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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Museum of African American History and Culture
Title:	Charlene Hodges Byrd collection
Date:	circa 1750-2009 (bulk 1880-1960)
Identifier:	NMAAHC.A2010.26
Creator:	Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1929-2009
Extent:	43 Linear feet (35 document boxes and 39 oversize boxes)
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.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Charlene Hodges Byrd collection-representative-image

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

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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 Waumbeka, 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, 1818-1895
- 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

Places:

Washington (D.C.)

Container Listing

Series 1: Biographical Material, 1842-2002

1.25 Linear feet

Oversize 1

Box 1

Box 2

Box 3

Arrangement: Alphabetical by last name.

Scope and Contents: 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.

Box 1, Folder 1	Finding Aid for Charlene Hodges Byrd Collection
Box 1, Folder 2	Genealogy Research Notes: Notes and family trees.
Box 1, Folder 3	Byrd, Charlene Hodges, 1929-2002 Notes: 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 Notes: Oversize item housed in OV 2
Box 1, Folder 5	Byrd, Charlene Hodges: School Programs, 1943-1951 Notes: 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 Notes: Primarily grades.
Box 1, Folder 7	Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Student Trip to Europe, 1950 Notes: Includes passport and travel itinerary from SITA Adventure Trails.
Box 1, Folder 8	Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Teaching Career, 1963-1997 Notes: Includes teaching appointments.
Box 1, Folder 9	Byrd, Charles R.: Grades, 1963 Notes: Grades from Syracuse University.
Box 1, Folder 10-11	Cummings Family, 1902-1991 Notes: Includes church and funeral programs; family history notes; and photocopies and clippings of obituaries.
Box 1, Folder 12	Cummings, Charles Gilmore: Diploma, Drew Theological Seminary, 1898

	Notes:	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 Notes:	Diplomas and certificates are for the Public Schools of the District of Columbia, 1874, 1878, and 1881; Miner Normal School, 1884, circa 1885. Certificate from Miner Normal School, circa 1885 is in fragile condition. Please consult archivist for more information. Oversize items are housed in OV 1, folder 2; OV 2; OV 26
Box 1, Folder 14-15	Cummings, Grace E. Shimm: Memorial Book, 1910	
Box 1, Folder 16	Cummings, Harry Sythe, 1890-1990 and undated Notes:	Includes photocopies of biographical material.
Box 1, Folder 17	Cummings, Ida R., circa 1900-1925, 1958 Notes:	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 Notes:	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 Notes:	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 Notes:	Includes church and funeral programs; a eulogy; and copies of clippings of his obituary.
Box 2, Folder 2	Hodges, Charles E., 1923-1936 Notes:	Includes clipping of his obituary, school certificates, and grades.
Box 2, Folder 3	Hodges, Charles E.: Diplomas, 1923 June 23, 1943 Notes:	Oversize items housed in OV 1, folder 2; OV 3
Box 2, Folder 4-5	Hodges, Elizabeth Dews, 1920-1999 Notes:	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 Notes: Includes clippings, program, and obituary.
Box 3, Folder 1	Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Notebook, 1995 Notes: Notes on her life, career, and accomplishments.
Box 3, Folder 2	Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: "Who am I?," 1998 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: Diplomas for Morgan College and Howard University are in fragile condition. Please consult archivist for more information. Oversize item housed in OV 1, folder 2; OV 25; OV 26
Box 3, Folder 5	Hodges, Joyce Ethel Cummings: Student Papers, 1907-1931 Notes: 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 Notes: Includes teaching contracts and change tickets.
Oversize 1; Box 3, Folder 7	Shimm and Thomas Families, 1895-1936 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: Includes wedding and family reunion materials.
Box 3, Folder 13; Oversize 1	Thomas, Charles A.: Certificate, United States Supreme Court, 1874 March 27 Notes: Oversize item housed in OV 1, folder 2
Box 3, Folder 14	Thomas, Elizabeth N., 1932 Notes: Includes two handwritten obituaries.

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Series 2: Correspondence, 1869-2009

5 Linear feet

Box 3-13

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

Scope and Contents: 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.

Restrictions: 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.

Subseries 2.1: Charlene Hodges Byrd, 1944-2008

Box 3-4a

Scope and Contents: 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 Notes: 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

Subseries 2.2: Grace E. Shimm Cummings, 1875-1910

Box 5

Scope and Contents: Scattered letters, chiefly from Charles Gilmor 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 Gilmor Cummings.

