

## **Christiansburg Institute Museum & Archives**

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| <b>Collection Number:</b>        | 2021.07                                    |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Gary Harkrader Collection [c. 1940-2021]   |
| <b>Repository:</b>               | Christiansburg Institute Museum & Archives |
| <b>Processed by:</b>             | Jenny Nehrt, CIMA curator                  |
| <b>Physical Characteristics:</b> | 1 box                                      |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Gary Harkrader                             |
| <b>Language:</b>                 | English                                    |

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### **Abstract**

The Gary Harkrader Collection contains materials related to Harkrader's artwork donated by a Southwest Virginia local artist, Gary Harkrader.

### **Biographical / Historical Note**

Gary (Chico) and Ellen Harkrader reside in Roanoke, Virginia and have been extremely interested in preserving historical archives regarding the story of the Christiansburg Industrial Institute campus, a tangible loss, not unlike the county court houses.

Ellen is a Giles County retired educator whose 31-year career included developing a NASA curriculum for her elementary science students. Ellen went to Radford University for her teaching degree and got her Masters degree from Virginia Tech. She has served on Roanoke's Grandin Theatre Board of Directors. She also was VP for the Museum Volunteer Board and Docent at the Taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke.

Chico, an artist, was commissioned to 'engineer' an oil painting of C.I.I., which required gathering resources from C.I.I. alumni, in order to 'reassemble', the best he could, the

campus onto a 2D canvas. That painting hangs in the Town of Christiansburg government building. Soon after, the C.I.I. museum requested him to paint a second artwork, using the studies from the first, and is located in the C.I.I. Museum. Harkrader has exhibited widely, including an international digital exhibit at One World Trade, New York City. He was selected for an artists residency in Opole, Poland, 2011. See website for more history: [www.harkraderX.com](http://www.harkraderX.com)

### **Collection Description**

The Gary Harkrader Collection contains materials donated by local artist, Gary Harkrader, photographs of Gary Harkrader's artwork, and reference materials from Gary Harkrader. The material spans from 1940-2021.

### **Arrangement Description**

The collection is arranged in original archival order by creator.

### **Related Materials**

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Donated by Gary Harkrader.

### **Subject Headings**

- Christiansburg Industrial Institute--History.
- African Americans--Education--Virginia--Christiansburg--History.
- African Americans--Virginia--Montgomery County--History.
- African Americans--Virginia--Montgomery County--Biography.
- Montgomery County (Va.)--Biography.
- African Americans--Virginia--Pulaski County--History

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### **Using the Collection**

### **ACCESS STATEMENT**

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## **RIGHTS STATEMENT**

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## **Collection Inventory**

Montgomery County Courthouse Postcard, 1940  
Two photographs of Gary Harkrader Paintings, 2000  
Reference Photographs of Christiansburg Institute, circa 1990  
The Montgomery Museum CII Exhibit Reception Invitation, 2002  
Gary Harkrader Art Exhibition Photographs, 2002  
Gary Harkrader Artist Statement, 2021  
Invitations to Gary Harkrader Exhibit Showings  
Ellen Lucas Hall's memories of the Civil War in Montgomery County, VA  
Progress' Print, 2008