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Abstract

The Vertical Files Collection is a research collection that contains research materials that relate to the historic Christiansburg Industrial Institute, Christiansburg Institute Alumni Association, and Christiansburg Institute, Inc.

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.

CIAA, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. CIAA's stated purpose in their bylaws is to maintain Christiansburg Institute (CI) as a viable education and service organization through the ongoing organization of its members and their descendants. This purpose has a

primary aim of commemorating and sustaining its outstanding achievements and legacy in the education of African Americans enabling them to serve their communities.

CIAA, Inc. is an atypical alumni association for many reasons, but most notably is that there aren't new alumni every year. The last graduating class of CI was in 1966. Ten years after Christiansburg Institute closed, a group of alumni came together and planned a reunion. On July 2, 1977, at that event's General Business Meeting they met to "get input from members and prospective members as to whether they would like to formulate a charter organization..." The outcome was the incorporation of Christiansburg Institute Alumni Association on December 11, 1978.

Christiansburg Institute (CI, Inc.) is a grassroots 501c3 cultural heritage nonprofit with a mission of community education, intergenerational empowerment, and the responsible stewardship of African American history and culture in Southwest Virginia.

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Arrangement Description

The collection is arranged chronologically by subject matter.

Related Materials

Friends Freedmen's Association Records, Accession SFHL-RG4-024, Friends Historical Library of Swarthmore College, Swarthmore College Libraries, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA.

Using the Collection

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