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

Box 5, Folder 1	Cummings, Charles Gilmor, 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

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

Box 5

Scope and Contents: 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](#)

Subseries 2.4: Elizabeth Dews Hodges, 1951-1998

Box 5

Scope and Contents: 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](#)

Subseries 2.5: Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges, 1907-1971

Box 5-11

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

Scope and Contents: 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.

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
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Box 8, Folder 1	Gertman, George C., 1958
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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 Notes: 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

Subseries 2.6: Erminie F. Shimm, 1875-1936

Box 11-12

Scope and Contents: 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 Notes: 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

Notes: Letters discussing missionary work by the Methodist Episcopal Church in Monrovia, Liberia.

Box 11, Folder 7	Commissioners of the District of Columbia, 1932 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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

Subseries 2.7: Sarah A. Shimm, 1874 - circa 1884

Box 12

[Image\(s\)](#)

Scope and Contents: 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.

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

Box 12, Folder 9 [General Correspondence, 1874 - circa 1884](#)

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

Box 12-13

Image(s)

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

Scope and Contents: 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 Gilmor 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.

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](#)

Subseries 2.9: Other Correspondence, 1883-1991

Box 13

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

Box 13, Folder 3 [Crockett, Grace, 1964-1968](#)

Notes: Primarily letters from Catherine Smith discussing travel and family news.

Box 13, Folder 4 [Cummings, Charles Gilmor, 1890-1927](#)

Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: Includes correspondence regarding employment as a "Bell-man" in a hotel.
Box 13, Folder 7	Douglass, Charles R. to Emma Patterson, 1872 October 24 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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

Restrictions: 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.

Scope and Contents: 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.

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

Subseries 3.1: Charlene Hodges Byrd

Box 14

Scope and Contents: 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

Subseries 3.2: Grace E. Shimm Cummings

Box 14-15

Scope and Contents: 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
Notes: Item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance.

Box 14, Folder 8 "Refinement," 1883 November 28

	Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: Two drafts with some differences. One item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance.
Box 14, Folder 27	"The Leper," circa 1881 - circa 1900 Notes: Item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance. Copy of excerpt of "The Leper" by Nathaniel Parker Willis.

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

Subseries 3.3: Elizabeth Dews Hodges

Box 15

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

Box 15, Folder 6 Writings, 1995, circa 1983 - circa 1995

Subseries 3.4: Joyce Ethel Cummings Hodges

Box 15

Scope and Contents: Writings chiefly academic papers along with several speeches.

Box 15, Folder 7 "The Attitude Toward the Medieval Romance During the Renaissance," circa 1930
Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: Item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance.

Subseries 3.5: Erminie F. Shimm

Box 15-16

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

Box 15, Folder 18	"Buildings and Builders," circa 1880 - circa 1910
Box 15, Folder 20	"The Voices of Fiction," circa 1880 - circa 1910 Notes: 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 Notes: Item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance. 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."
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 Notes: Oversize item housed in OV 20.
Box 15, Folder 26	Fragments, circa 1900 - circa 1920

Box 15, Folder 27	Notebook, circa 1870s Notes: School notebook.
Box 16, Folder 1	Notebook, circa 1880 - circa 1900 Notes: Teaching notebook with enclosure.
Box 16, Folder 2	Notebook, circa 1880 - circa 1900 Notes: School notebook with enclosure.
Box 16, Folder 3	Notebook, circa 1881 Notes: Teaching notebook with lesson plans and class exercises.
Box 16, Folder 4	Sktechbook, circa 1880 - circa 1900 Notes: Sketchbook with enclosure.

Subseries 3.6: Sarah A. Shimm

Box 16

Scope and Contents: 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 Notes: 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

Subseries 3.7: Elizabeth N. Thomas

Box 16

Box 16, Folder 17	Sunday School Teacher's Book, 1887-1888
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Subseries 3.8: Unidentified Author**Box 16-17**

Scope and Contents: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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

Arrangement: 6 subseries arranged alphabetically by subject.

Scope and Contents: 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.

