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Administrative History:

Born in Norge, VA, in 1907 to Charles Edward Gary Sr. (1871-1929) and Georgia Parker Gary Randall (circa 1886-d.1958), Charles Edward Gary Jr. attended the James City County Training School, followed by the Hampton Institute. He graduated in 1931 with a degree in tailoring and dry-cleaning, having as well played on the baseball team from 1928 through 1931 and joined Phi Alpha Kappa. In 1933, he additionally completed a degree in mortuary science from Frelinghusen University in Washington DC.

A longtime resident of the Williamsburg area, Mr. Gary owned and operated the West End Valet Shop, a tailoring and dry-cleaning service, for decades. Mr. Gary opened his business in 1934 and worked as the Williamsburg Inn's first valet from 1937 to 1949. He was then responsible for pressing clothing and cleaning employee uniforms. The West End Valet Shop, long situated at 607 Prince George Street, remained in full operation until 1973. Mr. Gary also worked as a notary public for several years.

Mr. Gary actively participated in the civic life of the Williamsburg community and of baptist churches in the area. He was a member of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World (I.B.P.O.E.W.), an African American fraternal order, for more than seventy years, being especially involved in the Old Capitol Lodge no. 629. Mr. Gary once served as the lodge's Exalted Ruler. Among many others, organizations in which Mr. Gary served include the Williamsburg James City County Chamber of Commerce, the Virginia Board of Elections, the Shiloh Baptist Church, the Colonial Youth Center, the boy scouts, and the Frontiers Club.

In May 1944, Mr. Gary married Zelda DeBerry (d. 2010), a native of North Carolina and daughter of Rev. William DeBerry and Fanny Hammond DeBerry. Mrs. Gary studied nursing at Augustine College in Raleigh, NC, and anesthetics at Cook County Graduate School of Medicine, IL. She worked in Williamsburg for the Blayton clinic and the Williamsburg-James City School System.

Scope and Contents

These papers contain correspondence, photographs, business papers, artifacts, certificates, and other materials related to Charles Edward Gary, Jr. Mr. Gary was a prominent African American business owner in Williamsburg, operating for decades the West End Valet Shop off Prince George Street. The collection comprises business ledgers and other West End Valet Shop records over several years, as well as legal documents pertaining to the Valet Shop and Gary family estates such as leases and deeds. Personal materials pertain especially to Mr. Gary's schooling, his military service during World War II, family photographs, and some of Mrs. Zelda Gary's personal papers. An active member of the Williamsburg community, Mr. Gary served in several civic, fraternal, and religious organizations. Centering on his involvement in local baptist churches and in the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World - Old Capitol Lodge, Mr. Gary's papers include speeches he prepared for religious and I.B.P.O.E.W. meeting touching on religion, family, and race issues in America. The collection thus contains materials relevant to the study of twentieth-century Williamsburg history and African American history.

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Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World
West End Valet Shop (Williamsburg, Va.)
Gary, Zelda DeBerry

Arrangement of Materials:

Organized thematically, the collection contains three series: Personal and Family Papers, Legal and Business Records; and Civic Life.

Description of Subordinate Components

Personal and Family Papers

Unit ID id286474

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14084

Unit Date circa 1880s-2005

Scope and Contents

Organized thematically, this series comprises documents relating to Mr. and Mrs. Gary's schooling, letters sent to Mr. Gary by relatives and friends during World War II, other wartime documents, numerous family photographs and negatives, as well as other miscellaneous materials. Again following a thematic organization, the vast majority of photographs feature unidentified individuals and are undated. When found inside an annotated or dated photo developing envelope, photographs and negatives have been kept together. A nitrate negative, an informal portrait of two men, has been placed in special storage for preservation reasons; consult SCRC staff member.

Box 1

Unit ID id286489

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14087

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Photograph "Class Pic of 1924 Freshman Class"

Unit ID id286499

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14098

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes a photocopy of label on original frame, which was removed for preservation purposes.

Hampton Institute Varsity and Athletic Association Certificates

Unit ID id286504

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14099

Unit Date 1928-1931

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Bruton Heights Homecoming Football Game Program

Unit ID id286509

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14100

Unit Date November 1948

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

The "Brutonian" Yearbook

Unit ID id286514

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14101

Unit Date 1959

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Two photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Gary's nieces inserted.

Letter Regarding a School Reunion

Unit ID id286519

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14102

Unit Date 1981 February 14

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Copy of letter sent by Mr. Gary to Mrs. Elizabeth W. Crichlow in Boston

Photographs of College Sport Events

Unit ID id286524

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14103

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Letters from "Cordelia" and E. C. Broadus

Unit ID id286550

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14104

Unit Date 1943 Jan.-1944 Mar.

