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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	White, Edmunds, and Fallen Family Papers
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1444
Date:	(bulk 1894-1978, undated)
Source:	Carter, Ethel H.
Extent:	2 Cubic feet (5 boxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Collection documents the personal and working lives of tenant farmer Julius Lee White, who worked on a tobacco farm in Ringgold, Virginia, and those of his extended family.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Ethel H. Carter, along with several three- dimensional objects in 1988.

Provenance

Transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work Industry, 2017.

Related Materials

Materials in the Division of Work and Industry

Tractor-pulled tobacco planter, Accession Number 1989.0600.01

Hand-held tobacco planter, Accession Number 1989.0600.02

Three wooden hand-held tobacco planting pegs, Accession Number 1989.0600.02

Ten assorted wall calendars, all advertising in nature, Nonaccession Number 1990.3016.02

One sign: "Jesus is the head of this home," Nonaccession Number 1990.3016.03

Admiral table radio, Nonaccession Number 1990.3016.04

Sonora table radio, Nonaccession Number 1990.3016.05

Silvertone table radio, Nonaccession Number 1990.3016.06

Sears and Roebuck table radio, Nonaccession Number 1990.3016.07

Fourteen assorted burlap fertilizer sacks, Nonaccession Number 1990.3016.08

Processing Information

Collection is processed.

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Restrictions

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Content Description

Collection of papers relating to family, work, and African American life in Virginia, and Maryland. It documents the personal and working lives of tenant farmer Julius Lee White and his extended family. The papers are particularly important regarding tobacco farming and the precarious financial nature of this type of work. The papers concern three groups the White, Edmunds, and Fallen families who are connected through the marriage of Julius Lee White and Geraldine Edmunds. These papers consist of material generated by the families in their personal and working lives and are especially strong in 20th century material. They consist of financial papers including bills, receipts, and statements relating to utilities, insurance, medical matters, housing, automobiles, loans, banking, work (such as pay statements), taxes, and other such concerns; bills of sale for tobacco; greeting cards, postcards and letters; ephemera such as trading stamps, coupons, premiums; church related materials such as programs, a hymnal, religious tracts and other printed material; the personal papers of a World War II soldier including a 1909 letter and selective service documents; and numerous portrait photographs of family members, as well as candid photographs. The collection is divided into four series: Series 1, White family papers, Series 2, Edmunds family papers, Series 3, Fallen family papers, and Series 4, Photographs.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into four series:

Series 1, White Family Papers, 1906-1978

Subseries 1.1, Julius Lee White, 1943-1978

Subseries 1.2, Geraldine White, 1950-1973

Subseries 1.3, Family Papers, 1906-1971

Series 2, Edmunds Family Papers, 1936-19701

Subseries 2.1, Thomas B. Edmunds, 1945-1970

Subseries 2.2, General Family Papers, 1936-1955

Series 3, Fallen Family Papers, 1949-1971

Series 4, Photographs, 1948-1967

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Bills of Sale -- Tobacco
Church bulletins -- 20th century -- United States
Financial records -- 20th century
Greeting cards -- 20th century
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century
Military records -- 20th century -- United States
Postcards -- 20th century
Religious tracts -- 20th century -- United States
Tenant farmers -- 20th century -- Virginia
Tobacco -- 20th century -- Virginia
Trading stamps -- 20th century -- United States

Types of Materials:

Photographs -- 20th century

Names:

Carter, Ethel H.

Container Listing

White Family Papers, 1906-1978, undated

Scope and Contents: Materials primarily document the work, household, personal, and social activities of Julius Lee White and his wife Geraldine. Through these documents one gathers a sense of African American life, financial instability, family ties, and community involvement. The series is arranged into three subseries. Subseries one is the bulk of the material and includes the papers of Julius Lee White dating from 1940s-1978. Subseries two contains the papers of Julius White's wife Geraldine Edmunds White dating from 1950-1973. Subseries 3 comprises of materials relating to the White household dating from 1906-1972.

Subseries 1.1: Julius Lee White, 1940-1978, undated

Scope and Contents: This subseries contains the papers of Julius Lee White (1911-1984). He was born on March 18, 1911 to Jersey Lee White and Elizabeth Tucker. White's first marriage ended in 1972 with the death of his wife Geraldine Edmunds. At the age of sixty-three White married his second wife Mary Lee Valentine Davis on December 1, 1974, in Halifax, Virginia. Julius White died on January 3, 1984, in Danville, Virginia at the age of seventy-two. Materials consist of farming records, financial papers, utilities statements, insurance policies, medical records, automobile maintenance receipts, employee records, income tax statements, social services documents, correspondence, and photographs. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

