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Historical Information

The Goochland County Rosenwald Schools Oral History Project is a joint venture by Dr. Brian J. Daugherity of Virginia Commonwealth University and Dr. Alyce Miller of John Tyler Community College, funded in part by a grant from the Virginia Foundation for Humanities. The purpose of the project is to document education in Goochland County, particularly the impact of the Rosenwald Schools, and the differences between the education offered to white and black students during the period the Rosenwald Schools operated. The project preserves and makes widely available the history of African American education, community activism, and school segregation in Virginia during the early 20th century.

Rosenwald Schools were a philanthropic endeavor funded in part by businessman and philanthropist Julius Rosenwald through the Rosenwald Fund. He was appalled at the disparities in educational resources between white and black citizens within the same communities across the South. The project began in 1912 when Booker T. Washington asked permission to use some of the money Rosenwald had donated to the Tuskegee Institute to construct several small schools in rural Alabama. After the success of that project, Rosenwald formed his fund. Over a 15 year period, from 1917 to 1932, 4,977 schools, primarily for African Americans, were funded and built. The Fund required some buy-in in the form of public funds from the local white and African American communities as well, to show partnership across racial lines. Though the white community did contribute, the majority of the public funds came from the African American communities themselves, who organized fundraisers and sacrificed some of their own, often meagre, wages in support of a better education for their children.

Because of the fact that rural and African American communities were drastically underserved in public educational resources, many of these schools were the first formal school buildings in their communities, and many other Rosenwald Schools replaced unsound structures being used. Rosenwald Schools were built using architectural plans provided by the Rosenwald Fund to work around common obstacles. Most of the schools were constructed in rural communities that were unlikely to have access to electricity, so they were designed to take the most advantage of natural light. They also had strict guidelines regarding ventilation, interior and exterior color schemes and decorative appointments, the quality of the furnishings and blackboards, and the location of separate outhouses. Depending on the size of the community the schools were to serve, the schoolhouses could accommodate one to four teachers. Often, the walls separating classrooms were moveable to enable the community to create a larger meeting space as needed. Schools in urban settings were often bigger, had additional features like a dedicated auditorium space, and usually reflected the relative wealth of their community compared to those in rural locations.

For more information about the Rosenwald School movement see the National Trust for Historic Preservation, [History of the Rosenwald School Program](#).

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of approximately 117 files in 21 folders detailing the history of the Goochland County Rosenwald Schools. The majority of the collection is directly related to the oral history interviews taken to tell the story, while the remainder is materials that support the oral histories. The interviews were conducted during 2013-2014, and all the images and other footage were collected between September 2013 and April 2015. File formats include .mov,.pdf/a, and .jpeg.

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African American schools -- Virginia

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Miller, Alyce
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Existence and Location of Copies

These materials are also available via [VCU Digital Collections](#).

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

The .mov files require Apple QuickTime to view, or a similar media player such as Windows Media Player. Adobe Acrobat Reader is required to view the .pdf/a files.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into six series, retaining the original organization and file names given by the creators of the materials.

Series 1: Rosenwald Interviews. Video (.mov) files of the oral history interviews. Files arranged alphabetically by first name, and then numerically therein.

Series 2: Rosenwald Interview Transcripts. Transcripts of the recorded oral history interviews. Transcripts are arranged in folders by interviewee first name. Within each folder is a complete transcript of their interview, an abstract describing the interview, and a tape log.

Series 3: Rosenwald Edited Interview Excerpts. Edited and condensed video files (.mov) of the original digital recording of the oral histories.

Series 4: Rosenwald Documents. Scans of original documents related to the establishment and opening of Rosenwald Schools. Files arranged alphabetically and then numerically therein.

Series 5: Rosenwald Interview Stills. Screenshot images from the original digital recording of the oral histories. Files arranged alphabetically by first name, then numerically therein.

Series 6: Rosenwald Archive Stills. Modern photographs of Rosenwald School-related locations in Goochland County. Files arranged alphabetically and then numerically therein.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Rosenwald Interviews (.mov files)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2422

Scope and Contents

The interviews were filmed by Christopher Silvent at Second Union Rosenwald School, Goochland County, Virginia, unless otherwise noted. Each interview has a corresponding transcript located in series 2, Rosenwald Interview Transcripts, unless otherwise noted.

Alberta Parrish

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2428

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Date, 19 February 2014; Interviewer, Alyce Miller; Length, 00:45:33.

Calvin Hopkins

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2429

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Date, 21 March 2014; Interviewer, Alyce Miller; Length, 00:49:27.

Curtis Parrish

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2430

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Date, 19 February 2014; Interviewer, Alyce Miller; Length, 00:50:16.

Earline Pace

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2431

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Date, 4 October 2013; Interviewer, Alyce Miller; Length, 00:46:56.

Eva Anthony

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2432

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Date, 31 January 2014; Interviewer, Alyce Miller; Length, 01:02:11.

