

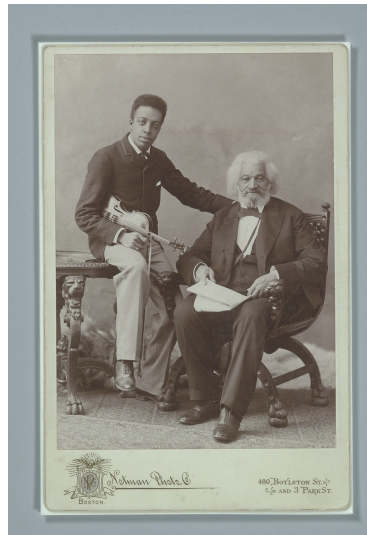


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Inventory of the Charlene Hodges Byrd Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Museum of African American History and Culture
Title:	Charlene Hodges Byrd collection
Identifier:	NMAAHC.2010.26
Date:	circa 1750-2009 (bulk 1880-1960)
Extent:	43 Linear feet (35 document boxes and 39 oversize boxes)
Creator:	Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1929-2009
Language:	Materials entirely in English.
Summary:	The Charlene Hodges Byrd collection measures 43 linear feet, and dates from circa 1750-2009, with the bulk of the material dating from 1880-1960. The collection documents the personal life and professional career of Charlene Hodges Byrd, an African American teacher from Washington, D.C., along with material for several related families from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. Family members prominently represented include Sarah A. Shimm, teacher and essayist under the name "Faith Lichen;" her daughters Erminie F. Shimm and Grace E. Shimm Cummings, both teachers; and Byrd's mother, Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges, also a teacher. Correspondence and writings chiefly discuss family life, religion, race, education, and the relationship with Frederick Douglass and his family. The collection is arranged in 10 series: Biographical Material, Correspondence, Writings, Subject Files, Financial and Legal Records, Printed Material, Volumes, Memorabilia, Textiles, and Photographs.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The Charlene Hodges Byrd collection was donated to the National Museum of African American History and Culture by Herbert S. Garten, co-personal representative of the Estate of Charlene H. Byrd, in 2010.

Processing Information

Collection processed, arranged, and described by Adam Fielding in 2012. This project received Federal support from the Smithsonian Collections Care and Preservation Fund, administered by the National Collections Program and the Smithsonian Collections Advisory Committee.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

Access to collection requires appointment.

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Biographical / Historical

The Shimm, Thomas, Cummings, Hodges, Davage, and related African American families chiefly lived in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. Numerous family members worked as teachers, barbers, or in the service industry. They were active in local churches and service organizations, and had established friendships with local church leaders as well as with Frederick Douglass and his family.

The Shimm and Thomas families were located in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. The Thomas family can be traced back to Philip Nelson, who owned property in Leesburg, Virginia and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Family genealogical papers list Nelson as a descendent of British Admiral Horatio Nelson. This lineage, however, is not supported in publically available family histories of Horatio Nelson. Philip Nelson and his wife Araminta had five children: Catherine (b. 1805?), William, Levi (b. 1820?), Henrietta, and Grayson.

Catherine Nelson married Elias E. Thomas (b. 1816?) of Virginia in 1840. They wed in Philadelphia and had five children: Levi Nelson (b. 1841), Sarah (1843-1885), Edward (b. 1844), Elizabeth (1848-1932), and Charles (b. 1851).

Sarah Thomas married William Y. Shimm (b. 1841), a barber in Reading, Pennsylvania, on July 26, 1863. They had 2 daughters, Erminie (1867-1936) and Grace (1865-1910). The Shimms lived in Pennsylvania and Ohio, but had moved to Washington, D.C., around 1871. Sarah was a teacher and a writer who published under the name "Faith Lichen." Her writings, primarily essays and commentaries about race and politics, were printed in several newspapers including *The National Republican*, *The Celtic Weekly*, *The People's Advocate*, and *The Sunday Morning Gazette*.

Sarah's sister Elizabeth was also a teacher in Maryland. Her brother Charles was a lawyer in Washington, D.C., and a graduate of the first class at Howard University's law school.

Erminie and Grace Shimm became teachers in the Washington, D.C., public school system. Erminie was active in her church and supportive of missionary work in Liberia. Grace married Charles Gilmor Cummings, a pastor in Alexandria, Virginia, on July 9, 1902. They had one daughter, Joyce Ethel (1903-1971), and second child in 1905 who died in infancy. Grace died in 1910 of heart failure. After her death, Grace's sister Erminie and Charles's family helped raise Joyce Ethel in Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Maryland.

Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges graduated from Morgan College in 1924, and received her master's degree from Howard University in 1931. She taught at Douglass High School in Baltimore from 1924-1964. Joyce Ethel married Charles E. Hodges (1900--975) in 1927 and they divorced in 1953. The couple had one daughter, Charlene (1929-2009).

Charlene Hodges Byrd grew up in Washington, D.C., but attended the Northfield School for Girls in East Northfield, Massachusetts, for high school, graduating in 1946. She received her bachelor's degree from Connecticut College in 1950, and her master's degree in English Language and Literature from the University of Chicago in 1951. She married Charles R. Byrd (1919-2004) in 1952. They had one son in 1954, but he died four days after birth. Byrd soon began a career as a teacher and education

administrator, eventually working for Kanawha County Schools in Charleston, West Virginia. She was also active in her local community as a member of the Book Lovers of Charleston, West Virginia; Church Women United; and The Links, Inc.

Charles E. Hodges was born Bridgewater, Virginia, where his father was a minister. He graduated from Morgan College in 1923 and received his master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1943. He was a teacher and served as principal of the North Street School in Hagerstown, Maryland. After he and Joyce Ethel divorced in 1953, he married Elizabeth Dews (1913-1999) in 1955.

Elizabeth Dews Hodges, born Elizabeth Virginia Waumbeeka, was adopted by James Edward (1889-1954) and Sarah Virginia Dews (1888?-1964) in Washington, D.C., in 1920. She graduated from Miner Teachers College in 1939, and worked as a teacher in Annapolis, Maryland, at Wiley H. Bates High School for 34 years. She was awarded a medal for her work there by the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge in 1959. Elizabeth was active in local organizations in Maryland and Washington, D.C., including the SE/NE Friends of the Capitol View Branch Library; Eastern Star Chapter 4; Mount Ephraim Baptist Church; National Museum of Women in the Arts; National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples; and the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind.

The Davage family is descended from Sidney Hall (b. 1818?) and Charles Davage (b. 1815?). Sidney was a former slave at the Perry Hall mansion in Baltimore, and was manumitted by 1840. She married Charles, a coachman, on April 12, 1842. They had five children: Eliza Jane (1843-1913), Sophia (b. 1847), Charlotte (b. 1849), Charles (b. 1854), and Hester (b. 1845). Their daughter Eliza Jane married Henry Cummings (b. 1830?). They had seven children: Harry Sythe (1866-1917), Charles Gilmor (1870-1924), William (b. 1882), Ida R. (1868-1958), Estelle (1874-1944), Carroll (b. 1875), Francis (b. 1872), and Aaron (1864?-1932).

Harry Sythe Cummings, a lawyer in Baltimore, became the city's first African American City Council member. He was first elected in 1890 and served intermittently until his death in 1917, often working on issues related to education. Cummings also delivered a speech at the Republican National Convention in 1904 seconding the presidential nomination of Theodore Roosevelt. He married Blanche Conklin in 1899, and they had three children: Harry S. Jr. (b. 1905), Lucille (d. 1906), and Louise.

Charles Gilmor Cummings graduated from Drew Theological Seminary in 1898, and was a pastor in Alexandria, Virginia and elsewhere. After the death of his wife Grace in 1910, he married Rosa Catherine Bearden, grandmother of artist Romare Bearden, in 1912.

Ida R. Cummings graduated from Morgan College in 1922, and was the first African American kindergarten teacher in Baltimore. She was also active in local organizations, and was president of the Colored Fresh Air and Empty Stocking Circle; chairman of the Woman's Section Council of Defense in Baltimore during the World War, 1914-1918; and president of the Woman's Campaign Bureau of the Colored Republican Voters' League of Maryland.

Scope and Contents

Series 1. Papers related to biographical and family histories of the Byrd, Cummings, Davage, Dews, Hodges, Shimm, Spruill, and Thomas families. Material includes family trees; school diplomas and certificates; programs; awards; marriage and divorce papers; funeral documents; and obituaries.

Series 2: Chiefly letters from family and friends regarding family news, financial matters, school, work, neighborhood affairs, church events, travel and the weather. The majority of the letters are addressed to Charlene Hodges Byrd, Grace E. Shimm Cummings, Ida R. Cummings, Elizabeth Dews Hodges, Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges, Erminie F. Shimm, Sarah A. Shimm, and Elizabeth N. Thomas. Other correspondence includes letters from Booker T. Washington, Bessye Beardon, Charlotte Davage, Amelia

Douglass, and Harrell S. Spruill. There are also a number of greeting cards, postcards, and empty envelopes.

Series 3. Writings include essays, speeches, papers written for school, teacher's notebooks, and a diary of Erminie F. Shimm, 1903. Topics include education, Frederick Douglass, religion, race, Africa, and the temperance movement.

Series 4. Subject files on Charlene Hodges Byrd's involvement with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Book Lovers of Charleston, West Virginia, a women's book club organized in 1923; Church Women United radio program; and The Links, Inc., a volunteer service organization. The papers on Liberia relate to missionary work, and were probably gathered by Erminie F. Shimm; and the Shimm-Thomas Collection are papers related to the deposit and later return of family items housed as a collection at Morgan State College.

Series 5. The financial and legal records include invoices and receipts, bank books, real estate tax assessments, deeds, and wills. There is also material related to the estate of Erminie F. Shimm.

Series 6. Printed materials includes books, pamphlets, newspapers, newsletters, clippings, invitations and programs. The books and pamphlets are chiefly school yearbooks and newspapers and other texts related to religion, politics, music, and poetry. Also included is a copy of Frederick Douglass's autobiography and a printed copy of his speech "The Race Problem." The clippings include obituaries, articles about Charlene Hodges Byrd and her husband Charles R. Byrd, essays by Sarah A. Shimm under the name Faith Lichen, and articles on the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. The invitations and programs are primarily for school graduations, weddings, social events, and funerals. Other printed material includes newsletters; business cards; calling cards; postage stamps, chiefly from Liberia; and blank postcards. The binder on Frederick Douglass was prepared by Byrd and her goddaughter for the West Virginia School Studies Fair, and includes copies of Byrd family artifacts.

Series 7. Autograph books, guest books, and scrapbooks. The autograph book of Grace E. Shimm Cummings includes autographs from Amelia Douglass, Lewis B. Douglass, Charles R. Douglass, W. H. Clair, and Francis J. Grimke. The scrapbook of Grace E. Shimm Cummings and Erminie F. Shimm consists primarily of clippings, and was assembled from an old teacher's book with a student registration and punishment pages still intact at the back.

Series 8. Miscellaneous items in the collection including artwork, a coin purse, a piece of handwoven cloth belonging to Catherine Nelson's great grandmother, and leather hair curlers.

Series 9: The textiles are chiefly christening gowns, children's garments, and an apron. Several garments belonged to Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges, Charlene Hodges Byrd, and Elizabeth N. Thomas. There is also a doll that belonged to Amelia Douglass's niece, Kitty Cromwell.