Box 1, Folder 1	Warren's Warehouse, receipts, 1940s
Box 1, Folder 2	Banking statements, 1943-1973
Box 1, Folder 3	Bills and receipts for goods and services, 1943-1975
Box 1, Folder 4	Crop expenses, 1948-1963
Box 1, Folder 5	Personal property and income taxes, 1949-1978
Box 1, Folder 6	Utility bills and receipts, 1950-1977
Box 1, Folder 7	Automotive sales, parts, and services, 1950-1978
Box 1, Folder 8	Oberdorfer Foundries, Incorporated, 1952
Box 1, Folder 9	Statement of earnings and deductions, 1952-1970
Box 1, Folder 10	Virginia State Police, inspection certificates, 1953-1966
Box 1, Folder 11	Medical documents, 1953-1977
Box 1, Folder 12	Correspondence, 1956-1976

Box 1, Folder 13	Insurance papers, 1957-1978
Box 1, Folder 14	Workmen's Compensation, 1960
Box 1, Folder 15	Court papers, 1962-1976
Box 1, Folder 16	Income tax information, 1964-1970
Box 1, Folder 17	Loans, 1965
Box 1, Folder 18	United States, Department of Agriculture, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, 1966-1970
Box 2, Folder 2	Five Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, 1968
Box 2, Folder 3	Food stamp program, 1970-1977
Box 2, Folder 4	Social Security Administration, 1971-1976
Box 2, Folder 5	Bureau of the Census, 1972
Box 2, Folder 6	Department of Welfare, 1972
Box 2, Folder 7	Correspondence, 1973
Box 2, Folder 8	Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles, 1976
Box 2, Folder 1	Farmers receipt for tobacco sales, undated
Box 2, Folder 9	Federal Postal Employees Association, undated
Box 2, Folder 10	Greeting cards, undated

Subseries 1.2: Geraldine White, 1950-1973, undated

Scope and Contents: This subseries includes the papers and ephemera of Geraldine Edmunds White (1912-1972). She was born on August 25, 1912, in Halifax County, Virginia the eldest daughter of Samuel Fallen and Mattie B. Edmunds. Siblings included Oslem, Oscar, John H., Willie, Susie, Thomas, and Buddie. She died unexpectedly on September 25, 1972, at the age of sixty. Materials consist of financial papers, insurance policies, medical records, funeral papers, greeting cards, postcards, a novel, and correspondence. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

Box 2, Folder 11	Postcards, 1950-1956
Box 2, Folder 12	Correspondence, 1955-1972
Box 2, Folder 13	Funeral papers, 1956-1973

Box 2, Folder 14	Receipts for goods and services, 1957-1960
Box 2, Folder 15	Novel, 1962
Box 2, Folder 16	Greeting cards, 1962-1970
Box 2, Folder 17	Medical papers, 1963-1972
Box 2, Folder 18	Volunteer Fire Department, 1966-1967
Box 2, Folder 20	Banking documents, 1970, undated
Box 2, Folder 21	Social Security Administration, 1972
Box 2, Folder 19	Insurance papers, undated
Box 2, Folder 22	Composition notebook covers, undated

Subseries 1.3: Family Papers, 1906-1972, undated

Scope and Contents: This subseries consists of material and ephemera relating to the White household. Materials include unidentified pay and earning statements, obituaries, newspaper clippings, correspondence, packaging and labels, premium certificates and coupons, recipes, photographs, church programs, a hymnal, religious tracts, greeting cards, postcards, and correspondence. In addition, there is information relating to the Glass, Harvey, and Lee families, presumably friends or extended family members. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

Box 2, Folder 23	Makers of History, 1906
Box 2, Folder 25	Pay statements, 1957
Box 2, Folder 26	Glass family papers, 1957-1970
Box 3, Folder 1	Pay and earnings statements, 1958
Box 3, Folder 3	Pay and earnings statements, 1959
Box 3, Folder 4	Pay and earnings statements, 1960
Box 3, Folder 5	Statement of earnings and deductions, 1960-1966
Box 3, Folder 6	Pay statements, 1961
Box 3, Folder 7	Agriculture Extension Service, 1965-05
Box 3, Folder 8	Harvey family papers, 1966
Box 3, Folder 9	Statement of earnings and deductions, 1967

Box 3, Folder 10	Statement of earnings and deductions, 1967-1968
Box 3, Folder 11	Obituaries, 1967-1968
Box 3, Folder 12	Statement of earnings and deductions, 1968
Box 3, Folder 14	Newspaper clippings, 1971, undated
Box 5, Folder 1	Larry Lee James and Doris Ann James, wedding photographs, 1972
Box 2, Folder 24	Miscellaneous materials, undated
Box 3, Folder 2	Religious materials, undated
Box 3, Folder 13	Names and addresses, undated
Box 3, Folder 15	City of Danville, Virginia, statements of earnings, undated
Box 3, Folder 16	Correspondence, undated
Box 3, Folder 17	Pay deductions statements, undated
Box 3, Folder 18	Packaging and labels, undated
Box 3, Folder 19	Premium certificates and coupons, undated
Box 3, Folder 20	Recipes, undated
Box 3, Folder 21	Greeting cards, undated

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Edmunds Family Papers, 1936-1970

Scope and Contents: Materials primarily document the work, personal, and social activities of Thomas B. Edmunds and the extended Edmunds family. The series is arranged into two subseries. Subseries one is the papers of Thomas B. Edmunds dating from 1945-1970. Series two consists of materials relating to the family dating from 1936-1955.

