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Collection Number:	MS2020-06
Title:	Viola Charlton Collection [1944-1997]
Repository:	Christiansburg Institute Museum & Archives
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Physical Characteristics:	3 linear feet; 4 boxes
Creator:	Viola Chartlon
Language:	English

Abstract

The Viola Charlton Collection contains her teaching materials, school records, yearbook photographs, and student ephemera from her time teaching at Christiansburg Institute.

Biographical / Historical Note

Viola Charlton was born in Montgomery County, Virginia on May 5, 1905. She earned her B.A. from Virginia State College and her M.A. from Catholic University of America. She taught in Allegheny Springs and Clifton Forge before returning home to Radford. She then taught French and English at Christiansburg Industrial Institute from 1947 until it closed in 1966. She also sponsored French and Forensics clubs, and founded the Drama Club, and sponsored a student each year for the "I Speak for Democracy Contest." She participated in the Christiansburg Institute Alumni Association until her death in 1998.

Collection Description

This collection contains teaching materials from Viola CHARLTON's nineteen years at Christiansburg Industrial Institute. They are reflective of her many classes and clubs. Of

particular interest are the original photographs used in the yearbook and the 1963 Self-Evaluation Summaries. The Self-Evaluation Summaries describe the condition of the campus, teaching schedule, offered extracurricular activities, and statistics about classes, graduation rates, etc.

Arrangement Description

The collection is arranged chronologically by subject matter.

Related Materials

C.I.I. Printing Collection. Christiansburg Institute Museum & Archives. Christiansburg, VA.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by Viola Charlton.

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

Box 1: Series 1: Class Photographs

Print, Photographic ----- Reproduced photograph of C.I. football team, likely pre-1950
Photograph ----- C.I. school photo, 1944.

Box 1: Series 2: Teaching Materials

Book, Record ----- Charlton's roll book- includes students names, attendance, and grades
Sheet, Instruction ----- Teaching tips, likely written by Viola Charlton
Essay ----- "Virginia Literature" by Eloise Russo Simmons. A student essay.
Manual ----- Instructional book about writing and selling fictional stories for children and
Pamphlet, Instruction ----- "The Attributes of Success" by Paramhansa Yogananda, First
Play ----- Seven playbills:
 "The Bronze Revue of 1950" Program Booklet
 2 "The Bishop's Candlesticks" Play Booklet
 Booklet "The Case of Humanity vs. Pontius Pilate"
 Booklet "Roxzurie"
 Booklet "Thank You, America"
 Booklet "Fog on the Valley"
Book, Music ----- "Jubilee Songs" booklet. Contains 82 songs. Some pages are missing.
Book, Instruction ----- Thai to English phrase book published by the U.S. War Department

Box 1: Series 3: Publications

Yearbook ----- "Golden Tigers 1963-64." Christiansburg Institute yearbook, 1963-1964.
Newspaper ----- A newspaper article about Christiansburg Institute's all-school variety show

Program ----- Two programs:

Box 1: Series 4: Binder

44 yearbook photographs of individual seniors
9 yearbook photographs of Viola Charlton
Christiansburg Industrial Institute Annual Report- August 20, 1920
10 photographs of campus life
3 photographs of Viola Charlton in a hospital bed, May 06, 1997
Typed speech presented at C.I.A.A. reunion, undated
Graduated Class of 1953 Senior Class photograph, 1953
Yearbook page, photographs and biographies of Viola Charlton and Amanda DeHart, undated
Golden Tiger book cover
Christiansburg Institute Self Evaluation Summaries, Prepared for the Visiting Committee, April 28-30 and May 1, 1963
Viola Charlton obituary, undated
Newspaper page, Christiansburg Institute Class of 1965

Boxes 2-3: Series 5: Textbooks

Coleridge's Ancient Mariner, Kubla Khan and Christabel, Tuley F. Huntington, 1903
Shakespeare's As You Like It, Charles R. Gaston, 1902
Shakespeare's As You Like It, Charles R. Gaston, 1902 (Second Copy)
American Literature, John Calvin Metcalf, 1914
Masterpieces of the World's Best Literature, Jeanette L. Gilder, 1937
Seeley's Question Book, Levi Seeley and Nellie Petticrew, 1922
Dragon Seed, Pearl S. Buck, 1942
Pioneers and Founders or Recent Workers in the Mission Field, C. M. Yonge, undated
Safe Counsel or Practical Eugenics, B. G. Jefferis and J. L. Nichols, 1925