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Two letters written by Cordelia to Charles found in the same envelope. In one, dated 1943, Cordelia says she is glad Charles adapts well to army life, compared to her brothers' negative experiences. In the second letter, Cordelia reflects on happiness and their past. Also includes a birthday card from Cordelia. An additional letter from 1944, signed by E. C. Broadus, was found in an envelope bearing the same Washington D.C. address as Cordelia's envelopes. Broadus discusses office work as an inventory clerk supplying furniture for a division at the Pentagon building, and her/his experience as an African American clerk supervising a white employee. Touches on race, education, and the meaning of the war.

Letters from Zelda (DeBerry) Gary

Unit ID id286529

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14105

Unit Date 1943 Dec.-1944 Feb.

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Writing to Charles from Chicago, Zelda talks about her feelings for him and her thoughts about him joining the army. 3 letters and a valentine card.

Letters from Zelda (DeBerry) Gary

Unit ID id286538

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14106

Unit Date 1944 Feb.-Mar.

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Writing to Charles from Williamsburg, Zelda gives news of her errands and friends, and of Charles' family members and shop. 3 letters.

Letters from, and Documents Related to Wallace Randall Parker

Unit ID id286552

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14107

Unit Date 1944 Feb.

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Letters and forms related to Wallace Randall Parker's application for soldier dependents' benefits. Charles's uncle, Parker also gives family news.

Letters from Various Family Members

Unit ID id286554

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14108

Unit Date 1944 Feb.-May

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Two letters to Charles from his mother Georgia Randall giving news of her health and of their relatives. One letter from his niece Audrey Piggott and one from his sister Edith, who conveys news from home and says their mother is worried about him being in the army.

Letters from Gilbert J. Kinnamon

Unit ID id286556

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14109

Unit Date 1944 Feb.-May

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (folder)

Scope and Contents

3 Letters and a postcard from a fellow soldier. Kinnamon sends news of Charles' family and shop, which he has visited while on furlough; gives advice on being in the army; promises to keep sending Charles the Virginia Gazette; plans on meeting in Louisiana; and details an itinerary from New Orleans to Williamsburg for Charles' furlough.

Letters from Various Correspondents, Last Names C-K

Unit ID id286558

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14110

Unit Date 1944-1945

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Private Carol Carter from the air force, talking about his experience since drafted; Postcard from private Robert Gibson; Richard F. Hammond, writing from the U.S. Naval Mine Depot in Yorktown about his health and advising Charles to seek fellow Elks in New Orleans; Thank you note from Lieut. Byron C. Herbert Jr; Private George M. Jackson, giving news of health and problems with mail; Mary B. King, sending news of Williamsburg's friends and her husband's army address.

Letters from Various Correspondents, Last Names R-W

Unit ID id286560

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14111

Unit Date 1944-1945

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Postcard from soldier Randolph; V-Mail from Sgt Allen Vaughn, serving in the Pacific; two V-Mail messages from soldier Edward Ward, asking Charles to visit his girlfriend to bring her news; letters from private Richard "Dick" West about his Texas unit, which is to be broken up soon.

Cards and Wedding Invitations

Unit ID id286562

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14112

Unit Date 1943-1945

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 15 (folder)

Small Notebook

Unit ID id286566

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14113

Unit Date 1944 May 3

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 16 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Notebook kept by Mr. Gary, likely while training for becoming an officer. Contains notes on teaching techniques, building morale, crafting lesson plans, analysis skills, map reading, and a diagram of the Allied high command.

Miscellaneous Wartime Documents

Unit ID id286568

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14114

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 17 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes a document "Instructions to Port Checkers for Tallying Oversea Shipments Received at N.O.P.E." and an application form for national service life insurance.

Wartime Portraits

Unit ID id286944

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14115

Unit Date 1944

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 18 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Two photographs, one of a couple and one of Mr. Gary and a friend in soldiers' uniforms.

Early Family Photographs

Unit ID id286570

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14116

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 19 (folder)

Scope and Contents

5 items circa 1880s-1910s

Formal Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Gary

Unit ID id286572

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14117

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 20 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Circa 1940s-1950s

Framed School Portraits

Unit ID id286576

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14118

Unit Date 1957 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 21 (folder)

Scope and Contents

4 items in cardboard frames. Signed by Ann Bruce, Betty [niece], Skipper, and Edythe [niece] to Mr. and Mrs. Gary.

Framed School Portrait

Unit ID id286580

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14119

Unit Date 1961-1967

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 22 (folder)

Scope and Contents

One portrait in cardboard frame, to "Nurse Gary" from her nephew Clifton. Frame included other loose school portraits, one identified as Jerome Randolph Jr.