Series 10. Photographs include pictures of Charlene Hodges Byrd, Joyce Ethel Hodges Cummings, Frederick Douglass, Elizabeth Dews Hodges, Charles Gilmore Cummings, Grace E. Shimm Cummings, Erminie F. Shimm, and other friends and relatives of the Byrd, Hodges, Cummings, Douglass, and Shimm families. Subjects are primarily portraits and candid, along with some wedding, baby, and school pictures. While some of the photographs are annotated, many of the individuals are unidentified. Included are vintage photographs, cabinet cards, cartes-de-visites, tintypes, daguerreotypes, and negatives.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

African American -- Social life and customs

African American churches
African American educators
African American families
African American newspapers
African American women journalists
African Americans -- Education
African Americans -- Maryland
African Americans -- Pennsylvania
African Americans -- Photographs
African Americans -- Washington (D.C.)

Names:

Bearden, Romare, 1911-1988
Cummings, Ida R. (Ida Rebecca), 1868-1958
Douglass, Frederick, 1817?-1895
Grimké, Francis J. (Francis James), 1850-1937
Hodges, Joyce Ethel Cummings, 1903-1971
Morgan State College
Shimm, Erminie F. (Erminie Florence), 1867-1936
Shimm, Sarah A., 1843-1885
Thomas, Elizabeth N. (Elizabeth Nelson), d. 1932
Washington, Booker T., 1856-1915

Geographic Names:

Washington (D.C.)

Container Listing

Series 1: Biographical Material, 1842-2002

1.25 Linear feet

Oversize 1

Box 1

Papers related to biographical and family histories of the Byrd, Cummings, Davage, Dews, Hodges, Shimm, Spruill, and Thomas families. Material includes family trees; school diplomas and certificates; programs; awards; marriage and divorce papers; funeral documents; and obituaries.

Alphabetical by last name.

Box 1, Folder 1	Finding Aid for Charlene Hodges Byrd Collection
Box 1, Folder 2	Genealogy Research Notes and family trees.
Box 1, Folder 3	Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1929-2002 Includes birth certificate and papers from Charlene and Charles's 50th wedding anniversary.
Box 1, Folder 4	Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Diploma, Booker T. Washington Junior High School, 1943 Oversize item housed in OV 2
Box 1, Folder 5	Byrd, Charlene Hodges: School Programs, 1943-1951 Includes programs from the Northfield School for Girls, Connecticut College, and the University of Chicago.
Box 1, Folder 6	Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Student Papers, 1946-1966 Primarily grades.
Box 1, Folder 7	Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Student Trip to Europe, 1950 Includes passport and travel itinerary from SITA Adventure Trails.
Box 1, Folder 8	Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Teaching Career, 1963-1997 Includes teaching appointments.
Box 1, Folder 9	Byrd, Charles R.: Grades, 1963 Grades from Syracuse University.
Box 1, Folder 10-11	Cummings Family, 1902-1991 Includes church and funeral programs; family history notes; and photocopies and clippings of obituaries.

- Box 1, Folder 12 Cummings, Charles Gilmor: Diploma, Drew Theological Seminary, 1898
Oversize item housed in OV 1, folder 1
- Box 1, Folder 13;
Oversize 1 Cummings, Grace E. Shimm: Diplomas and Certificates, 1881, 1884 - circa 1885, 1874, 1878
Diplomas and certificates are for the Public Schools of the District of Columbia, 1874, 1878, and 1881; Miner Normal School, 1884, circa 1885.
Oversize items are housed in OV 1, folder 2; OV 2; OV 26
Certificate from Miner Normal School, circa 1885 is in fragile condition. Please consult archivist for more information.
- Box 1, Folder 14-15 Cummings, Grace E. Shimm: Memorial Book , 1910
- Box 1, Folder 16 Cummings, Harry Sythe, 1890-1990 and undated
Includes photocopies of biographical material.
- Box 1, Folder 17 Cummings, Ida R., circa 1900-1925, 1958
Includes photocopies and clippings of her obituary; financial card of Trinity Chapter No. 5; and a business card from the Colored Republican Voters' League.
- Box 1, Folder 18 Davage Family, 1842-2002
Includes marriage page from family bible; notes on family history; program from testimonial dinner for Charlotte Davage and Mary F. Handy; photocopy of manumission certificate for Sidney Hall.
- Box 1, Folder 19 Dews and Keith Families, 1934-1989
Includes marriage and death certificates; memorial books; family reunion and funeral programs; and cemetery plot information.
- Box 2, Folder 1 Dews, James E., 1937-1954
Includes church and funeral programs; a eulogy; and copies of clippings of his obituary.
- Box 2, Folder 2 Hodges, Charles E., 1923-1936
Includes clipping of his obituary ,school certificates, and grades.
- Box 2, Folder 3 Hodges, Charles E.: Diplomas, 1923 June 23, 1943
Oversize items housed in OV 1, folder 2; OV 3
- Box 2, Folder 4-5 Hodges, Elizabeth Dews, 1920-1999
Includes copies of adoption papers; programs; marriage certificates; and cemetery plot information.
- Box 2, Folder 6 Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Awards, Capitol View Library Staff, 1990

- Box 2, Folder 7 Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Awards, First Baptist Church of Deanwood, 1982
- Box 2, Folder 8 Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Awards, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Medal, 1959
- Box 2, Folder 9 Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Awards, 1977-1998
- Box 2, Folder 10-11 Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Funeral, 1999
Includes clippings, program, and obituary.
- Box 3, Folder 1 Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Notebook, 1995
Notes on her life, career, and accomplishments.
- Box 3, Folder 2 Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: "Who am I?," 1998
Includes handwritten notes and a copy of "The Voice" which contains biographical information about Elizabeth Dews Hodges.
- Box 3, Folder 3 Hodges, Joyce Ethel Cummings, 1911-1973
Includes marriage and divorce certificates; funeral program; and testimonial.
- Box 3, Folder 4 Hodges, Joyce Ethel Cummings: Diploma, Morgan Academy, Morgan College, Howard University, 1920 June 3, 1931, 1924
Oversize item housed in OV 1, folder 2; OV 25; OV 26

Diplomas for Morgan College and Howard University are in fragile condition. Please consult archivist for more information.
- Box 3, Folder 5 Hodges, Joyce Ethel Cummings: Student Papers, 1907-1931
Includes grades, letters of recommendation, and commencement materials for Howard University, Morgan College, and the University of Pennsylvania.
- Box 3, Folder 6 Hodges, Joyce Ethel Cummings: Teaching Career, 1924-1968
Includes teaching contracts and change tickets.
- Oversize 1;
Box 3, Folder 7 Shimm and Thomas Families, 1895-1936
Includes will of Philip Nelson, 1850; will of Elias E. Thomas, 1899; wedding invitations; Navy pension voucher for Elias E. Thomas; obituary clippings; and copies of engravings of Horatio and Philip Nelson.

Oversize item is housed in OV1, folder 7
- Box 3, Folder 8;
Oversize 1 Shimm, Erminie F: Diplomas and Certificates, circa 1884, 1881, 1886
Diplomas and certificates for Public Colored Schools of the District of Columbia, 1881, 1884; Miner Normal School, circa 1884, 1886.

Oversize item housed in OV 1, folder 2; OV 2; OV 26
- Box 3, Folder 9-10 Shimm, Sarah A., 1871-1912

Includes Graceland Cemetary certificate of ownership; Public Schools of Washington County teaching appointments, 1874; District of Columbia public school documents; copy of poem written by Sarah A. Shimm and transcribed by Charlene Hodges Byrd; and clippings of her obituary.

- Box 3, Folder 11 Shimm, William and Sarah A.: Marriage Certificate, 1863 July 26
- Box 3, Folder 12 Spruill Family, 1986-1993
Includes wedding and family reunion materials.
- Box 3, Folder 13;
Oversize 1 Thomas, Charles A.: Certificate, United States Supreme Court, 1874 March 27
Oversize item housed in OV 1, folder 2
- Box 3, Folder 14 Thomas, Elizabeth N., 1932
Includes two handwritten obituaries.

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Series 2: Correspondence, 1869-2009

5 Linear feet

Box 3-13

Chiefly letters from family and friends regarding family news, financial matters, school, work, neighborhood affairs, church events, travel and the weather. The majority of the letters are addressed to Charlene Hodges Byrd, Grace E. Shimm Cummings, Ida R. Cummings, Elizabeth Dews Hodges, Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges, Erminie F. Shimm, Sarah A. Shimm, and Elizabeth N. Thomas. Other correspondence includes letters from Booker T. Washington, Bessye Beardon, Charlotte Davage, Amelia Douglass, and Harrell S. Spruill. There are also a number of greeting cards, postcards, and empty envelopes.

9 subseries arranged alphabetically by last name. Each subseries is arranged alphabetically by correspondent and chronologically by year.

Some items are in fragile condition. Please seek assistance with the following items of correspondence: Byrd, Charlene Hodges: General Correspondence, 1946 May 15; 1946 July.

Cummings, Grace E. Shimm: Cummings, Charles Gilmore, 1907 May 13; 1907 May 20; John W., 1890 July 28.

Shimm, Sarah A: General Correspondence, 1881 May 6.

Other Correspondence: William P. Ryder, 1877.

2.1: Charlene Hodges Byrd, 1944-2008

Box 3-4a

Chiefly letters from Byrd's husband, Charles R. Byrd, written while they were apart because of school. The letters discuss his school, work, and social life. Other correspondence includes letters from friends and relatives; Byrd's father, Charles E. Hodges, written to her while she was traveling in Europe, 1950; a letter from Marian Anderson's secretary thanking Byrd for her letter and poem, 1940; scattered letters regarding Northfield School for Girls, Connecticut College, and other schools; Kanawha County Schools; a letter from Romare Bearden regarding Byrd's mother's death, 1971; and numerous greeting cards.

Box 3, Folder 15	Byrd, Charles R., 1953
Box 3, Folder 16-17	Byrd, Charles R., 1954
Box 3, Folder 18	Byrd, Charles R., 1955
Box 3, Folder 19	Byrd, Charles R., 1956
Box 3, Folder 20	Byrd, Charles R., 1957
Box 3, Folder 21	Byrd, Charles R., circa 1954 - circa 1957
Box 3, Folder 22	Hodges, Charles E., 1950
Box 3, Folder 23	Hodges, Joyce Ethel Cummings, 1946, 1950, 1944

Box 3, Folder 24	General Correspondence, 1930-1939
Box 4, Folder 1-2	General Correspondence, 1940-1948 Please seek assistance with the following letters: 1946 May 15; 1946 July.
Box 4, Folder 3	General Correspondence, 1950-1957
Box 4, Folder 4	General Correspondence, 1961-1969
Box 4, Folder 5	General Correspondence, 1971-1980
Box 4, Folder 6	General Correspondence, 1995-1999
Box 4, Folder 7	General Correspondence, 2002-2008
Box 4b, Folder 1-3; Box 4, Folder 8-11	Greeting Cards, circa 1946-2002

2.2: Grace E. Shimm Cummings, 1875-1910

Box 5

Scattered letters, chiefly from Charles Gilmore Cummings, Carroll Cummings, Ida R. Cummings, Francis J. Grimke, and Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges. The letters primarily concern family news, illnesses, Christianity, and Grace's marriage to Charles Gilmore Cummings.

Please seek assistance with the following letters: Charles Gilmore Cummings, 1907 May 13 and 1907 May 20; John W., 1890 July 28.

