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## Descriptive Summary

### Collection number

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### Language

English

### Abstract

The Douglas Covington Official Papers contains official papers of President Douglas Covington during his administration of Radford University. This collection includes speeches and event programs, reports to Board of Visitors, reports on restructuring, correspondence, newspaper clippings, VHS tapes, photographs, various scrapbooks and miscellaneous other reports. See the full finding aid with inventory [here](#).

### Creator

Dr. Douglas Covington

### Extent

12.0 Linear feet.

### Location

Located in locked compact shelving, level 1.

### Repository

University Archives, McConnell Library, Radford University

## Administrative Information

## **Access Restrictions**

An appointment for research is required. The collection is open to research. No interlibrary loan.

## **Use Restrictions**

There are no restrictions.

## **Acquisition Information**

Office and estate of Douglas Covington.

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## **Accruals**

No additional accruals are expected.

## **Custodial History**

Boxes 1-5 were received from his office after retirement from Radford University. Boxes 7-19 were received from his estate after his death.

## **Biographical Information**

A native of Winston-Salem, N.C., Dr. Douglas Covington was President of Radford University from 1995 to 2005. He was a graduate of Central State University and held both Master's and Ph.D. degrees from Ohio State University. Before coming to Radford he was president of Cheyney University in Pennsylvania, the nation's first historically Black educational institution. Covington also served as chancellor at Winston-Salem State University and president of Alabama A and M University. At RU, Covington was awarded tenure jointly in the departments of psychology and special education and the faculty rank of Professor of Psychology and Education. He retired from office in June of 2005.

## **Scope and Content**

Contains official papers of President Douglas Covington during his administration of Radford University. Boxes 1-5 contain materials concerning the Presidency at Radford University including speeches, reports, and other related papers. Box 6 contains the Inauguration Greetings as the 5th President of Radford University. Boxes 7-19 contain materials primarily from before his inauguration at Radford, including Degrees, Letters, Reports, Scrapbooks, Newspaper Clippings, Speeches and Correspondence. Although these boxes also have some material the Covington took with him when he left Radford so some of the material is from 1995-2005.

## **Arrangement**

Box 1: Speeches and event programs

Box 2: Reports to Board of Visitors

Box 3: Restructuring and other reports

Box 4: Various Publications and Materials

Box 5: Reports and publications

Box 6: Inauguration Correspondence and Materials

Box 7: Honorary Degrees, Strategic Plans, and Reports

Box 8: Inauguration Greetings, Speeches, Newspaper Clippings and Correspondence

Box 9: Business Plans, Speeches and Papers

Box 10: Speeches and Papers

Box 11: Inauguration Greetings, Correspondence, Speeches and Papers

Box 12: Speeches, Newspaper Clippings, Magazines, Reports and other papers

Box 13: Newspaper Clippings, Speeches, Correspondence, and other Papers

Box 14: Speeches, Newspaper Clippings and Correspondence

Box 15: Speeches, Reports and Letters

Box 16: Degrees, Speeches, Reports and Business Plans

Box 17: Scrapbook and other Miscellaneous Photos

Box 18: Letters, Business Plans, Celebrations, Newspaper Clippings, booklets and Photos

Box 19: Speeches, Correspondence and Letters

Box 20: Commemorative Plaques and Scrapbook

Box 21: Commemorative Plaques, Key to the City and Presidential Medal