Subseries 4.1: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, 1988

Box 17

Scope and Content: 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

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

Box 17

Scope and Content: 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 Notes: 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

Subseries 4.3: Church Women United, 1974-1986

Box 17

Scope and Content: 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

Subseries 4.4: Liberia, , 1917-2002 and undated (bulk 1917-1921)**Box 17-18**

Scope and Content: 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

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

Scope and Content: 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

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

Scope and Content: 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
0.5 Linear feet

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Series 5: Financial and Legal Records, 1863-1981

1 Linear foot

Box 18-20

Oversize 1

Scope and Content: 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.

Arrangement: Alphabetical by type and chronological in order

Restrictions: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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; Box 19, Folder 1	Deeds, 1950-1957 Notes: 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 Notes: 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. Probate records in OV 25 are in fragile condition. Please consult archivist for more information. Oversize item housed in OV 1, folder 5; OV 25
Box 19, Folder 7	Invoices and Receipts, 1875-1879
Box 19, Folder 8; Oversize 1	Invoices and Receipts, 1881-1883 Notes: 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 Notes: 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

Scope and Contents: 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.

Arrangement: 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.

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

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

Box 20-23

Arrangement: Chronological by format.

Scope and Contents: 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."

Box 20, Folder 4	Book: The American Letter Writer, circa 1851
Box 20, Folder 5	Book: The Child's Scripture Question-Book, 1853
Box 20, Folder 6	Book: Lady, Young Lady's Companion, 1860 Notes: Annotated with notes and inscriptions.
Box 20, Folder 7	Book: I Wish I Was Poor, circa 1864
Oversize 37; Box 20, Folder 8	Book: Holland, J. G., The Life of Abraham Lincoln, 1866 Notes: Item is housed in OV 37.
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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: Charles Gilmore 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 Notes: 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., <i>Something to Live By</i> , 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., <i>Best Quotations For All Occasions</i> , 1948
Box 21b, Folder 7	Book: Connecticut College Coursebook, 1949 Notes: Enclosure.
Box 22, Folder 1	Book: <i>Way of Life: Discipleship and Evangelism Training</i> , 1975
Box 22, Folder 2	Books: Poetry, circa 1986-1993 Notes: Amanda Bradley: <i>Moments of Inspiration</i> , 1979; Helen Steiner Rice: <i>Prayers and Meditations</i> , circa 1992 and <i>Hearts and Gifts</i> , circa 1992; and Sarah Tarascio, Editor: <i>Rejoice!</i> , 1993.
Box 22, Folder 3	Book: <i>Order of the Eastern Star Directory</i> , 1998
Box 22, Folder 4	Book: <i>Mount Ephraim Baptist Church Report</i> , 1999
Box 22, Folder 5	Pamphlets: Brown, Soloman G., 1906, 1885 Notes: "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 Notes: Temperance meeting program, 1890 December 7; "Men's Progressive Club Bulletin" , 1923; "Easter" , circa 1933
	Pamphlets and Small Books, 1882 - circa 1910, 1900, 1897 Notes: Maltbie D. Babcock: <i>The Success of Defeat</i> , 1893; Joseph Booth: "Africa for the Africans: Objects of the African Christian Union," 1897; <i>The Shorter Catechism of the Westminster Assembly</i> , 1900; <i>The Gospel of St. Matthew</i> . circa 1890 - circa 1910; <i>The Penny Hymm Book</i> , circa 1890 - circa 1900; James H. McConkey: <i>Faith</i> , circa 1900 - circa 1910.
Box 22, Folder 8	Pamphlets and Small Books, 1934-1959 Notes: <i>Thinking with the Lord</i> , 1933; <i>Negro History Week</i> , 1934; <i>Keep-On Keeping On</i> , 1935; <i>Sunshine for the Sick</i> , 1944; Gaius Glenn Atkins: <i>The Fellowship of Prayer</i> , 1945; <i>Your Bible Companion</i> , circa 1920 - circa 1940s; Antoine de Saint Exupery: <i>A Letter to Young Americans</i> , circa 1940s - circa 1950s.
Box 22, Folder 9	Pamphlets and Small Books, 1966-1990 Notes: <i>The Christmas Story as Told in the Gospel According to Luke</i> , 1966; Nathaniel Krum: <i>God Does Answer Prayer</i> , 1966; <i>Have You Made the Wonderful Discovery of the Spirit-Filled Life?</i> , 1966; <i>Daily Word</i> ,

1968; West Virginia Conference on Black History: "Honoring Our Past," 1988; *Trust Him*, 1990.

