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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	White, Edmunds, and Fallen Family Papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1444
<b>Date:</b>	(bulk 1906-1978)
<b>Extent:</b>	2 Cubic feet (5 boxes)
<b>Source:</b>	Carter, Ethel H.
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Summary:</b>	Collection primarily documents the day-to-day activities of tenant farmer Julius Lee White who worked on a tobacco farm in Ringgold, Virginia. Materials include financial papers, insurance policies, medical records, correspondences, religious materials and photographs. There is information relating to other family members including his wife Geraldine and their adopted son Thomas B. Edmunds. who had a military career.

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## 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

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.

## Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

## Conditions Governing Use

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## Biographical / Historical

### **White Family:**

Julius Lee White was born on March 18, 1911. His parents were Jersey Lee White and Elizabeth Tucker. He married Geraldine Edmunds, but she passed away in 1972. He married a second time at the age of 63 Mary Lee Valentine Davis on December 1, 1974, in Halifax, Virginia. Julius Lee White died on January 3, 1984, in Danville, Virginia when he was seventy two years old.

Geraldine Edmunds White was born on August 25, 1912, in Halifax County, Virginia. She was the eldest daughter of Mattie B. Edmunds. Her siblings included Oslem, Oscar, John H., Willie, Susie, Thomas Benclar, and Buddie. She passed away unexpectedly on September 25, 1972, at the age of sixty.

### **Edmunds Family:**

Thomas Benclar Edmunds was born on May 26, 1926, in Sutherlin, Virginia. He was the son of Mattie B. Edmunds and Samuel Fallen, and younger brother of Geraldine White. He was inducted into the Army of the United States on January 17, 1945, and he was honorably discharged on August 17, 1946. Thomas B. Edmunds died on December 4, 2006, at the age of eighty.

Thomas Belvin Edmunds was born on March 16, 1946, in Halifax, Virginia. He was the son of Susie Edmunds and nephew of Geraldine White. He passed away in February of 1987.

### **Fallen Family:**

Howard Albert Fallen was born March 18, 1949, in Pittsylvania, Virginia. He was the son of Susie Fallen and the nephew of Geraldine White.

Susie Anna Fallen was born on March 26, 1924, in Halifax County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Mattie Edmunds, sister of Geraldine White and Thomas B. Edmunds, and mother of Howard A. Fallen. Susie Fallen died on April 30, 1970, in Winslow Hospital Danville, Virginia, after a brief illness. She was only forty-six years old.

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## Content Description

The collection measures about two2 cubic feet and contains assorted and varied papers documenting the day-to-day lives of the tenant farmer families the White family, the Edmunds family, and the Fallen family who worked on a tobacco farm in Ringgold, Virginia. They include 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; things 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.

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## 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: General Family Papers, 1906-1971

**Series 2: Edmunds Family Papers, 1936-1970**

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**

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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:

- 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.

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## Container Listing

### White Family Papers, 1906-1978

Materials consist of the papers of Julius Lee White and his wife Geraldine Edmunds White. The series is arranged into three subseries. Subseries one is the bulk of the material and relate to head of household Julius Lee White dating from 1943-1978. Subseries two includes the papers of Julius White's wife Geraldine Edmunds White dating from 1950-1973. Subseries 3 contains the papers of the White household and document the activities of maintaining the family dating from 1906-1972.

#### Subseries 1.1: Julius Lee White, 1943-1978

Contains the papers of Julius Lee White consisting primarily of farming records, financial papers, government records, utilities statements, insurance policies, medical records, automobile maintenance transactions, employee records, income tax statements, social services interactions, 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 1	Farmers receipt for tobacco sales, undated
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 9	Federal Postal Employees Association, undated
Box 2, Folder 10	Greeting cards, undated

### Subseries 1.2: Geraldine White, 1950-1973

Contains materials relating to Geraldine White, including financial papers such as receipts, statements relating to insurance and medical matters; funeral papers; and greeting cards, postcards 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 19	Insurance papers, undated
Box 2, Folder 20	Banking documents, 1970, undated
Box 2, Folder 21	Social Security Administration, 1972



Box 2, Folder 22            Composition notebook covers, undated

### Subseries 1.3: General Family Papers, 1906-1972

This subseries contains materials relating to the White family more generally, including pay statements; Glass family papers; Harvey family papers; photographs; church related materials such as programs, a hymnal, religious tracts and other printed material; and greeting cards, postcards and letters.

Materials are arranged in chronological order.

Box 2, Folder 23            Makers of History, 1906

Box 2, Folder 24            Miscellaneous materials, undated

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 2             Religious materials, undated

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 13            Names and addresses, undated

Box 3, Folder 14            Newspaper clippings, 1971, undated

Box 5, Folder 1             Larry Lee James and Doris Ann James wedding photographs, 1972

Box 3, Folder 15            City of Danville statements of earnings, undated

Box 3, Folder 16            Correspondence, undated

Box 3, Folder 17	Pay deductions statments, 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, 1936-1971

Include materials relating to the Edmunds family, including financial papers such as receipts, statements relating to work (such as pay statements), automobiles, medical matters, and insurance; funeral papers; the personal papers of a World War II soldier including a 1909 letter and selective service documents; a photograph; and greeting cards, postcards and letters. The series is arranged into two subseries. Subseries two includes materials relating to Thomas B. Edmunds dating from 1945-1970. Subseries two is general family papers dating 1936-1955.

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

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: General Family Papers, 1936-1955

This subseries contains materials relating to the Edmunds family more generally, including financial papers such as statements relating to insurance and medical matters; funeral papers; a photograph; and greeting cards, postcards and letters.

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, 1955
Box 4, Folder 23	Papers Relating to Funeral of, 1955
Box 4, Folder 24	Greeting Cards, undated
Box 4, Folder 25	Photographs, undated

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## Fallen Family Papers, 1949-1971

Includes material relating to the Fallen Family, specifically Howard and Susie, including financial papers such as bills, statements relating to insurance, medical matters, and banking; funeral papers; photographs; and greeting cards, postcards and letters.

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 29	Correspondence, 1969
Box 4, Folder 30	Belk-Leggett Company, 1968-1970
Box 4, Folder 31	Bank records, undated
Box 4, Folder 32	Funeral, 1970
Box 4, Folder 33	Medical papers, 1970-1971
Box 5, Folder 4	Army photographs of Howard Fallen, undated

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## Photographs, 1894-1959, undated

### *Box 5*

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 photographs, undated

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