Box 5, Folder 1	Cummings, Charles Gilmore, 1899-1907
Box 5, Folder 2	Grimke, Francis J., circa 1900, 1907
Box 5, Folder 3	Hodges, Joyce Ethel Cummings, circa 1905-1910
Box 5, Folder 4	General Correspondence, 1875-1909
Box 5, Folder 5	Envelopes

2.3: Ida R. Cummings, 1896-1925 and undated

Box 5

The bulk of the correspondence are letters from Grace E. Shimm Cummings. Topics include family illnesses, the declining health and death of Carroll [Cummings?], the weather, and religion. Other letters include a fragment of a letter from her friend Cattie, and a telegram announcing Cattie's death in 1925. Also Included are letters probably written to her friend Annie Crockett discussing the death of her niece

Lucille Theresa, family news, travel plans, The Woman's Home Missionary Society, and her work as an educator.

Box 5, Folder 6 Cummings, Grace E. Shimm, 1896, 1906

Box 5, Folder 7 [Crockett?], Annie, 1906, 1909

Box 5, Folder 8 General Correspondence, circa 1920-1925

2.4: Elizabeth Dews Hodges, 1951-1998

Box 5

Scattered letters to Hodges from former students; relative Iris Hodges Reese regarding a family death; the Spruill family; a note from Charlene Hodges Byrd; and numerous greeting cards.

Box 5, Folder 9 General Correspondence, 1951-1998

Box 5, Folder 10-12 Greeting Cards, circa 1990-1998

2.5: Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges, 1907-1971

Box 5-11

Primarily letters received from Charlene Hodges Byrd and Charles E. Hodges. Letters from Byrd discuss student life at the Northfield School for Girls, 1944-1946; student life at Connecticut College, 1947-1950; her travels in Europe, 1950; graduate student life at the University of Chicago, 1950; student teaching in Institute, West Virginia; her marriage to Charles R. Byrd, 1952; her experiences as a teacher; married life; social news; the weather; and financial issues. Letters from her husband Charles E. Hodges include those written while they were dating, 1922-1925; and while he was in graduate school, 1935-1939.

Other correspondence includes letters from Grace Crockett with news from Hawaii; Robert P. Johnson and George C. Gertman regarding the conveyance of the deed of her property to the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church, 1958; Erminie F. Shimm discussing family news and concern for Hodges's health; Hattie B. Sprague regarding Erminie F. Shimm's death, and her relationship with Hodges's family and the Douglass family, 1936; letters regarding employment as a schoolteacher, 1924; family news; thank you letters; various postcards; and numerous greeting cards.

Please seek assistance with the following letters: Charlene Hodges Byrd, 1949 November 10, 1950 July 9, 1951 December 3.

Box 5, Folder 13 Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1944

Box 5, Folder 14 Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1945

Box 6, Folder 1-3; Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1946

Box 5, Folder 15

Box 6, Folder 4 Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1947

Box 6, Folder 5-7	Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1948
Binder 6, Folder 8	Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1949
Box 6, Folder 9-10	Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1950
Box 6, Folder 11-12	Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1951
Box 6, Folder 13; Box 7, Folder 1	Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1952
Box 7, Folder 2-4	Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1953
Box 7, Folder 5	Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1954
Box 7, Folder 6	Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1955-1956
Box 7, Folder 7	Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1958
Box 7, Folder 8-9	Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1959
Box 7, Folder 10-11	Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1960
Box 7, Folder 12	Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1961-1964
Box 7, Folder 13	Byrd, Charlene Hodges, circa 1950s - circa 1960s
Box 7, Folder 14	Crockett, Annie, 1951-1959
Box 7, Folder 15	Crockett, Grace, 1965-1967
Box 7, Folder 16	Crockett, Grace, 1968-1969
Box 8, Folder 1	Gertman, George C., 1958
Box 8, Folder 2	Hodges, Charles E., 1922-1925
Box 8, Folder 3	Hodges, Charles E., 1935
Box 8, Folder 4	Hodges, Charles E., 1937
Box 8, Folder 5	Hodges, Charles E., 1938

Box 6, Folder 6-7	Hodges, Charles E., 1939
Box 8, Folder 8	Hodges, Charles E., circa 1930s
Box 8, Folder 9	Johnson, Robert P., 1957-1958
Box 8, Folder 10	"Mamma", 1910-1924 Author might be Rosa Catherine Bearden Cummings.
Box 8, Folder 11	Shimm, Erminie F., 1907-1935
Box 8, Folder 12	General Correspondence, 1921-1926
Box 8, Folder 13	General Correspondence, 1931-1937
Box 8, Folder 14	General Correspondence, 1940-1949
Box 8, Folder 15	General Correspondence, 1950-1951
Box 8, Folder 16	General Correspondence, 1952-1954
Box 8, Folder 17	General Correspondence, 1955
Box 8, Folder 18	General Correspondence, 1956-1959
Box 8, Folder 19	General Correspondence, 1960-1971
Box 8, Folder 20	General Correspondence, circa 1910 - circa 1960
Box 9, Folder 1-3	Greeting Cards, circa 1920-1970
Box 10, Folder 1-6; Box 9, Folder 4-7; Box 11, Folder 1-4	Empty Envelopes

2.6: Erminie F. Shimm, 1875-1936

Box 11-12

Chiefly letters regarding family and social news, illnesses, deaths, and travel. Other letters include correspondence with United States Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia regarding sidewalk tax assessments, 1932; M.W. Clair, Fannie T. Hays, Isaiah B. Scott discussing missionary work in Monrovia, Liberia with the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1907-1910, 1921; correspondence with Alphonso Morris about Shimm loaning him money, and his non-payment of the debt, 1907, 1911; and letters from her sister Grace E. Shimm Cummings discuss family news,

descriptions of attending a conference in Atlanta, Georgia, 1902 August 10, and her declining health in 1910.

- Box 11, Folder 5 Capper, Arthur, 1932
Correspondence with United States Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, chairman of the Committee on the District of Columbia, regarding sidewalk tax assessments in Washington, D.C.
- Box 11, Folder 6 Clair, M. W., 1921-1924
Letters discussing missionary work by the Methodist Episcopal Church in Monrovia, Liberia.
- Box 11, Folder 7 Commissioners of the District of Columbia, 1932
Correspondence regarding tax assessments for sidewalk repairs in Washington, D.C.
- Box 11, Folder 8 Cummings, Grace E. Shimm, 1883-1902
- Box 11, Folder 9 Cummings, Grace E. Shimm, 1904-1907
- Box 11, Folder 10 Cummings, Grace E. Shimm, 1910
- Box 11, Folder 11 Douglass, Amelia, 1908, 1885
Letters regarding Douglass not being able to come and visit Shimm, along with family news.
- Box 11, Folder 12 Douglass, Lewis H., 1908 January 7
Letter wishing Shimm a happy new year.
- Box 11, Folder 13 Grimke, Francis J., 1935-1936, 1903
- Box 11, Folder 14 Hays, Fannie T., 1921, 1911-1912
- Box 12, Folder 1 Hodges, Joyce Ethel Cummings, 1903-1914
- Box 12, Folder 2 Morris, Alphonso, 1911, 1907
- Box 12, Folder 3 Scott, Isaiah B., 1907-1910
- Box 12, Folder 4 General Correspondence, 1875-1899
- Box 12, Folder 5 General Correspondence, 1904-1915
- Box 12, Folder 6 General Correspondence, 1916-1923

Box 12, Folder 7 General Correspondence, 1925-1933

Box 12, Folder 8 Empty Envelopes

2.7: Sarah A. Shimm, 1874 - circa 1884

Box 12

Letters to Sarah A. Shimm include her brother Charles N. Thomas discussing his money and employment problems, and a telegram announcing her promotion from acting to full principal and a pay increase.

Please seek assistance with the following letter: 1881 May 6.

Box 12, Folder 9 General Correspondence, 1874 - circa 1884

2.8: Elizabeth N. Thomas, 1869-1929 and undated

Box 12-13

Letters chiefly discussing family news, financial matters, neighborhood affairs, church events, and the weather. The letters include two from the Freedmen's Bureau concerning a teaching position and in Williamsport, Maryland, 1869-1870; guests declining to attend the wedding of Grace E. Shimm and Charles Gilmore Cummings in 1902; a Christmas card from Amelia Douglass, 1921; and a letter regarding Erminie F. Shimm's power of attorney for Thomas for financial matters, 1913.

Please seek assistance with the following letters: Grace E. Shimm Cummings, 1899 September 7; General Correspondence, 1889 September 11.

Box 12, Folder 10-11 Cummings, Grace E. Shimm, 1887-1902

Box 12, Folder 12 Cummings, Joyce Ethel Hodges, 1910-1919

Box 12, Folder 13 Shimm, Erminie F., 1923, 1887, 1876

Box 12, Folder 14 Thomas, Charles N., 1871-1872

Box 12, Folder 15 United States. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1869-1870

Box 12, Folder 16 General Correspondence, 1870-1889

Box 12, Folder 17 General Correspondence, 1901-1907

Box 13, Folder 1 General Correspondence, 1911-1929

Box 13, Folder 2 Empty Envelopes

2.9: Other Correspondence, 1883-1991

Box 13

Please seek assistance with the following letter: William P. Ryder, 1877.

- Box 13, Folder 3 Crockett, Grace, 1964-1968
Primarily letters from Catherine Smith discussing travel and family news.
- Box 13, Folder 4 Cummings, Charles Gilmore, 1890-1927
Includes a letter received from the president of Drew Theological Seminary regarding the gift of an oil painting of Bishop Francis Asbury to the seminary, 1890; a note of congratulations to Hiram Watty on his re-election to city council, 1901; and a letter from Grace E. Shimm Cummings regarding family news, 1908.
- Box 13, Folder 5 Cummings, Grace E. Shimm and Erminie F. Shimm, 1883, 1895
One letter addressed to Grace E. Shimm Cummings and Erminie F. Shimm regarding the death of their mother, Sarah A. Shimm, 1885; along with a christmas card and postcard.
- Box 13, Folder 6 Davage, Charles W., 1886-1892
Includes correspondence regarding employment as a "Bell-man" in a hotel.
- Box 13, Folder 7 Douglass, Charles R. to Emma Patterson, 1872 October 24
Letter is listed on back as "Copy of Second Extraordinary Literary Effort of Secretary of County School Board for 1872, Inscribed to Miss Emma Patterson."
- Box 13, Folder 8 Hodges, Charles E., 1933-1969
Chiefly letters from Hodges's mother and his wife, Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges.
- Box 13, Folder 9 Washington, Booker T. to Lewis H. Douglass, 1898 October 25
A thank you letter from Booker T. Washington to Lewis H. Douglass, regarding Washington's speech in Chicago, Illinois on October 16.
- Box 13, Folder 10-11 Miscellaneous Letters, 1873-1991
Includes letters sent from and received by Bessye Bearden, Amelia Lewis, Charlotte Davage, and Harrell S. Spruill. Many of the letters have no envelope or are signed without a surname. One envelope, addressed to "Miss Yearling" contains two locks of hair, but no letter.

Some items are fragile and in need of conservation treatment prior to use.
Please seek assistance with the following letter: William P. Ryder, 1877.

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Series 3: Writings, circa 1878-1953 and undated

1.46 Linear feet

Oversize 1

Box 14-17

Writings include essays, speeches, papers written for school, teacher's notebooks, and a diary of Erminie F. Shimm, 1903. Topics include education, Frederick Douglass, religion, race, Africa, and the temperance movement.

8 subseries arranged alphabetically by author's last name. Each subseries is arranged chronologically by year.

Some items are in fragile condition. Please seek assistance with the following writings: Cummings, Grace E Shimm: "Birth" 1883, "Refinement" 1883 November 28, "The Infant Republic" 1884, "Education circa 1881 - circa 1900, "Fractions" circa 1881 - circa 1900, "In a Family Dispute Which Should Stop First?" circa 1881 - circa 1900, "The Leper" circa 1881 - circa 1900, "The Study of the Catechism" circa 1881 - circa 1900.

