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Abstract

The CII Diploma Collection contains diplomas and certificates from Christiansburg Industrial Institute, the Hill Graded School, and Calfee Training School.

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.

Once students have completed their course of study at Christiansburg Industrial Institute they received a high school diploma documenting their achievement. This collection shows

examples of diplomas from Christiansburg Industrial Institute, Christiansburg Normal and Industrial Institute, the Hill Graded School, and one from Calfee Training in Pulaski, Virginia.

Collection Description

The CII Diploma Collection contains 18 certificates for students who attended Christiansburg Industrial Institute, The Hill Graded School, and Calfee Training School. This collection includes high school diplomas, grade school diplomas, and other certificates. This collection has documents that range from the years 1921 to 1944.

Arrangement Description

This collection is arranged into series based on which school/organization the diploma/certificate is issued from.

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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Using the Collection

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Collection Inventory

Series 1: Christiansburg Industrial Institute

- Folder 1: Arinthia Johnson, Christiansburg Normal and Industrial Institute, 1932
- Folder 2: William Burrell Morgan, Christiansburg Industrial Institute, 1939 (poor condition)
- Folder 3: Dorthy Louise Akers, Christiansburg Industrial Institute, 1943
- Folder 4: Pauline Johnson, Christiansburg Industrial Institute, 1947
- Folder 5: William Calfee, Christiansburg Industrial Institute, 1943
- Folder 6: Charles McKinley Dean, Christiansburg Industrial Institute, 1943
- Folder 7: Paul Eugene Randolph, Christiansburg Normal and Industrial Institute, 1945
- Folder 8: *(2) Victor L. Randolph, Christiansburg Normal and Industrial Institute, 1930*
- Folder 9: Virginia Adelaide Randolph, Christiansburg Normal and Industrial Institute, 1935
- Folder 10: Amanda Hazel Edwin, Christiansburg Industrial Institute, 1942
- Folder 11: Harold Raleigh Randolph, Christiansburg Industrial Institute, 1944
- Folder 12: Josephine Eloise Buford, Christiansburg Industrial Institute, 1936
- Folder 13: Elizabeth Frances Toliver, Christiansburg Industrial Institute, 1937
- Folder 14: CII valedictorian speech, c. 1930-1940
- Oversized frame: Beulah Helen Jackson, Christiansburg Normal and Industrial Institute, 1924

Series 2: Hill Graded School

- Folder 1: Arinthia Johnson, Hill Graded School, 1927
- Folder 2: William Johnson, Jr., Hill Graded School, 1929
- Folder 3: Alfonso James, Christiansburg Industrial Institute, Hill School Intermediate Department, 1921

Series 3: Calfee Training School

- Folder 1: Helen Louise Buford, Calfee Training School, 1932

Series 4: Other Certificates:

- Folder 1: Arinthia Johnson, Locker Easy Method Writing certificate, 1932