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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

M 306

Unit ID

/repositories/5/resources/145

Unit Date

1953-1995

Mixed Materials

1 (box)

Mixed Materials

2 (box)

Language

English .

Creator

Thornton, William A.

Creator

Thornton, William S.

Extent

.83 Linear Feet

Repository

VCU James Branch Cabell Library

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for use without restrictions.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

Materials in this collection were donated by Dr. William S. Thornton, a founder and the first president of Richmond Crusade for Voters, and William A. Thornton who served as the organization's historian. The donations were made in November 1995.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Information

The Richmond Crusade for Voters was founded in 1956, and grew out of The Council to Save Public Schools, a Richmond organization formed to fight a January 1956 law which allowed cities in Virginia the option of closing public schools rather than integrating them. The three co-founders of the Crusade were Dr. William S. Thornton, Dr. William Ferguson Reid, and John M. Brooks. These three men founded the Richmond Crusade for Voters with the goal of "increasing effective black participation in Richmond's political process" (Nov-Dec 1988 edition of Richmond Surroundings). The Crusade's mission is "...to increase the voting strength of the population of the city of Richmond and to improve the moral, social, economic, educational and general welfare of our people" ("Richmond Free Press," January 1, 1994).

Scope and Contents

The collection includes materials collected by Crusade for Voters historian William A. Thornton and William S. Thompson. The date range of the collection, from the early 1950s until 1995, spans the history of the organization. The bulk of the collection was donated in two large binders, the contents of which have been rehoused but maintained in their original order, organized roughly by the terms of Crusade presidents. The binders hold minutes, correspondence, historian's reports, newsletters, newspaper clippings, campaign flyers, financial reports, and similar materials, many of which are photocopies. In addition to the binders, the collection also holds a variety of loose material including correspondence, financial records, clippings and newsletters, flyers, awards, photographs, and reports as well as documents pertaining to the organization's history and voting in Richmond, Virginia. Much of this loose material is duplicated in the photocopied contents of the binders.

Separated Materials

A video, on the history of the Crusade from the television news program "Impact," originally accompanied the collection and has been cataloged separately.

Keywords

African Americans -- Politics and government -- Virginia -- Richmond

Voting -- History -- 20th century -- Virginia -- Richmond

African Americans -- Suffrage -- Virginia -- Richmond.

Richmond (Va.) -- Politics and government -- 20th century.

Crusade for Voters (Richmond, Va.) -- Archives

Arrangement

Materials donated in binders are arranged in their original order. Other materials are arranged by record type.

Description of Subordinate Components

Historian Binder 1

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/7976

Unit Date 1953-1988

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1-11 (folder)

Historian Binder 2

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/55296

Unit Date 1985-1995

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 12-13 (folder)

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 1-4 (folder)

African American employment in Richmond schools, report

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/55297

Unit Date 1962

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/55298

Unit Date 1953-1958, 1973-1988

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Financial records

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/55299

Unit Date 1961-1982

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Flyers

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/55300

Unit Date 1959-1980, undated

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Lobbyist application

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/55301

Unit Date 1983

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Newspaper clippings, newsletters, and press release

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/55302

Unit Date 1965-1983, undated

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Organizational history materials

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/55303

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/55309

Unit Date 1978, undated

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Precinct and voting information

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/55304

Unit Date 1960-1975, undated

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Research committee records

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/55305

Unit Date 1965, undated

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Telephone bank materials

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/55306

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Twenty-fifth anniversary celebration program

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/55307

Unit Date 1981

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

William S. Thornton awards

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/55308

Unit Date 1970-1988, undated

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 17 (folder)