Hodges, Joyce Ethel Cummings: "The Attitude Toward the Medieval Romance During the Renaissance" circa 1930, "The Vogue of the Bevis of Hampton Romance in the 16th Century" circa 1930, student writings, 1910-1953.

Shimm, Erminie F.: "The Voices of Fiction" circa 1880 - circa 1910, "Liberia" circa 1910 - circa 1920.

3.1: Charlene Hodges Byrd

Box 14

Student speeches from junior high school and Connecticut College. Byrd's writings are chiefly regarding school-related activities.

Box 14, Folder 1 Student Speeches, 1949, 1943, 1940

Box 14, Folder 2 Student Writings, circa 1940-1948

3.2: Grace E. Shimm Cummings

Box 14-15

Writings on a variety of subjects, including essays on Liberia, education, the temperance movement, and religion; poetry; school subjects such as math and history; and teacher's books.

Box 14, Folder 3 "Only," 1881 December 27

Box 14, Folder 4 "Waste of Time," 1881

Box 14, Folder 5 "Silent Cities," 1882

Box 14, Folder 6 "Battles," 1883 January 7 - March 30

Box 14, Folder 7 "Birth," 1883

Item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance.

Box 14, Folder 8 "Refinement," 1883 November 28
Item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance.

Binder 14, Folder 9 "India," 1884 April 1

Box 14, Folder 10 "Julius Caesar," 1884 August 5

Box 14, Folder 11 "The Infant Republic," 1884
Item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance.

Box 14, Folder 12 "Birthday Greeting," 1886

Box 14, Folder 13 "Winning Respect: A Temperance Story," 1886

Box 14, Folder 14 "Abandoned," 1887 November 28

Box 14, Folder 15 "Following Jesus," 1889 November 24

Box 14, Folder 16 "Touch Not, Taste Not," 1890 December 7

Box 14, Folder 17 "Importance of a Good Foundation," 1891 February 18

Box 14, Folder 18 "The Botanical Gardens," and "Object Lesson: The Coat," circa 1892

Box 14, Folder 19 "Sketch of Education in the Renaissance," 1893 March 22

Box 14, Folder 20 "Christian Endeavor," 1894

Box 14, Folder 21 "Flowers," 1895 May 12

Box 14, Folder 22 "Dress," circa 1881 - circa 1900

Box 14, Folder 23 "Education," circa 1881 - circa 1900
Item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance.

Box 14, Folder 24 "A Few Thoughts About Africa," undated

Box 14, Folder 25 "Fractions," undated
Item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance.

Box 14, Folder 26 "In a Family Dispute Which Should Stop First?," circa 1881 - circa 1900
Two drafts with some differences.

One item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance.

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| Box 14, Folder 27 | <p>"The Leper," circa 1881 - circa 1900
Copy of excerpt of "The Leper" by Nathaniel Parker Willis.</p> <p>Item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance.</p> |
| Box 14, Folder 28 | <p>"The Study of the Catechism," circa 1881 - circa 1900
Item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance.</p> |
| Box 14, Folder 29 | <p>"Thoughts For Our Women Old and Young," circa 1881 - circa 1900</p> |
| Box 14, Folder 30 | <p>"The Thoughts of the Hour," circa 1881 - circa 1900</p> |
| Box 14, Folder 31 | <p>"Without and Within," circa 1881 - circa 1900</p> |
| Box 14, Folder 32 | <p>Fragments, circa 1881 - circa 1900</p> |
| Box 14, Folder 33 | <p>Notebook, circa 1879
School notebook.</p> |
| Box 14, Folder 34 | <p>Other Writings, 1890, circa 1881 - circa 1900</p> |
| Box 14, Folder 35 | <p>Sketchbook, circa 1886
Sketchbook with enclosures.</p> |
| Box 15, Folder 1 | <p>Student School Work, 1897</p> |
| Box 15, Folder 2 | <p>Sunday School Teacher's Book, 1895</p> |
| Box 15, Folder 3 | <p>Teacher's Book, 1879</p> |
| Box 15, Folder 4 | <p>Untitled Poem, circa 1881 - circa 1900</p> |
| Box 15, Folder 5 | <p>Writings from "Irving's Sketch Book", circa 1881 - circa 1900</p> |

3.3: Elizabeth Dews Hodges

Box 15

Chiefly notes for a 50th marriage celebration for a fellow member of the Columbia Lighthouse organization and the Zeta Phi Beta sorority.

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| Box 15, Folder 6 | <p>Writings, 1995, circa 1983 - circa 1995</p> |
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3.4: Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges

Box 15

Writings chiefly academic papers along with several speeches.

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| Box 15, Folder 7 | “The Attitude Toward the Medieval Romance During the Renaissance,” circa 1930
Item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance. |
| Box 15, Folder 8 | “The Italiante Englishman and the Reaction to Him in England,” 1930
December 11 |
| Box 15, Folder 9 | “Romantic Tendencies in Eighteenth Century Literatures,” circa 1930 |
| Box 15, Folder 10 | “The Vogue of the Bevis of Hampton Romance in the 16th Century,” circa 1930
Item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance. |
| Box 15, Folder 11 | Other Writings, circa 1930 - circa 1950 |
| Box 15, Folder 12 | Speech: Howard University, circa 1931 |
| Box 15, Folder 13 | Speech: School Graduation, circa 1930s |
| Box 15, Folder 14 | Speech: Sharp Street Church, circa 1930 - circa 1950 |
| Box 15, Folder 15 | Speech: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, 1963 |
| Box 15, Folder 16-17 | Student Writings, 1910-1953
Item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance. |

3.5: Erminie F. Shimm**Box 15-16**

Writings include essays on Liberia and Frederick Douglass; a daily diary, 1903; and teaching notebooks and sketchbooks

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| Box 15, Folder 18 | “Buildings and Builders,” circa 1880 - circa 19010 |
| Box 15, Folder 20 | “The Voices of Fiction,” circa 1880 - circa 1910
Item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance. |
| Box 15, Folder 19 | “Hygiene of the Kitchen,” circa 1880 - circa 1910 |
| Box 15, Folder 21 | “Impromptu,” circa 1910 - circa 1920 |
| Box 15, Folder 22 | “Liberia,” circa 1910 - circa 1925 |

Note written on back of document states "Liberia - for Bishop Clair. Composed by E. F. Shimm to give in speeches in this country at churches, etc."

Item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance.

Box 15, Folder 23	"English," 1919 May 21
Box 15, Folder 24	"Frederick Douglass," circa 1929
Box 15, Folder 25; Oversize 20	Diary: Shimm, Erminie F., 1903 Oversize item housed in OV 20.
Box 15, Folder 26	Fragments, circa 1900 - circa 1920
Box 15, Folder 27	Notebook, circa 1870s School notebook.
Box 16, Folder 1	Notebook, circa 1880 - circa 1900 Teaching notebook with enclosure.
Box 16, Folder 2	Notebook, circa 1880 - circa 1900 School notebook with enclosure.
Box 16, Folder 3	Notebook, circa 1881 Teaching notebook with lesson plans and class exercises.
Box 16, Folder 4	Sktechbook, circa 1880 - circa 1900 Sketchbook with enclosure.

3.6: Sarah A. Shimm

Box 16

Includes essays and fragments of essays Shimm wrote under the name Faith Lichen that were published in several Washington D.C. area newspapers.

Box 16, Folder 5	"Five Years After," circa 1870s-1885 Includes essays and fragments of essays Shimm wrote under the name Faith Lichen that were published in several Washington (D.C.) area newspapers.
Box 16, Folder 6	"A Greeting," circa 1870s-1885
Box 16, Folder 7	"How Would You Like It?," circa 1870s-1885
Box 16, Folder 8	"Our Mission," circa 1870s-1885
Box 16, Folder 9	"Women's Day in the Church: The Women of the Future," circa 1870s-1885

- Box 16, Folder 10-14 Fragments, undated
- Box 16, Folder 15 Obituary for Sophia Cooper, 1869
- Box 16, Folder 16 Poems, circa 1870s - 1885

3.7: Elizabeth N. Thomas

Box 16

- Box 16, Folder 17 Sunday School Teacher's Book, 1887-1888

3.8: Unidentified Author

Box 16-17

Writings and fragments with no identifiable author. Includes writings on race and religion.

- Box 16, Folder 18 "Frederick Douglass," circa 1880 - circa 1900
- Box 16, Folder 19 "The Race Issue," circa 1880 - circa 1910
Contains several drafts.
- Box 16, Folder 20 "The Negro in Africa and America," circa 1910
- Box 16, Folder 21 "The Crucifixion," circa 1910 - circa 1940
- Box 16, Folder 22 "The Negro," circa 1910 - circa 1940
- Box 16, Folder 23 "Leviticus 6:13," circa 1940 - circa 1960
- Box 17, Folder 1 Speech: "Progress of the Negro in America," circa 1910 - circa 1940
- Box 17, Folder 2 Speech Fragments, circa 1920 - circa 1940
- Box 17, Folder 3-4;
Oversize 1 Writings and Fragments
1.5 Linear feet
Oversize item house in OV 1, folder 3

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Series 4: Subject Files, 1917-2002

1 Linear foot

Oversize 8

Box 17-18

Subject files on Charlene Hodges Byrd's involvement with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Book Lovers of Charleston, West Virginia, a women's book club organized in 1923; Church Women United radio program; and The Links, Inc., a volunteer service organization. The papers on Liberia relate to missionary work, and were probably gathered by Erminie F. Shimm; and the Shimm-Thomas Collection are papers related to the deposit and later return of family items housed as a collection at Morgan State College.

6 subseries arranged alphabetically by subject.

4.1: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, 1988

Box 17

A program, form letters, and newsletter material for an Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority luncheon that also honored educator Ruth Stephenson Norman.

Box 17, Folder 5 Papers, 1988

4.2: Book Lovers of Charleston, West Virginia, 1966-2002

Box 17

Chiefly programs, notes, letters, clippings, and a historical sketch of the Book Lovers of Charleston, West Virginia, a women's book club organized in 1923.

Box 17, Folder 6; Papers, 1983-2001
Oversize 8 Oversize item housed in OV 8, folder 1

Box 17, Folder 7 Programs, 1966-1975

Box 17, Folder 8 Programs, 1981-1990

Box 17, Folder 9 Programs, 1991-2002

4.3: Church Women United, 1974-1986

Box 17

Notes, memos, and radio scripts on educational topics for the Church Women United radio program.

Box 17, Folder 10 Papers, 1974-1984

Box 17, Folder 11 Papers, 1985-1986

4.4: Liberia, , 1917-2002 and undated (bulk 1917-1921)

Box 17-18

This subseries contains letters and writings regarding missionary work in Monrovia, Liberia. The letters, chiefly from A. P. Campher to F. M. North, discuss the progress of their missionary work and the need for more funds and staff. The writings, many of which are authored by Campher, consist of memos, reports, and newsletters regarding the missionary work. The reports contain discussions and assessments of financial information; Liberian culture and religion; educational efforts; missionary objectives; and missionary conference proceedings.

Box 17, Folder 12	Letters: A. P. Campher to F. M. North, 1917-1919
Box 17, Folder 13	Miscellaneous Letters , 1920-1921
Box 17, Folder 14	Writings, 1917
Box 18, Folder 1-2	Writings, 1918
Box 18, Folder 3	Writings, 1921
Box 18, Folder 4	Writings and Fragments, undated
Box 18, Folder 5	Charlene Hodges Byrd's Notes on the Liberia Papers, circa 2002

4.5: The Links, Inc., 1980-1987**Box 18**

Chiefly administrative papers and new member applications and form letters for The Links, Inc., a volunteer service organization of which Charlene Hodges Byrd was a member.

