 25

Forms: Newspaper clipping; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong, Robert J. Burns, Ray Vangilder, William E. Shingleton, Dayton J. Michael, Robert Downs; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Picture of the Marion County Community Action Association committee for the selection of director and aides for the Association

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170510

Unit Date undated

Forms: Typescript; Persons: William O. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Gwen Stoker; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Acceptance speech of Dr. Armstrong for the paintings given to the Library by Mr. Stoker in memory of his wife

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170511

Unit Date undated

Forms: Typescript; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Speech given by Dr. Armstrong before the Rotary Club on the Integration Program

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170512

Unit Date undated

Forms: Typescript; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Speech to the Black Methodists for Church Renewal

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170513

Unit Date 1968 November 12

Forms: Typescript; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Questions and answers on prejudice in Marion County

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170514

Unit Date undated

Forms: Typescript; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Speech on the Civil Rights Bill, comment on conditions in WV

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170515

Unit Date undated

Forms: Typescript; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Speech on human relations goals

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170516

Unit Date undated

Forms: Typescript; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: "Negro Freedom Appreciation Week"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170517

Forms: Typescript; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Anchors (Black history and goals [speech])

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170518

Unit Date undated

Forms: Typescript; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: "These Stormy Years" (speech before a student audience regarding the fight for freedom)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170519

Unit Date undated

Forms: Typescript; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: "The Looking Glass" (speech on Methodism)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170520

Unit Date undated

Forms: Typescript; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Rotary Club speech regarding Civil Rights

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170521

Unit Date undated

Forms: Newspaper clipping; Persons: Fairmont Public Library; Places: No place listed; Subjects: Need for air conditioning

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170522

Unit Date undated

Forms: Typescript; Persons: Dr. William O. Armstrong; Places: Fairmont, WV; Subjects: Prayer given by Dr. Armstrong at Trinity United Methodist Church on the occasion of Laymen's Day

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170523

Unit Date undated

Forms: Typescript; Persons: Mrs. Jane L. Armstrong; Places: No place listed; Subjects: Statement by Mrs. Armstrong regarding Dr. Armstrong being one of the "President's Partners" of West Virginia Wesleyan College

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170524

Unit Date undated

Forms: Newspaper clipping, card; Persons: Arch A. Moore, Jr. (Congressman); Places: No place listed; Subjects: Marion County Chapter of the NAACP, Freedom Fund Dinner (Dr. Armstrong, Vice President)

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