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Abstract

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Creator

James, Viola Ethel Cox, 1892-1965

Extent

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Biographical Note

Viola Ethel Cox James (1892-1965) was born to Newman M. Cox and Martha Martin in Clarksburg, West Virginia. She was a member of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s. She married Charles Burrell James (1885-1949) in 1912, and they had a son, Festus Burrell James (1921-2016). She worked as a homemaker.

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Scope and Content

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