Box 18, Folder 6	Administrative Papers, 1980-1987
Box 18, Folder 7	Membership Applications, 1983-1985

4.6: Shimm-Thomas Collection, 1951-1971**Box 18**

Chiefly correspondence between Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges and Morgan State College regarding the deposit and later return of family items that comprised the Shimm-Thomas Collection. The collection was exhibited and made available for research in the school's library. Included are itemized lists of the collection material.

Box 18, Folder 8	Correspondence and Papers, 1951-1971 <i>0.5 Linear feet</i>
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Series 5: Financial and Legal Records, 1863-1981

1 Linear foot

Box 18-20

Oversize 1

The financial and legal documents include invoices and receipts, bank books, real estate tax assessments, deeds, and wills. There is also material related to the estate of Erminie F. Shimm.

Alphabetical by type and chronological in order

Some items are in fragile condition. Please seek assistance with the following folders: Deeds, 1863-1876, Deeds, 1888-1889, Estate of Erminie F. Shimm, 1932-1937 probate records.

Box 18, Folder 9	Bank Books, 1875-1889
Box 18, Folder 10	Bank Books, 1901-1957
Box 18, Folder 11	Bank Books, circa 1940s - circa 1950s
Box 18, Folder 12	Deeds, 1863-1876 Some items are in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance.
Box 18, Folder 13	Deeds, 1881
Box 18, Folder 14	Deeds, 1884
Box 18, Folder 15	Deeds, 1888-1889 Some items are in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance.
Box 18, Folder 16	Deeds, 1890-1898
Box 18, Folder 17	Deeds, 1901-1902
Box 18, Folder 18	Deeds, 1918-1929
Box 18, Folder 19	Deeds, 1933
Oversize 1;	Deeds, 1950-1957
Box 19, Folder 1	Oversize item housed in OV 1, folder 4
Box 19, Folder 2	Deeds, 1960-1969
Box 19, Folder 3	Deeds, 1974-1978
Box 19, Folder 4	Deeds, 1980-1981

Box 19, Folder 5	Deposition Notice, United States Court of Claims, 1891
Box 19, Folder 6; Oversize 1	Estate Papers of Erminie F. Shimm, 1932-1937 Chiefly letters to Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges, the administrator of the estate; Erminie F. Shimm's will; and an itemized list of her estate being sold at auction. Oversize item housed in OV 1, folder 5; OV 25 Probate records in OV 25 are in fragile condition. Please consult archivist for more information.
Box 19, Folder 7	Invoices and Receipts, 1875-1879
Box 19, Folder 8; Oversize 1	Invoices and Receipts, 1881-1883 Oversize item housed in OV 1, folder 6
Box 19, Folder 9	Invoices and Receipts, 1884-1887
Box 19, Folder 10	Invoices and Receipts, 1892-1897
Box 19, Folder 11	Invoices and Receipts, 1900-1908
Box 19, Folder 12	Invoices and Receipts, 1913-1918
Box 19, Folder 13	Invoices and Receipts, 1921-1925
Box 19, Folder 14	Invoices and Receipts, 1926-1929
Box 19, Folder 15	Invoices and Receipts, 1930-1938
Box 19, Folder 16	Invoices and Receipts, 1944-1949
Box 19, Folder 17	Invoices and Receipts, 1950-1959
Box 19, Folder 18	Invoices and Receipts, 1964-1969
Box 19, Folder 19	Invoices and Receipts, 1975, 1998
Box 19, Folder 20	Law Docket Book of Charles N. Thomas, 1873-1878
Box 19, Folder 21	Personal Income Tax Records, 1884, 1968, 1931-1936
Box 19, Folder 22	Real Estate Tax Assessments, 1876-1889

Box 19, Folder 23	Real Estate Tax Assessments, 1890-1899
Box 19, Folder 24	Real Estate Tax Assessments, 1900-1909
Box 19, Folder 25	Real Estate Tax Assessments, 1910-1919
Box 19, Folder 26	Real Estate Tax Assessments, 1920-1929
Box 20, Folder 1	Real Estate Tax Assessments, 1930-1935, 1948
Box 20, Folder 2	War Ration Books, 1943
Box 20, Folder 3; Oversize 1	Will, 1874 Oversize items housed in OV 1, folder 7

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Series 6: Printed Material, 1860-2002

3.34 Linear feet

Oversize 1

Box 20-24

Printed materials includes books, pamphlets, newspapers, newsletters, clippings, invitations and programs.

The books and pamphlets are chiefly school yearbooks and newspapers and other texts related to religion, politics, music, and poetry. Also included is a copy of Frederick Douglass's autobiography and a printed copy of his speech "The Race Problem."

The clippings include obituaries, articles about Charlene Hodges Byrd and her husband Charles R. Byrd, essays by Sarah A. Shimm under the name "Faith Lichen," and articles on the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The invitations and programs are primarily for school graduations, weddings, social events, and funerals.

Other printed material includes newsletters; business cards; calling cards; postage stamps, chiefly from Liberia; and blank postcards. The binder on Frederick Douglass was prepared by Byrd and her goddaughter for the West Virginia School Studies Fair, and includes copies of Byrd family artifacts.

Books, Pamphlets, and Periodicals are arranged chronological by format.

Clippings are arranged chronological by subject.

Invitations and Programs are arranged chronological by subject.

Other Printed Material are arranged by subject.

Some items are in fragile condition. Please seek assistance with the following: Periodical: Northfield Alumnae Chronicle, 1946 August; Program: Howard University, 1895.

6.1: Books, Pamphlets, and Periodicals, 1860-1999

Box 20-23

Chiefly school yearbooks and newspapers; books and pamphlets on religion, politics, and poetry; and a printed copy of Frederick Douglass's speech "The Race Problem."

Chronological by format.

Box 20, Folder 4	Book: <i>The American Letter Writer</i> , circa 1851
Box 20, Folder 5	Book: <i>The Child's Scripture Question-Book</i> , 1853
Box 20, Folder 6	Book: <i>Lady, Young Lady's Companion</i> , 1860 Annotated with notes and inscriptions.
Box 20, Folder 7	Book: <i>I Wish I Was Poor</i> , circa 1864
Oversize 37;	Book: Holland, J. G., <i>The Life of Abraham Lincoln</i> , 1866 Item is housed in OV 37.

- Box 20, Folder 8
- Box 20, Folder 9 Book: Cornell, S. S., *Cornell's Physical Geography*, 1875
- Box 20, Folder 10 Book: *Rules of Practice in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia*, 1875
- Box 20, Folder 11 Book: Stickney, J. H., *The Child's Book of Language*, 1879
- Box 21, Folder 1 Book: Roe, E. P., *A Day of Fate*, 1880
- Box 21, Folder 2 Book: *Report of the National Association for the Relief of Destitute Colored Women and Children*, 1883
- Box 21, Folder 3 Book: Burrowes, J. F., *Student Edition of Burrowes' Piano-forte Primer*, 1884
- Oversize 36;
Box 21, Folder 4 Book: Smith, James, *Our Daily Food*, 1886
Item is housed in OV 36.
- Box 21, Folder 5 Book: *Ryan's True Instructor for the Xylophone*, 1887
- Oversize 38;
Box 21, Folder 6 Book: Douglass, Frederick, *Life and Times of Frederick Douglass*, 1892
Item is housed in OV 38.
- Box 21, Folder 7 Book: Allen, James Lane, *The Choir Invisible*, 1897
- Box 21, Box 8 Book: Drew Theological Seminary yearbook, 1898
Charles Gilmor Cummings is listed as a graduate.
- Box 21, Folder 9 Book: Johnson, Harvey, *The White Man's Failure in Government*, 1900
- Box 21a, Folder 1 Book: *The World's Best Music: Instrumental, Volume II*, circa 1900s - circa 1930s
- Box 21a, Folder 2 Book: Begbie, Harold, *Twice-Born Men*, 1909
- Box 21a, Folder 3;
Oversize 40 Book: Holy Bible, circa 1910
Item is housed in OV 40.
- Box 21a, Folder 4 Book: Knowles, Charles Edward, *In Quest of Gold*, 1912
- Box 21a, Folder 5 Book: Dunbar High School Yearbook, 1932
- Box 21a, Folder 6 Book: Schulz, F. A., *Schirmer's Library of Musical Classics: Scales and Chords for the Piano*, circa 1939

- Box 21a, Folder 7 Books: Northfield School for Girls Coursebooks, 1943-1945
- Box 21b, Folder 1 Book: Gibran, Kahil, *The Prophet*, 1944
- Box 21b, Folder 2 Book: *Book of Psalms*, circa 1944
- Box 21b, Folder 3 Book: Kopplin, Dorothea S., *Something to Live By*, 1945
- Box 21b, Folder 4 Book: Northfield School for Girls Songbook, 1946
- Box 21b, Folder 5 Book: Northfield School for Girls Yearbook, 1946
- Box 21b, Folder 6 Book: Henry, Lewis C., *Best Quotations For All Occasions*, 1948
- Box 21b, Folder 7 Book: Connecticut College Coursebook, 1949
Enclosure.
- Box 22, Folder 1 Book: *Way of Life: Discipleship and Evangelism Training*, 1975
- Box 22, Folder 2 Books: Poetry, circa 1986-1993
Amanda Bradley: *Moments of Inspiration*, 1979; Helen Steiner Rice: *Prayers and Meditations*, circa 1992 and *Hearts and Gifts*, circa 1992; and Sarah Tarascio, Editor: *Rejoice!*, 1993.
- Box 22, Folder 3 Book: Order of the Eastern Star Directory, 1998
- Box 22, Folder 4 Book: Mount Ephraim Baptist Church Report, 1999
- Box 22, Folder 5 Pamphlets: Brown, Soloman G., 1906, 1885
"The Life-Long Aim of Frederick Douglass" , 1885 May 25; "Lamentation for the Old Time Fireplace" , 1906; biography, 1906
- Box 22, Folder 6 Pamphlets: Grimke, Francis J., 1890, 1923, circa 1933
Temperance meeting program, 1890 December 7; "Men's Progressive Club Bulletin" , 1923; "Easter" , circa 1933
- Pamphlets and Small Books, 1882 - circa 1910, 1900, 1897
Maltbie D. Babcock: *The Success of Defeat*, 1893; Joseph Booth: "Africa for the Africans: Objects of the African Christian Union," 1897; *The Shorter Catechism of the Westminster Assembly*, 1900; *The Gospel of St. Matthew*. circa 1890 - circa 1910; *The Penny Hymm Book*, circa 1890 - circa 1900; James H. McConkey: *Faith*, circa 1900 - circa 1910.
- Box 22, Folder 8 Pamphlets and Small Books, 1934-1959

Thinking with the Lord, 1933; *Negro History Week*, 1934; *Keep-On Keeping On*, 1935; *Sunshine for the Sick*, 1944; Gaius Glenn Atkins: *The Fellowship of Prayer*, 1945; *Your Bible Companion*, circa 1920 - circa 1940s; Antoine de Saint Exupery: *A Letter to Young Americans*, circa 1940s - circa 1950s.

