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Collection Number:	MS2020-02
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Abstract

The Christiansburg Industrial Institute Printing Collection [1898-1965] contains yearbooks and student-printed school newspapers from Christiansburg Industrial Institute.

Biographical / Historical Note

Christiansburg Industrial Institute was founded as a Freedmen's Bureau school in 1866 by Captain Charles Schaeffer 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.

Printing was taught as part of the industrial curriculum for male students. Principal Edgar A. Long, a Tuskegee graduate and noted African American educator, taught the subject and supervised printing productions. Students produced several publications on behalf of the school and for the Friends Freedmen's Association. *The Helper* and *The Echo* were student publications published at different periods that discussed on-campus events, national news, alumni reports, and student gossip. Printing was phased out along with most of the

industrial skills when the school's ownership was transferred to Montgomery County Public Schools.

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Arrangement Description

The collection is arranged chronologically by subject matter.

Related Materials

Edgar A. Long 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

Using the Collection

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Collection Inventory

Series 1: Yearbooks, 1942-1965

The Reflector (1942)
Reflector (1943)
Tigers (1954) [2 copies]
The Gold Tiger (1955) [2 copies]
Tigers (1965)

Series 2: *The C.I.I. Echo*, 1930-1932

The C.I.I. Echo, v. I no. 1 (Nov. 26, 1930) [6 copies]
The C.I.I. Echo, v. I no. 4 (May 1931) [6 copies]
The C.I.I. Echo, v. I no. 2 (Dec. 20, 1930) [6 copies]
The C.I.I. Echo, v. II no. 1 (Nov. 1931)
C.I.I. Echo, v. II, no. 2 (February 1932)
C.I.I. Echo, v. II, n.3 (May 1932)

Series 3: *The Helper*, 1898-1901

The Helper, v. I, no. 4 (January 1898)
The Helper, v. III, no. 4 (January 1901) [2 copies]

Series 4: *C.I.I. Herald*, 1947

C.I.I. Herald (May 1947) [2 copies]

Series 5: Graduation Programs, 1931-1959

Graduation Exercises (June 4, 1931)
Graduation Exercises (June 1, 1933)
Graduation Exercises (May 31, 1934)
Graduation Exercises (May 31, 1935)
Commencement Exercises (June 12, 1953)
Closing Exercises Program (May 31, 1959)

Series 6: C.I. Folders

C.I. themed folders (13 folders)