Frances Anderson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2433

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Date, 21 March 2014; Interviewer, Alyce Miller; Length, 00:52:42.

Gail Smith

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2434

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Date, 28 March 2014; Interviewer, Alyce Miller; Length, 01:06:11.

Haywood Pace

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2435

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Date, 21 March 2014; Interviewers, Alyce Miller, Brian Daugherity; Length, 01:25:39.

Ina Dun-Moodie

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2436

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Date, 28 March 2014; Interviewer, Alyce Miller; Length, 00:56:08; no corresponding transcript for this interview.

James Bowles (2 files)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2437

Scope and Contents

Interview details: 1st Interview Date, 4 October 2013; Interviewer, Alyce Miller; Length, 01:27:16. 2nd Interview Date, 31 January 2014; Interviewer, Alyce Miller; 00:53:23, this was a follow up interview, no corresponding transcript for this interview.

Joseph Haden

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2438

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Date, 28 March 2014; Interviewer, Alyce Miller; Length, 00:52:00.

Knight Bowles

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2439

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Date, 4 October 2013; Interviewers, Alyce Miller, Brian Daugherity; Length, 00:41:15.

Mattie Lee Harris Johnson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2440

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Date, 24 June 2014; Interviewer, Alyce Miller; Length, 01:19:49.

Phyllis Parrish

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2441

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Date, 24 June 2014; Location, Home of Phyllis Parrish, Goochland County, Virginia; Interviewer, Alyce Miller and Brian Daugherty; Length, 01:15:22.

Raymond Miller

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2442

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Date, 26 March 2014; Interviewer, Alyce Miller; Length, 00:57:41; no corresponding transcript for this interview.

Ruth Cooke Johnson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2443

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Date, 4 October 2013; Interviewers, Alyce Miller, Brian Daugherty; Length, 00:54:10.

Sherman Ware

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2444

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Date, 21 March 2014; Interviewers, Alyce Miller, Brian Daugherty; Length, 00:52:09.

William Quarles

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2445

Scope and Contents

Interview details: Date, 28 March 2014; Interviewer, Alyce Miller; Length, 01:05:52; no corresponding transcript for this interview.

Series 2: Rosenwald Interview Transcripts (.pdf/a files)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2423

Alberta Parrish

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2446

Calvin Hopkins

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2447

Curtis Parrish

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2448

Earline Pace

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2449

Eva Anthony

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2450

Frances Anderson

FRANCIS ANDERSON

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2451

Gail Smith

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2452

Haywood Pace

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2453

James Bowles

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2454

Joseph Haden

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2455

Knight Bowles

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2456

Mattie Lee Harris Johnson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2457

Phyllis Parrish

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2458

Ruth Cooke Johnson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2459

Sherman Ware

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2460

Series 3: Edited Interview Excerpts (.mov files)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2424

Excerpts1

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2461

Excerpts2

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2462

Series 4: Rosenwald Documents (.pdf/a files)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2425

Miller Dedication

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2463

Unit Date 1928

Scope and Contents

PDF file of the program for the dedication of the Miller School, Goochland County, Virginia.

Rosenwald App (Application to build a school)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2464

Unit Date 1923-1924

Scope and Contents

PDF of blank application to request funding from the Rosenwald Fund to build a school.

Rosenwald Info 1 (Plan for distribution of aid for building rural schoolhouses)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2465

Unit Date 1923-1924

Rosenwald Info 2 (Plan for distribution of aid from the Julius Rosenwald Fund for building rural schoolhouses in the south)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2466

Unit Date 1922-1923

Series 5: Rosenwald Interview Stills (.jpeg files)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2426

Alberta Parrish Still 001

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2467

Calvin Hopkins Still 001

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2468

Curtis Parrish Still 001

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2469

Earline Pace Still 001

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2470

Eva Anthony Still 001

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2471

Francis Anderson Still 001

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2472

Gail Smith Still 001

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2473

Haywood Pace Still 001

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2474

Ina Dun-Moodie Pace Still 001

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2475

James Bowles Still 001

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2476

James Bowles Still 002

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2477

Joseph Haden Still 001

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2478

Knight Bowles Still 001

KNIGHT BOWIES Still 001

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2479

MLH Johnson Still 001

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2480

Raymond Miller Still 001

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2481

Ruth Cooke Johnson Still 001

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2482

Sherman Ware Still 001

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2483

William Quarles Still 001

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2484

Series 6: Rosenwald Archive Stills (.jpeg files)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2427

Chapel Hill stills 001-2

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2485

Scope and Contents

Photographs, Chapel Hill School location, Goochland, Virginia.

Rosenwald stills 001-5

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2486

Scope and Contents

Photographs of five Rosenwald Schools: Still001 - Caledonia School, Still002 - Wesview School, Still003 - Miller School; Still004 - First Union School, Still005 - Manakin School.

Second Union stills 001-5 (exterior)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2487

Second Union Int (interior)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2488