- Box 22, Folder 9 Pamphlets and Small Books , 1966-1990
The Christmas Story as Told in the Gospel According to Luke, 1966; Nathaniel Krum: *God Does Answer Prayer*, 1966; *Have You Made the Wonderful Discovery of the Spirit-Filled Life?*, 1966; *Daily Word*, 1968; West Virginia Conference on Black History: "Honoring Our Past," 1988; *Trust Him*, 1990.
- Oversize 1; Periodical: *The Highways and By-Ways Christian Missionary*, 1891
Box 22, Folder 10 Oversize item housed in OV 1, folder 9
- Oversize 1; Periodicals: *Booker T. Bulletin*, 1943
Box 22, Folder 11 Oversize items housed in OV 1, folder 9
- Box 22, Folder 12; Periodical: *Douglass Courier*, 1943
Oversize 1 Oversize item housed in OV 1, folder 9
- Box 22, Folder 13; Periodicals: *Northfield Star*, 1944-1945
Oversize 1 Oversize items housed in OV 1, folder 8
- Box 22, Folder 14 Periodicals: *Northfield Star: Literary Number*, 1945-1946
- Box 22, Folder 15 Periodical: *Northfield Alumnae Chronicle*, 1946 August
Item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance.
- Box 22, Folder 16; Periodical: *Connecticut College News*, 1946 December 18
Oversize 1 Oversize item housed in OV 1, folder 9
- Box 22, Folder 17 Periodical: *Virginia Education Bulletin*, 1948
- Box 23, Folder 1 Periodical: *Broadus Beacon*, 1967-1970
- Oversize 1; Periodical: *Life*, 1971 August 20
Box 23, Folder 2 Oversize item housed in OV 1, folder 10
- Box 23, Folder 3 Speech: Frederick Douglass, *The Race Problem*, 1890 October 21
1.5 Linear feet

6.2: Clippings, 1872-2002

Box 23

Includes clippings of obituaries, articles about Charlene Hodges Byrd and her husband Charles R. Byrd, essays by Sarah A. Shimm under the name "Faith Lichen," and articles on the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Chronological by subject.

Box 23, Folder 4; Oversize 8, 24	1885-1950 Oversize items housed in OV 8, folder 2 and OV 24.
Box 23, Folder 5	1954
Box 23, Folder 6	circa 1955 - circa 1965 Oversize materials housed in OV 8, folder 3.
Box 23, Folder 7; Oversize 8	1968 Oversize items housed in OV 8, folder 4.
Oversize 8; Box 23, Folder 8	1975-2002 Oversize item housed in OV 8, Folder 2.
Oversize 8; Box 23, Folder 9	Byrd, Charlene Hodges and Charles R. Byrd, 1959-1992 Oversize items housed in OV 8, folder 5.
Oversize 8, 24; Box 23, Folder 10	Faith Lichen Essays, 1872-1882 Clippings of Sarah Shimm's essays that appeared under the name "Faith Lichen." The clippings are from <i>The Celtic Weekly</i> , 1872; <i>The People's Advocate</i> , 1877 July 21 (2 copies); <i>The American Baptist</i> , circa 1882; <i>The National Republican</i> , 1881 January 22, 1882 July 8; <i>The Sunday Morning Gazette</i> , circa 1880; and 3 from unknown newspapers. Oversize items housed in OV 8, folder 6 and OV 24.
Binder 23, Folder 11	Obituaries, 1925-1989
Box 23, Folder 12; Oversize 8	Spruill Family, 1984-1992 Oversize item housed in OV 8, folder 1.

6.3: Invitations and Programs, 1878-2002**Box 23-24**

Chiefly invitations and programs related to school graduations, weddings, social events, and funerals.

Alphabetical by subject.

Box 23, Folder 13	Church Newsletters and Programs, 1939-1998
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- Box 23, Folder 14 Cook Orchestra, 1890 November 7
- Box 23, Folder 15 DuBois Circle, 1958
- Box 23, Folder 16 Fisk University Jubilee Singers, 1882
- Box 23, Folder 17 Howard University, 1887-1895
Program, 1895 is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance with this item.

Memorial Programs, 1953-1999

Box 23, Folder 18-19

- Box 23, Folder 20-23 Miscellaneous Invitations, 1879-2002
- Box 24, Folder 1 Miscellaneous School Graduation Programs and Invitations, 1878-1947
Programs and invitations for Dartmouth College, Howard University, Drew Theological Seminary, Saint Andrew's Priory, Lincoln University, Northfield School for Girls, and North Street High School.
- Box 24, Folder 2 Miriam Chapter Number 4, 1998
- Box 24, Folder 3 Morgan State College, 1922-1967
- Box 24, Folder 4 Washington D.C. Public School Programs and Invitations, 1882-1964

6.4: Other Printed Material, circa 1900-2001

Box 24

Includes newsletters; business cards; calling cards; postage stamps, chiefly from Liberia; and blank postcards. The binder on Frederick Douglass was prepared by a goddaughter of Byrd for the West Virginia School Studies Fair, and includes copies of Byrd family artifacts.

Alphabetical by subject.

- Box 24, Folder 5 American Association of Retired Persons, 1995, 1997
- Box 24, Folder 6;
Oversize 9 Binder: "Frederick Douglass: What Was His Historical Significance?," 2001
Student presentation on Frederic Douglass for the West Virginia School Studies Fair prepared by a goddaughter of Byrd. She allowed copies of several personal family artifacts to be included. A list of newspapers and a 20th century copy of a Frederick Douglass "Wanted" flyer are in this folder.

Oversize item is housed in OV 9
- Box 24, Folder 7 Business Cards

Box 24, Folder 8	Calling Cards, circa 1920s - circa 1960s
Box 24, Folder 9	Catalog, circa 1900
Box 24, Folder 10-11	Post Cards (blank), circa 1900 - circa 1950s
Box 24, Folder 12	Postage Stamps, circa 1906 - circa 1917 Includes some postage stamps from Liberia.
Oversize 2, 8; Box 24, Folder 13-14	Miscellaneous Printed Materials Oversize item housed in OV 2; OV 8, folder 7

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Series 7: Volumes, 1840-2002

*1.83 Linear feet**Oversize 6-7**Box 24-25*

Autograph books, guest books, and scrapbooks. The autograph book of Grace E. Shimm Cummings includes autographs from Amelia Douglass, Lewis B. Douglass, Charles R. Douglass, W. H. Clair, and Francis J. Grimke. The scrapbook of Grace E. Shimm Cummings and Erminie F. Shimm consists primarily of clippings, and was assembled from an old teacher's book with a student registration and punishment pages still intact at the back.

Alphabetical by type.

Some items are in fragile condition. Please seek assistance for the following: Scrapbook, 1930s; Scrapbook: Clippings, 1881 - circa 1900.

Box 24, Folder 15	Autograph Book: Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1940 <i>0.5 Linear feet</i>
Box 24, Folder 16	Autograph Book: Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1941
Box 25, Folder 1	Autograph Book: Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1943
Box 25, Folder 2	Autograph Book: Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1943-1945
Box 25, Folder 3	Autograph Book: Cummings, Grace E. Shimm, 1880-1893 Includes autographs from Amelia Douglass, Lewis B. Douglass, Charles R. Douglass, W. H. Clair, Annie Sprague, E. E. Parks, Ira Briggs, and Francis J. Grimke.
Box 25, Folder 4	Guest Book: Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 2002
Box 25, Folder 5	Guest Book: Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1902
Box 25, Folder 6	Guest Book: Hodges, Elizabeth Dews, Retirement Dinner, 1974
Box 25, Folder 7	Guest Book, 1939
Box 25, Folder 8	Guest Book, 1955-1966
Oversize 7; Box 25, Folder 9	Scrapbook, circa 1930s Oversize item is housed in OV 7 Item is in fragile condition. Please ask for assistance when handling.
Box 25, Folder 10-11;	Scrapbook: Byrd, Charlene Hodges, circa 1990s, 1840-1951
Box 26, Folder 1-2	Scrapbook of Charlene Hodges Byrd titled "Also, A Love No Less: Pre-Charlene and of Charlene." The scrapbook contains photographs, letters, and the

marriage certificate for Elias E. Thomas and Catherine Nelson, 1840. Each item is annotated with with notes by Byrd. Photographs include images of Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges, circa 1920s; Charles E. Hodges, circa 1940s - circa 1950s; Grace E. Shimm Cummings, circa 1880s - circa 1890s; Elizabeth Thomas, Erminie F. Shimm, Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges, and Charlene Hodges Byrd, circa 1930; Charles Gilmor Cummings, circa 1880s - circa 1890s. Letters: Charles E. Hodges to Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges, 1922-1923, 1927; letters, Bill to Charlene Hodges Byrd, 1952; Charlene Hodges Byrd to Charles R. Byrd, 1952; Sarah Shimm Thomas to Elizabeth Thomas, 1869; Erminie F. Shimm to Elizabeth Thomas, 1883; Charles Gilmor Cummings to Eliza Jane Cummings, 1896; Ida R. Cummings to Grace E. Shimm Cummings, 1896; Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges to Erminie F. Shimm, 1912; Charlene Hodges Byrd to Alle [?], 1951; Jacob Cousins to Charlene Hodges Byrd, 1950; Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges and Charlene Hodges Byrd, 1944; 1950; Charles R. Byrd to Charlene Hodges Byrd, 1950.

Oversize 6;
Box 26, Folder 3

Scrapbook: Clippings, 1881 - circa 1900

Scrapbook of Grace E. Shimm Cummings and Erminie F. Shimm. The scrapbook was made out of a teacher's book, circa 1870s, with a student register and notes on students who were punished at the back. 2 enclosures.

Oversize item housed in OV 6

Some items are fragile and in need of conservation treatment prior to use.

Oversize 4;
Box 26, Folder 4

Scrapbook: Hodges, Joyce Ethel Cummings, "J. Ethel Hodges: This is Your Life," circa 1950s

Item is housed in OV 4.

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Series 8: Memorabilia, circa 1750-2001*2.42 Linear feet**Oversize 8,10-14,25, 34-35**Box 26-26a*

Miscellaneous items in the collection including artwork, a coin purse, a piece of handwoven cloth belonging to Catherine Nelson's great grandmother, and leather hair curlers.

Alphabetical.

Some items are in fragile condition. Please seek assistance with the following items: Painting, circa 1930s - circa 1940s.

Oversize 10; Box 26, Folder 5	Coin Purse and Button, circa 1890s - circa 1910s Coin purse with the name Mrs. John Simpson on card attached inside. Enclosed is a round pin with photograph of a woman on front. Coin purse is 3 3/8 x 2 1/2 in.; pin is 1 in. Item is housed in OV 10.
Box 26, Folder 6	Drawings, circa 1940s
Oversize 34; Box 26, Folder 7	Fish Knife, circa 1940s - circa 1950s Fish knife, metal and plastic. 5 x 1 in. Item is housed in OV 34.
Oversize 35; Box 26, Folder 8	Fountain Pen Nibs and Box, circa 1909 Eagle Pencil No. E 740 fountain pen nibs and box. Box, 1 7/8 x 2 6/8 in. Item housed in OV 35.
Box 26, Folder 9	Graduation Announcement Printing Plates and Cards, 1950 For Charlene Hodges Byrd's graduation from Connecticut College.
Oversize 13; Box 26, Folder 10	Hair Curlers, circa 1900 - circa 1930s 9 leather hair curlers, all approximately 5 1/2 in. Item is housed in OV 13.
Box 26, Folder 11	Handwoven Cloth, circa 1750 - circa 1800 Tan handwoven cloth made by Catherine Thomas's great grandmother.
Box 26, Folder 12	Jewelry Piece and Ribbon, circa 1930s - circa 1950s Possible brooch, pendant, or hat pin missing faster. Possibly made of brass-plated copper.
Box 26, Folder 13	Letter Opener, circa 1900s - circa 1940s Plastic letter opener with rose at top. 4 2/8 x 1 in.