Framed [Wedding] Portrait of Unidentified Couple

Unit ID id286586

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14120

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 23 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Likely a wedding photograph from circa 1950s. Cardboard frame included 5 loose portraits of children

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Formal Portraits of Friends and Relatives

Unit ID id286592

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14121

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 24 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes one from class of 1980, signed Annette Richard, and one from class of 2005. Most unidentified and undated.

Photocopy of a Group Portrait

Unit ID id286630

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14122

Unit Date 1940

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 25 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Labeled "Service S[?], Williamsburg VA." Possibly a valet and service team at a Williamsburg hotel.

Miscellaneous Group Portraits

Unit ID id286594

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14123

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 26 (folder)

Informal Portraits of Friends and Relatives

Unit ID id286596

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14124

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 27 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Most unidentified and undated.

Box 2

Unit ID id286494

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14088

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Photographs of Friend and Family Gatherings

Unit ID id286598

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14125

Unit Date 1956 December

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Photographs of Friend and Family Gatherings

Unit ID id286610

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14126

Unit Date 1956 December

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Photographs of Friend and Family Gatherings

Unit ID id286612

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14127

Unit Date 1956 December

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Photographs of Friend and Family Gatherings

Unit ID id286614

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14128

Unit Date 1956 December

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (folder)

Photographs of Friend and Family Gatherings

Unit ID id286616

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14129

Unit Date 1956 December

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes a few matching negatives.

Negatives of "Mrs. Williams Xmas Party"

Unit ID id286618

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14130

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes a photocopy of the original envelope labeled "Mrs. Williams Xmas Party Gary." One negative identified as "Little Eddie A. Sasl[is]".

Photographs of Family Pets

Unit ID id286620

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14131

Unit Date 1972-2003

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 7 (folder)

Photographs of House Interiors and Exteriors

Unit ID id286622

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14132

Unit Date 1961 and undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 8 (folder)

Photographs and Negatives of a Parade in Williamsburg

Unit ID id286624

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14133

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Contents

On Duke of Gloucester Street, circa 1970s-1980s.

Photographs of Williamsburg Parades

Unit ID id286626

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14134

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 10 (folder)

Photographs of Duke of Gloucester Street, Williamsburg

Unit ID id286628

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14135

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 11 (folder)

Photographs and Negatives of Miscellaneous Events

Unit ID id286632

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14136

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 12 (folder)

Travel Photographs and Negatives

Unit ID id286634

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14137

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 13 (folder)

Travel Photographs and Negatives

Unit ID id286636

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14138

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 14 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Features nautical scenes and a show.

Miscellaneous Photographs and Negatives in Dated Envelopes

Unit ID id286638

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14139

Unit Date 1973-1984

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 15 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Various photographs and negatives found together in photo developing envelopes. Photocopies of original envelope included.

Miscellaneous Photographs

Unit ID id286640

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14140

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 16 (folder)

Miscellaneous Negatives**Unit ID** id286642**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14141**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 17 (folder)**Miscellaneous Negatives****Unit ID** id286644**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14142**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 18 (folder)**Christmas Card with Inserted Photograph of Niece Felicia****Unit ID** id286646**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14143**Unit Date** 1977**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 19 (folder)**Blank Postcards****Unit ID** id286648**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14144**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 20 (folder)**Miscellaneous Ephemera****Unit ID** id286650**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14145**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 21 (folder)**Newspaper Clippings of Local News and Obituaries****Unit ID** id286652**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14146**Unit Date** bulk 1990s**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 22 (folder)**Newspaper Clippings regarding African American History and Race in America****Unit ID** id286654**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14147**Unit Date** bulk 1990s**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 23 (folder)**New Testament****Unit ID** id286845**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14148**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 24 (folder)

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Small Boat Seamanship Certificate**Unit ID** id286850**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14149**Unit Date** 1963**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 25 (folder)**Miscellaneous Personal Identification Cards****Unit ID** id286855**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14150**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 26 (folder)**Box 6****Unit ID** id286656**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14089**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

Larger materials

Phi Alpha Kappa of Hampton Institute Certificate**Unit ID** id286658**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14151**Unit Date** 1931**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Recognizing two years of membership for Mr. Gary

Diplomas and Certifications for Zelda (DeBerry) Gary**Unit ID** id286660**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14152**Unit Date** 1936-1944**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Hamlet Public School District, NC, 1936; Saint Agnes Hospital Training School for Nurses, NC, 1939; North Carolina Board of Nurse Examiners, 1939; Cook County Graduate School of Medicine, IL, 1944. Folder also includes 3 flower prints kept behind the diplomas in original frames.