Oversize 1; Box 22, Folder 10	Periodical: The Highways and By-Ways Christian Missionary, 1891 Notes: Oversize item housed in OV 1, folder 9
Oversize 1; Box 22, Folder 11	Periodicals: Booker T. Bulletin, 1943 Notes: Oversize items housed in OV 1, folder 9
Box 22, Folder 12; Oversize 1	Periodical: Douglass Courier, 1943 Notes: Oversize item housed in OV 1, folder 9
Box 22, Folder 13; Oversize 1	Periodicals: Northfield Star, 1944-1945 Notes: 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 Notes: Item is in fragile condition. Please contact archivist for assistance.
Box 22, Folder 16; Oversize 1	Periodical: Connecticut College News, 1946 December 18 Notes: 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; Box 23, Folder 2	Periodical: Life, 1971 August 20 Notes: 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

Subseries 6.2: Clippings, 1872-2002

Box 23

Arrangement: Chronological by subject.

Scope and Contents: 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.

Box 23, Folder 4; Oversize 8, 24	1885-1950 Notes: Oversize items housed in OV 8, folder 2 and OV 24.
Box 23, Folder 5	1954

Box 23, Folder 6	circa 1955 - circa 1965 Notes: Oversize materials housed in OV 8, folder 3.
Box 23, Folder 7; Oversize 8	1968 Notes: Oversize items housed in OV 8, folder 4.
Oversize 8; Box 23, Folder 8	1975-2002 Notes: Oversize item housed in OV 8, Folder 2.
Oversize 8; Box 23, Folder 9	Byrd, Charlene Hodges and Charles R. Byrd, 1959-1992 Notes: Oversize items housed in OV 8, folder 5.
Oversize 8, 24; Box 23, Folder 10	Faith Lichen Essays, 1872-1882 Notes: 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 Notes: Oversize item housed in OV 8, folder 1.

Subseries 6.3: Invitations and Programs, 1878-2002

Box 23-24

Arrangement: Alphabetical by subject.

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

Box 23, Folder 13	Church Newsletters and Programs, 1939-1998
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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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

Subseries 6.4: Other Printed Material, circa 1900-2001

Box 24

Arrangement: Alphabetical by subject.

Scope and Contents: 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.

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 Notes: 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 Notes: Includes some postage stamps from Liberia.
Oversize 2, 8;	Miscellaneous Printed Materials Notes: Oversize item housed in OV 2; OV 8, folder 7

Box 24, Folder 13-14

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Series 7: Volumes, 1840-2002

1.83 Linear feet

Oversize 6-7

Box 24-25

Arrangement: Alphabetical by type.

Scope and Contents: 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.

Restrictions: 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
0.5 Linear feet

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
Notes: 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
Notes: Oversize item is housed in OV 7
Item is in fragile condition. Please ask for assistance when handling.

Box 25, Folder 10-11;
Box 26, Folder 1-2 Scrapbook: Byrd, Charlene Hodges, circa 1990s, 1840-1951
Notes: 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

	<p>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.</p>
<p>Oversize 6; Box 26, Folder 3</p>	<p>Scrapbook: Clippings, 1881 - circa 1900 Notes: Some items are fragile and in need of conservation treatment prior to use. Oversize item housed in OV 6 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.</p>
<p>Oversize 4; Box 26, Folder 4</p>	<p>Scrapbook: Hodges, Joyce Ethel Cummings, "J. Ethel Hodges: This is Your Life," circa 1950s Notes: Item is housed in OV 4.</p>

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Series 8: Memorabilia, circa 1750-2001

2.42 Linear feet

Oversize 8,10-14,25, 34-35

Box 26-26a

Scope and Contents: 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.

Arrangement: Alphabetical.