- Box 26, Folder 14 Miner Teachers College Patch and Tassle, circa 1920s - circa 1930s
- Box 26, Folder 15 Painting: Byrd, Charlene Hodges, circa 1940s
- Box 26, Folder 17 Painting: Framed, circa 1890s - circa 1910s
Watercolor print of a house and tree in broken wood frame with glass. 4 x 8 in.
- Box 26, Folder 16;
Oversize 8 Painting: Paige, Barbara, circa 1940s
Color painting of a woman hugging a man dressed in United States Army clothes. Signed "To Charlene with love. From, Bunny P." 17. 5/8 x 24 in.

Oversize item is housed in OV 8, folder 9
- Box 26, Folder 18;
Oversize 25 Painting, circa 1930s - circa 1940s
Watercolor painting of sea life. 17 7/8 x 23 6/8 in.

Item is housed in OV 25

Item is in fragile condition. Please consult archivist for more information.
- Box 26, Folder 19;
Oversize 12 Print: Framed, 1899
Print in wood frame. The text states: "Christ is the Head of this house, The unseen Guest at every meal, The silent Listener to every conversation. Peace be to such a house." 9 3/4 x 11 3/4 in.

Oversize item is housed in OV 12
- Box 26, Folder 20 Sewing Hooks and Package Card, circa 1905 - circa 1930s
De Long hook Hook and Eye No. 3 sewing hooks on cardboard package cared. 2 6/8 x 4 6/8 in.
- Box 26, Folder 21 Trading Cards, circa 1930s - circa 1940s
22 trading cards with descriptions of bird breeds. 2 5/8 x 3 7/8 in.
- Box 26, Folder 22-23 VHS: "Distinguished Scholars Award Ceremony and Recognition Dinner, University of Charleston," 2001 May 3
- Box 26a, Folder 1;
Oversize 14 Washboard, circa 1890s - circa 1910s
Wooden washboard with ridged metal piece. 3 1/2 x 6 5/8 in.

Oversize item is housed in OV 14

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Series 9: Textiles, circa 1870 - circa 1930s

*9.97 Linear feet**Box 26a (realia)**Oversize 27-33*

The textiles are chiefly christening gowns, children's garments, and an apron. Several garments belonged to Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges, Charlene Hodges Byrd, and Elizabeth N. Thomas. There is also a doll that belonged to Amelia Douglass's niece, Kitty Cromwell.

Alphabetical by textile type.

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| Oversize 30;
Box 26a, Folder 2 | Apron, circa 1910s - 1932
Apron, blue and white. Made by Elizabeth N. Thomas. 20 x 27 2/8 in.

Item is housed in OV 30. |
| Oversize 27;
Box 26a, Folder 3 | Baby shoes, circa 1930s
Gray baby shoes with laces. 5 2/8 x 2 5/8 in.

Item is housed in OV 27. |
| Oversize 28;
Box 26a, Folder 4 | Bonnet, circa 1930s
Pink bonnet. 7 1/2 x 4 in.

Item is housed in OV 28 |
| Box 26a, Folder 5;
Oversize 31 | Child's Garment, circa 1930s
Child's garment, white. 14 7/8 x 20 1/2 in.

Item is housed in OV 31. |
| Oversize 31;
Box 26a, Folder 6 | Child's Garment, circa 1930s
Child's garment, white. 19 9/16 x 18 2/8 in.

Item is housed in OV 31. |
| Oversize 32;
Box 26a, Folder 7 | Child's Garment, circa 1930s
Child's garment, white. 26 5/16 x 25 5/16 in.

Item is housed in OV 32. |
| Box 26a, Folder 8;
Oversize 29 | Christening Cap and Cape, circa 1900s - circa 1930s
White christening cap and cape. Cap: 3 10/16 x 7 3/8 in. Cape: 11 1/16 x 19 1/8 in.

Items are housed in OV 29. |
| Box 26a, Folder 9;
Oversize 30 | Christening Gown: Hodges, Joyce Ethel Cummings, circa 1903
White christening gown of Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges. 36 7/8 x 32 4/8 in. |

Item is housed in OV 30.

Box 26a, Folder 10;
Oversize 30

Christening Gown and Bonnet, circa 1929
Christening gown, white, 18 7/8 x 23 1/2 in. Bonnet, white, 8 in. diameter with 14 in. ties.

Items are housed in OV 30.

Box 26a, Folder 11;
Oversize 33

Doll, circa 1870
Doll that belonged to Amelia Douglass's niece, Kitty Cromwell. 30 1/2 x 12 13/16 in.

Note with doll: "Aunt Amelia Douglass's niece Kitty Cromwell from Syracuse, N.Y. owned this doll over 100 yrs old 1969. Aunt Amelia was Frederick Douglass' daughter-in-law."

Item is housed in OV 33.

Oversize 30;
Box 26a, Folder 12

Foundational Garment, circa 1910s
Foundation garment, white. Made by Elizabeth N. Thomas. 20 in x 28 in.

Item is housed in OV 30.

Oversize 32;
Box 26a, Folder 13

Foundational Garment, circa 1930s
Foundational garment, white. 26 2/8 x 26 5/16 in.

Item is housed in OV 32.

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Series 10: Photographs, circa 1860s - 1990s

726 Photographs

138 Negatives (photographic)

8.58 Linear feet

Box 27-31 (photographs)

Oversize 5,8,15-19,21,39 (photographs)

Photographs include pictures of Charlene Hodges Byrd, Joyce Ethel Hodges Cummings, Frederick Douglass, Elizabeth Dews Hodges, Charles Gilmore Cummings, Grace E. Shimm Cummings, Erminie F. Shimm, and other friends and relatives of the Byrd, Hodges, Cummings, Douglass, and Shimm families. Subjects are primarily portraits and candid, along with some wedding, baby, and school pictures. While some of the photographs are annotated, many of the individuals are unidentified. Included are vintage photographs, cabinet cards, cartes-de-visites, tintypes, daguerreotypes, and negatives.

Alphabetical by last name then by subject

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| Box 27, Folder 1 | <p>Bearden Family, 1913, circa 1915 - circa 1925
 <i>2 Photographic prints (2010.26.027.001.001-002)</i>
 1 black and white vintage photograph and 1 black and white postcard. Picture of Rosa Kennedy, Rosa Catherine Bearden Cummings, Harry Bearden, and Romare Bearden; and picture of Rosa Catherine Bearden Cummings.</p> |
| Box 27, Folder 2-6 | <p>Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1929-1930s
 <i>38 Negatives (photographic) (2010.26.027.005.001-020; 2010.26.027.006.001-018)</i>
 <i>48 Photographic prints (2010.26.027.002.001-009; 2010.26.027.003.001-017; 2010.26.027.004.001-024)</i>
 48 black and white photographs and 38 negatives. Primarily candid pictures of Byrd as a baby and young girl.</p> |
| Box 27, Folder 7-8 | <p>Byrd, Charlene Hodges, circa 1940s
 <i>3 Negatives (photographic) (2010.26.027.001-003)</i>
 <i>17 Photographic prints (2010.26.027.001-017)</i>
 17 black and white photographs and 3 negatives. Primarily candid and a few pictures from Byrd's high school graduation.</p> |
| Box 27, Folder 9 | <p>Byrd, Charlene Hodges, circa 1950s
 <i>4 Photographic prints (2010.26.027.009.001-004)</i>
 4 photographs; 3 black and white and 1 color print. Pictures of Byrd in a graduation cap; a group picture, likely with fellow teachers; and Byrd teaching.</p> |
| Box 27, Folder 10-11 | <p>Byrd, Charlene Hodges, circa 1960s-1970s
 <i>24 Photographic prints (2010.26.027.010.001-014; 2010.26.027.011.001-010)</i>
 24 photographs; 22 black and white and 2 color prints. Primarily pictures from social and business functions; candid taken at home; and one classroom picture.</p> |
| Box 27, Folder 12 | <p>Byrd, Charlene Hodges, circa 1980s-1990s</p> |

- 6 Photographic prints (2010.26.027.012.001-006)*
6 color photographs. Primarily candid, some with her husband Charles, at dinner functions.
- Box 27, Folder 13-14 Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Candid with Friends, circa 1940s
1 Negatives (photographic) (2010.26.027.014.001)
14 Photographic prints (2010.26.027.013.001-014)
14 black and white photographs. Pictures of Byrd with friends in front of a house and at a barn.
- Box 27, Folder 15-18 Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Connecticut College, 1946-1950
14 Photographic prints (2010.26.027.015.001-014)
37 Negatives (photographic) (2010.26.027.016.001-008; 2010.26.027.017.001-014; 2010.26.027.018.001-015)
14 black and white photographs and 37 negatives. Primarily candid pictures of Byrd and her friends at Connecticut College.
- Box 28, Folder 1-2 Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Friends and Family, circa 1930s
4 Photographic prints (2010.26.028.001.001-004)
3 Negatives (photographic) (2010.26.028.002.001-003)
4 black and white photographs and 3 negatives. Primarily candid of Byrd's friends and family.
- Box 28, Folder 3 Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Friends and Family, circa 1940s
14 Photographic prints (2010.26.028.003.001-014)
14 black and white photographs. Candid and portraits of friends, including one of her friend Carl Johnson in a military uniform.
- Box 28, Folder 4 Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Friends and Family, circa 1950s - circa 1960s
26 Photographic prints (2010.26.028.004.001-026)
26 photographs; 21 black and white and 5 color prints. Primarily candid of Byrd's friends and family, including some of her students and classmates.
- Box 28, Folder 5 Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Friends and Family, circa 1970s
34 Photographic prints (2010.26.028.005.001-034)
34 color photographs. Primarily candid of Byrd's friends and family. She and Elizabeth Dews Hodges are in some of the photographs.
- Box 28, Folder 6 Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Friends and Family, circa 1980s-circa 1990s
14 Photographic prints (2010.26.028.006.001-014)
14 color photographs. Primarily candid of Byrd's friends and family.
- Box 28, Folder 7 Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Group Portrait with Maya Angelou, circa 1983
1 Photographic print (2010.26.028.007.001)
- Binder 28, Folder 8 Byrd, Charlene Hodges: House, 1961
12 Photographic prints (2010.26.028.008.001-012)
12 photographs. Pictures of Byrd's home in Nitro, West Virginia.

