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Guide to the Virgie Williams  
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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Virgie Williams Jefferson Photoprint Collection
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1870s-1890s
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0313
<b>Creator:</b>	Bullard, ca. 1890s (Lexington, Mo.) Jeffres and Rogers, ca. 1890s, Baltimore, Md Jefferson, Virgie Williams, 1888-1986 Russell, fl. 1890s (Baltimore, Md) Newman, A., ca. 1890s (Philadelphia) Wagner, fl. 1890s (Baltimore [Md.]) W. Ashman's Photographic Art Studio, ca. 1890s, Baltimore Waller, A. E., -ca. 1890s (Laurel, Del.) Davis, ca. 1895 (Federalburg, Md.) Baltimore Photo. Co., ca. 1890s Baltimore, Md
<b>Extent:</b>	14 Photographs
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	Collection of family photographs from 1890s.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Mary J. Burnett, (Mrs. William F.), 1988, May 24.

### Provenance

These family photographs were in the collection of family members during the early twentieth century,

### Processing Information

Collection processed by David Haberstich, 1990.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Virgie Adams Williams Jefferson was a schoolteacher, who was born on June 10, 1888, in Dorchester County, Maryland, to Mary Elizabeth Hackett Williams and William Spry Williams; she was their third child. She graduated from Western Maryland College in 1909 and taught in a one room schoolhouse before her marriage. She married Jerome Davis Jefferson on November 11, 1914, and died on May 3, 1986. The donor of these photographs, Mrs. Mary J. Burnett, is the daughter of Virgie Williams Jefferson.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection contains thirteen items photoprints, including albumen cabinet prints, and a memorial card from about the 1890's. The photographs are studio portraits, including six by Baltimore photographers. These items were in the custody of various family members during the early twentieth century, then collected and identified by Mrs. Jefferson in 1964. The identifications presumably are all in Mrs. Jefferson's handwriting.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged numerically according to inventory.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Portraits -- Photographs -- 1890-1900 -- Maryland

Types of Materials:

Cabinet prints -- 1870-1900 -- Maryland

Memorial cards -- 1890-1900

Photographs -- 1850-1900

Places:

Maryland -- 1890-1900

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## Container Listing

Box 1	Mrs. Stella Watkins. Cabinet print by W. Ashman's Photographic Art Studio, Baltimore.
Box 1	Unidentified young man. Cabinet print with gold edge, by Ashman, Baltimore.
Box 1	Young Davey Brinsfield, born 1/9/1876. By Baltimore Photo. Co.
Box 1	Unidentified bearded man by Jeffres and Rogers, Baltimore. Gelatin print, mount 19.6 x 13.4 cm.
Box 1	<a href="#">"Uncle Zora Brinsfield / born 12/5/1849." Gelatin cabinet print by Russell, Baltimore.</a>
Box 1	Unidentified young man. Gelatin cabinet print with deckled edge by Wagner, Baltimore.
Box 1	<a href="#">"Uncle Eli Melson ... Aunt Myra Melson... Married 12/24/1895. Gelatin print by Davis, Federalsburg, Md.</a>
Box 1	Unidentified woman. Gelatin oval print. Blind stamp on mount, "A. E. Waller / Laurel, Del." Mount 13.5 x 9.2 cm.
Box 1	<a href="#">"Aunt Annie Brinsfield [?] ...born 8/29/1848." Cabinet print by A. Newman, Philadelphia.</a>
Box 1	"Cousin Minas Adams..." Bearded man, gelatin cabinet print by Bullard, Lexington, Mo.
Box 1	Unidentified man and woman. Gelatin print, photographer's blind stamp rubbed. Mount, 18.5 x 13.5 cm.
Box 1	Two women and one man, unidentified. Gelatin oval print with decorative, embossed oval border, on mount 16.5 x 12.5 cm.
Box 1	Young man, oval portrait. 16.6 x 12.6 cm.
Box 1	Memorial card for Gertie W. Davis, died Nov. 9, 1892. Cabinet size, but without photograph.