Restrictions: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: Item housed in OV 35. Eagle Pencil No. E 740 fountain pen nibs and box. Box, 1 7/8 x 2 6/8 in.
Box 26, Folder 9	Graduation Announcement Printing Plates and Cards, 1950 Notes: For Charlene Hodges Byrd's graduation from Connecticut College.
Oversize 13; Box 26, Folder 10	Hair Curlers, circa 1900 - circa 1930s Notes: Item is housed in OV 13. 9 leather hair curlers, all approximately 5 1/2 in.
Box 26, Folder 11	Handwoven Cloth, circa 1750 - circa 1800 Notes: Tan handwoven cloth made by Catherine Thomas's great grandmother.
Box 26, Folder 12	Jewery Piece and Ribbon, circa 1930s - circa 1950s Notes: Possible broach, pendant, or hat pin missing faster. Possibly made of brass-plated copper.
Box 26, Folder 13	Letter Ppener, circa 1900s - circa 1940s Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: Oversize item is housed in OV 8, folder 9 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.
Box 26, Folder 18; Oversize 25	Painting, circa 1930s - circa 1940s Notes: Item is in fragile condition. Please consult archivist for more information. Item is housed in OV 25 Watercolor painting of sea life. 17 7/8 x 23 6/8 in.
Box 26, Folder 19; Oversize 12	Print: Framed, 1899 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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

Arrangement: Alphabetical by textile type.

Scope and Contents: 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.

Oversize 30; Box 26a, Folder 2	Apron, circa 1910s - 1932 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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
Notes: 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
Notes: 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
Notes: 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)

Scope and Content: 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.

Arrangement: Alphabetical by last name then by subject

Box 27, Folder 1	<p>Bearden Family, 1913, circa 1915 - circa 1925 2 Photographic prints Notes: 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 38 Negatives (photographic) 48 Photographic prints Notes: 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 3 Negatives (photographic) 17 Photographic prints Notes: 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 4 Photographic prints Notes: 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 24 Photographic prints Notes: 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 6 Photographic prints</p>

	Notes: 6 color photographs. Primarily candid, some with her husband Charles, at dinner functions.
Box 27, Folder 13-14	<p>Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Candid with Friends, circa 1940s 1 Negative (photographic) 14 Photographic prints</p> <p>Notes: 14 black and white photographs. Pictures of Byrd with friends in front of a house and at a barn.</p>
Box 27, Folder 15-18	<p>Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Connecticut College, 1946-1950 14 Photographic prints 37 Negatives (photographic)</p> <p>Notes: 14 black and white photographs and 37 negatives. Primarily candid pictures of Byrd and her friends at Connecticut College.</p>
Box 28, Folder 1-2	<p>Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Friends and Family, circa 1930s 4 Photographic prints 3 Negatives (photographic)</p> <p>Notes: 4 black and white photographs and 3 negatives. Primarily candid of Byrd's friends and family.</p>
Box 28, Folder 3	<p>Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Friends and Family, circa 1940s 14 Photographic prints</p> <p>Notes: 14 black and white photographs. Candid and portraits of friends, including one of her friend Carl Johnson in a military uniform.</p>
Box 28, Folder 4	<p>Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Friends and Family, circa 1950s - circa 1960s 26 Photographic prints</p> <p>Notes: 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.</p>
Box 28, Folder 5	<p>Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Friends and Family, circa 1970s 34 Photographic prints</p> <p>Notes: 34 color photographs. Primarily candid of Byrd's friends and family. She and Elizabeth Dews Hodges are in some of the photographs.</p>
Box 28, Folder 6	<p>Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Friends and Family, circa 1980s-circa 1990s 14 Photographic prints</p> <p>Notes: 14 color photographs. Primarily candid of Byrd's friends and family.</p>
Box 28, Folder 7	<p>Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Group Portrait with Maya Angelou, circa 1983 1 Photographic print</p>
Binder 28, Folder 8	<p>Byrd, Charlene Hodges: House, 1961 12 Photographic prints</p> <p>Notes: 12 photographs. Pictures of Byrd's home in Nitro, West Virginia.</p>
Box 28, Folder 9	<p>Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Miscellaneous, circa 1960s 13 Photographic prints</p>

