

# A Guide to the Joseph J. Dorsey Papers, ca. 1912-1953 SC 0005

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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

SC 0005

### Unit Date

circa 1912-1953

### Language

English .

### Abstract

The Joseph J. Dorsey Papers, ca. 1912-1953, consisting of one folder, contain two photographs of Joseph J. Dorsey and his 1953 obituary as published in the *Daily News-Record*.

### Creator

Dorsey, Joseph J., 1860-1953

**Extent**

0.08 cubic feet 1 legal folder

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## Bio/Historical Note

Joseph J. Dorsey, born December 2, 1860 in Rawley Springs, Virginia to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Dorsey, was an accomplished stone contractor and stonemason. He entered the trade at the age of 25 and went on to become the dean of the stonemasons in the Harrisonburg area. Dorsey assisted in the erection of many structures in Harrisonburg including churches, the *Daily News-Record* building, the first units of Rockingham Memorial Hospital, and a number of the initial buildings that comprised the campus of what is now James Madison University. Dorsey was also employed as a stonemason for projects at the University of Virginia. Dorsey was a Harrisonburg resident for 67 years until his death on March 18, 1953. He is buried in Woodbine Cemetery.

## Scope and Content

The Joseph J. Dorsey Papers, ca. 1912-1953, consist of two photographs of Joseph J. Dorsey and his 1953 obituary as published in the *Daily News-Record*. One photograph depicts Joseph Dorsey with a group of workers, including one African American man, outside of one of the first buildings at Rockingham Memorial Hospital. An inscription on the verso of the photograph reads: "Joseph J. Dorsey and men working for him at Rockingham Memorial Hospital. When he built bldgs. at Madison College he had 40 men working for him. Dr. Duke was president at time at Madison." The second photograph features Dorsey sitting outside on a rock pile in front of wooden structure. Lastly, Dorsey's obituary from the March 19, 1953 issue of the *Daily News-Record* is included.

## Keywords

Stonemasons -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg

Construction industry -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg

Harrisonburg (Va.) -- Buildings

Photographs

Newspaper clippings

Obituaries

## Bibliography

"Jos. J. Dorsey Dies at Age of 92: Retired Stonemason Contracted For Many Buildings Here." *Daily News-Record* (Harrisonburg, Virginia), March 19, 1953.

## Arrangement

One folder containing two photographs and one obituary.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Joseph J .Dorsey papers (two photographs, obituary)**

**Unit Date** circa 1912-1953

**Mixed Materials [1000886485]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Language** English.