Subseries 2.1: Thomas B. Edmunds, 1945-1970, undated

Scope and Contents: This subseries contains materials relating to Thomas B. Edmunds, including financial papers such as receipts, statements relating to work (such as pay statements), automobiles, and insurance; the personal papers of a World War II soldier including a 1909 letter and selective service documents; and greeting cards, postcards and letters.

Materials are arranged in chronological order.

Box 3, Folder 22	United States Army records, 1945
Box 3, Folder 23	Insurance papers, 1949-1968
Box 3, Folder 24	School papers, 1956, undated
Box 3, Folder 25	Correspondence, 1962
Box 3, Folder 26	Correspondence, 1963
Box 3, Folder 27	Employment information, 1963-1968
Box 3, Folder 28	Correspondence, 1964
Box 3, Folder 29	Earnings statements, 1964
Box 3, Folder 30	Order to report for armed forces physical examination, 1964
Box 3, Folder 31	Correspondence, 1965
Box 3, Folder 32	Receipts for goods and services, 1965-1968
Box 3, Folder 33	Correspondence, 1966
Box 4, Folder 1	Travel, 1966
Box 4, Folder 2	Wage and tax statements, 1966-1969
Box 4, Folder 3	Correspondence, 1967
Box 4, Folder 4	Greeting cards, 1967
Box 4, Folder 5	Job Cards, 1967

Box 4, Folder 6	Statement of earnings, 1967
Box 4, Folder 7	Correspondence, 1968
Box 4, Folder 8	Department of State Police, 1968
Box 4, Folder 9	Motor vehicle papers, 1968
Box 4, Folder 10	Miscellaneous, 1968, undated
Box 4, Folder 11	Correspondence, 1969
Box 4, Folder 12	Correspondence, 1970
Box 4, Folder 13	Correspondence, undated
Box 4, Folder 14	Five-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, undated
Box 4, Folder 15	Mailed advertisements, undated
Box 4, Folder 16	Social Security Administration, undated
Box 4, Folder 17	Statement of earnings and taxes, undated
Box 4, Folder 18	United States Armed Forces, free mailing cards, undated

Subseries 2.2: Family Papers, 1936-1955, undated

Scope and Contents: This subseries consists of material and ephemera relating to the Edmunds household. Materials include including social security card, insurance policies, correspondence, funeral papers, greeting cards, and photographs. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

Box 4, Folder 19	Social security card, 1936
Box 4, Folder 20	Insurance, 1949
Box 4, Folder 21	Correspondence, 1950-1953
Box 4, Folder 22	Ambulance service information, 1955
Box 4, Folder 23	Funeral papers, 1955
Box 4, Folder 24	Greeting cards, undated
Box 4, Folder 25	Photographs, undated

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Fallen Family Papers, 1949-1971, undated

Scope and Contents: Includes material relating to the Fallen family, specifically Howard and Susie, and includes utility bills, bank records, medical papers, photographs, funeral materials, and correspondence. The materials are arranged in chronological order.

Box 5, Folder 2	Photograph of Howard Fallen, 1949
Box 4, Folder 26	Insurance, 1949-1970
Box 4, Folder 27	Utility bills, 1956-1970
Box 5, Folder 3	Candid photographs, 1966-1967
Box 4, Folder 28	Correspondence, 1967
Box 4, Folder 30	Belk-Leggett Company, 1968-1970
Box 4, Folder 29	Correspondence, 1969
Box 4, Folder 32	Funeral papers, 1970
Box 4, Folder 33	Medical papers, 1970-1971
Box 4, Folder 31	Bank records, undated
Box 5, Folder 4	Army photographs of Howard Fallen, undated

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Photographs, 1894-1959, undated

Box 5

Scope and Contents: Contains photographs of the White, Edmunds, and Fallen families, including numerous portrait photographs of family members, as well as candid photographs. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

Box 5, Folder 5 Family portraits, post 1894

Box 5, Folder 6 Photographs of babies, 1948-1949

Box 5, Folder 7 Candid photographs and school days portraits, 1956-1959

Box 5, Folder 8 Unidentified, undated

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