- Box 28, Folder 9 Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Miscellaneous, circa 1960s
13 Photographic prints (2010.26.028.009.001-013)
13 black and white photographs. Pictures of Byrd's dogs; an organ; and a television screen with Martin Luther King, Jr. on the program "Face the Nation."
- Box 28, Folder 9 Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Picture Booth Photograph, circa 1950s
1 Photographic print (2010.26.028.009.001)
Black and white picture booth photograph in metal frame of Byrd and unidentified woman.
- Box 28, Folder 10-11 Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Portraits, circa 1930s - circa 1950s
14 Photographic prints (2010.26.028.010.001-011; 2010.26.028.011.001-003)
14 black and white photographs.
- Box 28, Folder 12-13 Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Portraits, circa 1960s - circa 1970s
33 Photographic prints (2010.26.028.012.001-016; 2010.26.028.013.001-017)
33 black and white photographs.
- Box 28, Folder 14 Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Slides, circa 1970s
3 Slides (2010.26.028.014.001-003)
3 color slides of Byrd, likely at work.
- Box 28, Folder 15 Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Wedding, 1952
3 Photographic prints (2010.26.028.015.001-003)
3 black and white photographs. Byrd with flowers; Byrd with two women; and a fountain.
- Box 28, Folder 16-17 Cummings Family, circa 1880s - circa 1990s
19 Photographic prints (2010.26.028.016.001-009; 2010.26.028.017.001-010)
19 vintage photographs, cartes-de-visites, cabinet cards, and photographs; 17 black and white and 2 color prints. Primarily portraits and candid of Ida R. Cummings, Estelle Cummings, Harry S. Cummings, Lucille Cummings, Carol Cummings, Lula Cummings, Louisa Cummings, and John Dorcas.
- Box 28, Folder 18 Cummings, Aaron, circa 1890s - circa 1950s
3 Photographic prints (2010.26.028.018.001-003)
3 black and white cabinet cards and photographs. Portraits.
- Box 28, Folder 19 Cummings, Charles Gilmor, circa 1890s
5 Photographic prints (2010.26.028.019.001-005)
4 black and white cabinet cards and vintage photographs; 1 tintype. Portraits.
- Box 28, Folder 19;
Oversize 15 Cummings, Charles Gilmor with Grace E. Shimm Cummings and Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges, circa 1905
3 Photographic prints (2010.26.028.020.001-003)
2 black and white vintage photographs of a family portrait, and another copy in a wood frame, 10.5in x 8.375in.

Oversize item housed in OV 15

- Box 28, Folder 21 Cummings, Eliza Jane Davage, circa 18970s - circa 1880s
2 Photographic prints (2010.26.028.021.001-002)
2 black and white cabinet cards. Both pictures are of same portrait.
- Box 28, Folder 22 Cummings, Grace E. Shimm, circa 1860s - circa 1900s
3 Photographic prints (2010.26.028.022.001-003)
2 black and white vintage photographs of same portrait, and one carte-de-visite of Cummings as a child.
- Box 29, Folder 1-2 Cummings, Ida R., circa 1890s-1958
8 Photographic prints (2010.26.029.001.001-004; 2010.26.029.002.001-004)
8 black and white cabinet cards and vintage photographs. Portraits and one photograph of a house owned by Cummings in Baltimore, Maryland.
- Box 29, Folder 3 Davage, Charlotte, circa 1890s
2 Photographic prints (2010.26.029.003.001-002)
2 black and white vintage photographs. Both pictures are of same portrait.
- Box 29, Folder 4 Davage, Sidney, circa 1880s
3 Photographic prints (2010.26.029..004.001-003)
3 black and white cabinet cards. All pictures are of same portrait.
- Box 29, Folder 5 Dews, Gerald, 1984
5 Photographic prints (2010.26.029.005.001-005)
5 color photographs. Pictures of Gerard Dews as a boxing coach.
- Box 29, Folder 6 Douglass Family, circa 1880s - 1890s
7 Photographic prints (2010.26.029.006.001-007)
7 black and white cartes-de-visites and cabinet cards. Portraits of Charles Douglass, Lewis B. Douglass, and Joseph H. Douglass; Amelia Douglass; Lewis B. Douglass; and an unnamed daughter of Rosetta Douglass Sprague and Nathan Sprague.
- Box 29, Folder 7 Douglass, Frederick, circa 1870s
2 Photographic prints (2010.26.029.007.001-002)
2 black and white cartes-de-visites. 2 portraits; on verso of one image it is inscribed "To Grace and Erminie Shimm. From Fred. Douglass."
- Box 29, Folder 8 Douglass, Frederick and Joseph H. Douglass, circa 1880s
1 Photographic print (2010.26.029.008.001)
1 black and white cabinet card. Portrait of Frederick Douglass seated with his grandson Joseph H. Douglass holding a violin. Inscription on verso incorrectly identifies Frederick Douglass as Charles Douglass.
- Box 29, Folder 9 Gray Family, 1989

- 7 Photographic prints (2010.26.029.009.001-007)*
7 color photographs. Pictures of Elizabeth Dews Hodges's cousin Thomas Gray and his family.
- Box 29, Folder 10 Hodges, Charles E., circa 1960s, 1955
4 Photographic prints (2010.26.029.010.001-004)
4 black and white photographs. Portraits.
- Box 29, Folder 11 Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: AARP Chapter 100, 1988
6 Photographic prints (2010.26.029.011.001-006)
6 color photographs. Candid photos from an AARP chapter trip.
- Box 29, Folder 12 Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Dunbar High School Class of '32 Reunion, 1982-1991
22 Photographic prints (2010.26.029.012.001-022)
22 photographs; 2 black and white and 20 color prints. Candid photos and group portraits.
- Box 29, Folder 13 Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Friends and Family, circa 1940s-1968
12 Photographic prints (2010.26.029.013.001-012)
12 color photographs. Primarily candid photos of Hodges along with friends and family.
- Box 29, Folder 14-15 Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Friends and Family, circa 1970s - circa 1980s
27 Photographic prints (2010.26.029.014.001-014; 2010.26.029.015.001-013)
27 color photographs. Primarily candid photos of Hodges with friends and family.
- Box 29, Folder 16 Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Friends and Family, 1990s
16 Photographic prints (2010.26.029.016.001-016)
16 color photographs. Primarily candid photos of Hodges with friends and family.
- Box 29, Folder 17 Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Miner Teachers College, 1935-1938
5 Photographic prints (2010.26.029.017.001-005)
5 black and white photographs. Pictures of students at Miner Teachers College.
- Box 29, Folder 18 Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Miscellaneous, 1990s
18 Photographic prints (2010.26.029.018.001-018)
17 color photographs. Candid photos of the interior of a house and her cat.
- Oversize 8;
Box 29, Folder 19 Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Portraits, circa 1980s - circa 1990s
12 Photographic prints (2010.26.029.019.001-012)
12 color photographs. 2 sets of portraits.

Oversize items housed in OV 8, folder 8
- Box 29, Folder 20 Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Weddings, 1955, circa 1940s
2 Photographic prints (2010.26.029.020.001-002)
2 black and white photographs. Pictures of her first wedding in the 1940s, and her second one in 1955.

- Box 30, Folder 1;
Box 29, Folder 21-22
- Hodges, Joyce Ethel Cummings, circa 1900s - circa 1930s
26 Photographic prints (2010.26.029.021.001-011; 2010.26.029.022.001-015)
8 Negatives (photographic) (2010.26.030.001.001-008)
26 black and white vintage photographs and prints; 8 negatives. Primarily portraits, candid, and pictures of her with Charlene Hodges Byrd as a baby.
- Box 30, Folder 2-3
- Shimm, Erminie F., circa 1860s - circa 1930s
1 Negatives (photographic) (2010.26.030.003.001)
9 Photographic prints (2010.26.030.002.001-009)
9 black and white carte-de-visites, vintage photographs, and photographs; 1 negative. Chiefly portraits, a baby picture, and candid.
- Box 30, Folder 4
- Shimm, William and Unidentified Men in Front of Store, circa 1870s - circa 1880s
1 Photographic print (2010.26.030.004.001)
1 black and white vintage photograph.
- Box 30, Folder 5
- Shimm House, circa 1910s - circa 1930s
2 Photographic prints (2010.26.030.005.001-002)
2 black and white photographs of the Shimm house in Washington, D.C.
- Box 30, Folder 6
- Simpson, Sophia Davage, circa 1890s
2 Photographic prints (2010.26.030.006.001-002)
2 black and white photographs. Both pictures are of the same portrait.
- Box 30, Folder 7-9;
Oversize 21
- Spruill Family, 1980s-1990s
61 Photographic prints (2010.26.030.007.001-017; 2010.26.030.008.001-022; 2010.26.030.009.001-022)
61 color photographs. Portraits and candid that include birthdays, graduations, and baby pictures.

Oversize item housed in OV 21
- Box 30, Folder 10
- Spruill family: Wedding, 1990
25 Photographic prints (2010.26.030.010.001-026)
25 color photographs. Pictures from the wedding and reception for Kecia Spruill and Otis Johnson.
- Box 30, Folder 11
- Thomas, Elizabeth N., circa 1880s - circa 1890s
2 Photographic prints (2010.26.030.011.001-002)
2 black and white cartes-de-visites. Portraits.
- Box 30, Folder 12
- Cartes-de-visites Portraits, circa 1870s - circa 1880s
6 Photographic prints (2010.26.030.012.001-006)
6 black and white cartes-de-visites. Portraits of John Brown, Horace Greely, H.D.G. Carroll, Victoria Jones, and two unidentified individuals. One of the unidentified could be William Shimm.
- Box 30, Folder 13;
- Daguerreotype in Case, circa 1860s

- Oversize 16 *1 Photographic print (2010.26.030.013.001)*
Daguerreotype image of a man with two children. The case has a clasp, and is in 2 pieces. 3 1/4 x 3 3/4in.

Oversize item housed in OV 16
- Box 30, Folder 14;
Oversize 19 Framed Cabinet Card, circa 1880s - circa 1890s
1 Photographic print (2010.26.030.014.001)
Black and white cabinet card of unidentified man in picture frame. Frame is purple velvet with gold trim; 6 x 8in.

Oversize item is housed in OV 19
- Box 30, Folder 15;
Oversize 17 Framed Photograph, circa 1900 - circa 1930s
1 Photographic print (2010.26.030.015.001)
Black and white photographic print of a portrait of an unidentified woman in an oval metal frame. 11 1/4 x 14in.

Oversize item is housed in OV 17
- Box 30, Folder 16-18 Friends and Family, circa 1880s - 1890s
18 Photographic prints (2010.26.030.016.001-008; 2010.26.030.017.001-006; 2010.26.030.018.001-004)
18 black and white vintage photographs and cabinet cards. Primarily portraits of unidentified individuals.
- Box 30, Folder 19 Friends and Family, circa 1900s - circa 1920s
12 Photographic prints (2010.26.030.019.001-012)
12 black and white photographs. Portraits and candids of primarily unidentified individuals.
- Box 31, Folder 1-3;
Box 30, Folder 20-21 Friends and Family, circa 1930s - circa 1950s
46 Photographic prints (2010.26.030.020.001-019; 2010.26.030.021.001-018; 2010.26.031.001-009)
30 Negatives (photographic) (2010.26.031.002.001-015; 2010.26.031.003.001-015)
46 black and white photographs; 30 negatives. Candids of primarily unidentified individuals.
- Box 31, Folder 4-6 Miscellaneous, circa 1930s - circa 1950s
9 Photographic prints (2010.26.031.004.001-009)
17 Negatives (photographic) (2010.26.031.005.001-010; 2010.26.031.006.001-007)
9 black and white photographs; 17 negatives. Primarily pictures of cars, outdoor scenes, and houses.
- Box 31, Folder 7;
Oversize 39 Photograph Album, circa 1920s - 1979
1 Photographic album (2010.26.031.007.001)
Photograph album of Elizabeth Dews Hodges.

Item is housed in OV 39.

Box 31, Folder 8;
Oversize 5

Photograph Album, circa 1930s
1 Photographic album (2010.26.031.008.001)

Photograph album, primarily images of Charlene Hodges Byrd as a child, and a woman that is probably her mother, Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges.

Oversize item housed in OV 5

Box 31, Folder 9;
Oversize 18

Tintype in Union Case, circa 1860s - circa 1890s
1 Photographic print (2010.26.031.009.001)

Tintype image of unidentified man in union case. 2 5/8 x 3in.

Oversize item is housed in OV 18

Box 31, Folder 10

Tintype Portraits, circa 1860s - circa 1890s
7 Photographic prints (2010.26.031.010.001-007)

7 tintypes. Unidentified portraits.

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