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Abstract

Christiansburg Industrial Institute was an industrial school for African Americans in Montgomery County, VA. It was financially supported by the Friends Freedmen's Association, an organization of Philadelphia Quakers, from the 1870s to 1940s. This collection contains records and correspondence from the institute's faculty to FFA members, and the school's annual reports and catalogs.

Biographical / Historical Note

In November 1863, a group of Philadelphia Orthodox Quaker men organized "The Friends Association of Philadelphia and its vicinity for the Relief of Colored Freedmen." The group's name later changed to "Friends Freedmen's Association of Philadelphia." From 1860-1880, the FFA established schools for the children of formerly enslaved people, creating 46 schools in North Carolina and Virginia. States assumed responsibility for education by the end of the 19th century, making much of the FFA's relief work unnecessary. The FFA shifted its attention and financial support to Christiansburg Industrial Institute.

Christiansburg Industrial Institute was founded as a Freedmen's Bureau school in 1866 by Captain Charles Schaffer Montgomery County, VA. The FFA 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.

In 1934, the FFA gave the title of the Hill School to the Montgomery County School Board. In 1947, the FFA sold Christiansburg Industrial Institute to MCPS for one dollar on the condition that the school remained dedicated to the education of African Americans.

Collection Description

This collection contains the records of the Friends Freedmen's Association, including monthly reports and correspondence from Christiansburg Industrial Institute faculty to FFA members. It also includes annual reports and a catalog from the institute.

Arrangement Description

The collection is arranged by record type and chronology.

Separated Materials

John F. Banks Collection. [1910-1979] Christiansburg Institute Museum & Archives.

Edgar A. Long Papers Collection. Christiansburg Institute Museum & Archives.
Christiansburg, VA.

Related Materials

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

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Christiansburg Institute Alumni Association

Subject Headings

- African American youth – Education – Southern States

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 - African Americans – Education – Virginia
 - African Americans – Services for – Southern States
 - American periodicals
 - Charities – Pennsylvania
 - Charities – Pennsylvania – Philadelphia
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 - Freedmen – Education – Southern States
 - Freedmen – Services for – Southern States
 - Freedmen – Southern States
 - Friends' Association of Philadelphia and Its Vicinity, for the Relief of Colored Freedmen
 - Friends' Freedmen's Association
 - Nonprofit Organizations – Southern States
 - Quakers – Pennsylvania
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Collection Inventory

Series 1: Monthly Reports

William Polk, principal, *Monthly Report*, 1888-1889

William Polk, principal, *Monthly Report*, 1889-1890

William Polk, principal, *Monthly Report*, 1890-1891

William Polk, principal, *Monthly Report*, 1891-1892

William Polk, principal, *Monthly Report*, undated

Series 2: Annual Reports

Annual Reports of the Christiansburg Industrial Institute, 1908

Annual Reports of the Christiansburg Industrial Institute, 1916

Series 3: Miscellaneous

Rosa Tolliver, Hill School Intermediate Department Certificate, 1917

Christiansburg Industrial Institute *26th Annual Catalogue*, 1924-1925