

## Christiansburg Institute Museum & Archives

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### Abstract

The C.I. Uniform Collection contains several school uniforms from Christiansburg Industrial Institute for extracurricular activities, classes, graduation gowns, and some CIAA reunion merchandise.

### Biographical / Historical Note

Christiansburg Industrial Institute was founded as a Freedmen's Bureau school in 1866 by Captain Charles Schaeffer in Montgomery County, VA. The Friends Freedmen's Association provided financial support and management shortly after the Bureau disbanded in 1871. Under the later leadership of African American faculty and staff, the institute grew into a working industrial school that taught academic subjects as well as agriculture, carpentry, blacksmithing, printing, sewing, cooking, and home economics. It also managed the Hill School, a primary and intermediate school.

Uniforms were an important part of school life at Christiansburg Industrial Institute. Christiansburg Industrial Institute's school colors were green and gold which is reflected in many of the school uniforms.

## **Collection Description**

This collection contains uniforms worn by students at Christiansburg Institute for classes, extracurricular activities, and graduation. This includes CI marching band uniforms, cheerleading uniforms, and physical education class uniforms. This collection also includes uniforms worn by Christiansburg Institute teachers and faculty; including coach Tillman's jacket and hat, and a cosmetology uniform. There are also two t-shirts created for the Christiansburg Institute Alumni Association reunion celebrations.

## **Related Materials**

Christiansburg Institute Alumni Association Collection. Christiansburg Institute Museum & Archives. Christiansburg, VA.

## **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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## **Collection Inventory**

(2) green baseball caps with orange CI iron on patch

Coach Tillman Sease's green athletic jacket. "T.R. Sease" embroidered on left front.  
"Christiansburg Institute" stitched in gold on back.

Green and gold majorette uniform with matching felt hat.

Black graduation cap and gown

(2) white gym shorts. "Christiansburg Institute" and "902 Phys. Ed." iron on on front left leg

yellow C.I.I. Reunion 1977 tshirt

green C.I.I. Reunion 1977 tshirt

green C.I. cheer sweater

(2) green band uniform, pants and jacket with gold buttons and embossed lapel

band uniform hat, poor condition

white silk cheerleader uniform with green trim on hem, fair condition

Amanda DeHart's cosmetology uniform, tunic and apron, white cotton, some staining