	Notes:	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 Notes:	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 Notes:	14 black and white photographs.
Box 28, Folder 12-13	Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Portraits, circa 1960s - circa 1970s 33 Photographic prints Notes:	33 black and white photographs.
Box 28, Folder 14	Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Slides, circa 1970s 3 Slides (photographs) Notes:	3 color slides of Byrd, likely at work.
Box 28, Folder 15	Byrd, Charlene Hodges: Wedding, 1952 3 Photographic prints Notes:	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 Notes:	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 Notes:	3 black and white cabinet cards and photographs. Portraits.
Box 28, Folder 19	Cummings, Charles Gilmor, circa 1890s 5 Photographic prints Notes:	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 Notes:	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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 2 black and white vintage photographs. Both pictures are of same portrait.
Box 29, Folder 4	Davage, Sidney, circa 1880s 3 Photographic prints Notes: 3 black and white cabinet cards. All pictures are of same portrait.
Box 29, Folder 5	Dews, Gerald, 1984 5 Photographic prints Notes: 5 color photographs. Pictures of Gerard Dews as a boxing coach.
Box 29, Folder 6	Douglass Family, circa 1880s - 1890s 7 Photographic prints Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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

Notes: 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

Notes: 4 black and white photographs. Portraits.

Box 29, Folder 11

[Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: AARP Chapter 100, 1988](#)

6 Photographic prints

Notes: 6 color photographs. Candid from an AARP chapter trip.

Box 29, Folder 12

[Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Dunbar High School Class of '32 Reunion, 1982-1991](#)

22 Photographic prints

Notes: 22 photographs; 2 black and white and 20 color prints. Candid and group portraits.

Box 29, Folder 13

[Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Friends and Family, circa 1940s-1968](#)

12 Photographic prints

Notes: 12 color photographs. Primarily candid 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

Notes: 27 color photographs. Primarily candid of Hodges with friends and family.

Box 29, Folder 16

[Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Friends and Family, 1990s](#)

16 Photographic prints

Notes: 16 color photographs. Primarily candid of Hodges with friends and family.

Box 29, Folder 17

[Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Miner Teachers College, 1935-1938](#)

5 Photographic prints

Notes: 5 black and white photographs. Pictures of students at Miner Teachers College.

Box 29, Folder 18

[Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Miscellaneous, 1990s](#)

18 Photographic prints

Notes: 17 color photographs. Candid 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

Notes: Oversize items housed in OV 8, folder 8

12 color photographs. 2 sets of portraits.

Box 29, Folder 20

[Hodges, Elizabeth Dews: Weddings, 1955, circa 1940s](#)

2 Photographic prints

Notes: 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 8 Negatives (photographic) Notes: 26 black and white vintage photographs and prints; 8 negatives. Primarily portraits, candids, 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) 9 Photographic prints Notes: 9 black and white carte-de-visites, vintage photographs, and photographs; 1 negative. Chiefly portraits, a baby picture, and candids.
Box 30, Folder 4	Shimm, William and Unidentified Men in Front of Store, circa 1870s - circa 1880s 1 Photographic print Notes: 1 black and white vintage photograph.
Box 30, Folder 5	Shimm House, circa 1910s - circa 1930s 2 Photographic prints Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: Oversize item housed in OV 21 61 color photographs. Portraits and candids that include birthdays, graduations, and baby pictures.
Box 30, Folder 10	Spruill family: Wedding, 1990 25 Photographic prints Notes: 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 Notes: 2 black and white cartes-de-visites. Portraits.
Box 30, Folder 12	Cartes-de-visites Portraits, circa 1870s - circa 1880s 6 Photographic prints Notes: 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 Notes: Oversize item housed in OV 16 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.
Box 30, Folder 14; Oversize 19	Framed Cabinet Card, circa 1880s - circa 1890s 1 Photographic print Notes: Oversize item is housed in OV 19 Black and white cabinet card of unidentified man in picture frame. Frame is purple velvet with gold trim; 6 x 8in.
Box 30, Folder 15; Oversize 17	Framed Photograph, circa 1900 - circa 1930s 1 Photographic print Notes: 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 Notes: 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 Notes: 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 30 Negatives (photographic) Notes: 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 17 Negatives (photographic) Notes: 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 Photograph album Notes: Photograph album of Elizabeth Dews Hodges. Item is housed in OV 39.
Box 31, Folder 8; Oversize 5	Photograph Album, circa 1930s 1 Photograph album Notes: Oversize item housed in OV 5

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

Box 31, Folder 9; Oversize 18	Tintype in Union Case, circa 1860s - circa 1890s 1 Photographic print Notes: Tintype image of unidentified man in union case. 2 5/8 x 3in. Oversize item is housed in OV 18
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Box 31, Folder 10	Tintype Portraits, circa 1860s - circa 1890s 7 Photographic prints Notes: 7 tintypes. Unidentified portraits.
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