Content of a Photograph Album**Unit ID** id286662**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14153**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Photograph album pages with informal portraits, circa 1940s. Some photographs are identified. The folder also houses several documents relating to Mrs. Zelda Gary that were found loose in the album, including report cards from Hamlet Public Schools for the years 1932-1936, an employment offer, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company documents, a 1976 certificate of service from the Union Baptist Church, as well as loose photographs. Damaged album binding removed for preservation purposes.

Wedding Photograph of Unidentified Couple

Unit ID id286664

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14154

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 4 (folder)

Exterior and Aerial Views of a House, Photographs and Painting

Unit ID id286666

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14155

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Oversize Folder 1

Unit ID id286942

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14090

Mixed Materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 2 (Box)

Charcoal Portrait of an Unidentified African American Woman

Unit ID id286946

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14156

Unit Date circa 1870s-1910s

Mixed Materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Oversize_Folder)

Box 7

Unit ID id286940

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14091

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Personal artifacts comprise Mr. Gary's World War II dog tag, an Eastern Connecticut State University watch, two address rubber stamps, and a 1933 Maryland Public Schools medal for the Playground Athletic League.

Legal and Business Records

Unit ID id286479

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14085

Unit Date 1944-2007

Scope and Contents

This series contains legal and business records documenting the operations of Mr. Gary's tailoring and dry-cleaning business, the West End Valet Shop, as well as family estates. Detailed business ledgers survive for the years 1944 to 1953. Legal documents comprise leases and deeds signed by Mr. and Mrs. Gary, as well as deeds, plats, and other materials about estate settlements concerning the related Gary, Randall, Parker, Peagley, Baker, and Outten families.

Box 3

Unit ID id286668

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14092

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Summaries of Collections and Disbursements

Unit ID id286670

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14157

Unit Date 1944 Jan.-Jun.

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Monthly reports of spendings and earnings at the West End Valet Shop sent to Mr. Gary during his military service by the shop's secretary, H.J. Sasser. Also includes a letter with news of the shop.

Summaries of Collections and Disbursements

Unit ID id286672

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14158

Unit Date 1944 Jul.-Sept.

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Monthly reports from H.J. Sasser kept with two letters about the business and news of Williamsburg connections.

Summaries of Collections and Disbursements

Unit ID id286674

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14159

Unit Date 1945 Jan.-Mar.

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Monthly reports from H. J. Sasser and one letter.

Business Ledger

Unit ID id286676

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14160

Unit Date 1947 Oct.-1948 Jun.

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Folder also includes a "Home Plan Service Building Contract," inserted in the binder with the ledger pages. Original binder containing ledger pages from 1947 Oct.-1948 Dec. and the 1948 payroll separated for preservation reasons.

Business Ledger

Unit ID id286678

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14161

Unit Date 1948 Jun.-Dec.

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Payroll Ledger

Unit ID id286680

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14162

Unit Date 1948

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Business Ledger**Unit ID** id286682**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14163**Unit Date** 1949 Jan.-Jul.**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Original binder containing ledger pages for the year 1949 separated for preservation reasons.

Business Ledger**Unit ID** id286684**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14164**Unit Date** 1949 Jul.-1950 Jan.**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Notebook with Client Names and Sales****Unit ID** id286686**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14165**Unit Date** 1949-1950**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Some pages are missing.

Business Ledger**Unit ID** id286688**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14166**Unit Date** 1950-1951**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Also includes personal spendings and loose computation sheets.

Business Ledger**Unit ID** id286690**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14167**Unit Date** 1951 Dec.-1952 Jul.**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Original binder containing ledger pages from 1951 Dec.-1952 Dec. and the 1952 payroll separated for preservation reasons.

Business Ledger**Unit ID** id286692**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14168**Unit Date** 1952 Jul.-Dec.**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 12 (folder)

Payroll Ledger**Unit ID** id286694**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14169**Unit Date** 1952**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Checkbook****Unit ID** id286696**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14170**Unit Date** 1952 May-1953 Aug.**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Also includes a loose 1948 check on the West End Valet Shop.

Business Ledger**Unit ID** id286698**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14171**Unit Date** 1953 Jan.-Jul.**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 15 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Original binder containing ledger pages from 1953 Jan.-1954 Jan. and the 1953 payroll separated for preservation reasons.

Business Ledger**Unit ID** id286700**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14172**Unit Date** 1953 Jul.-1954 Jan.**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 16 (folder)**Payroll Ledger****Unit ID** id286702**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14173**Unit Date** 1953**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 17 (folder)**Certificate of Appreciation for the Bruton Heights Band Uniform Drive****Unit ID** id286704**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/14174**Unit Date** 1965**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 18 (folder)

Letter to Client and Bill

Unit ID id286706

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14175

Unit Date 1964 and 1975

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 19 (folder)

Correspondence with Companies and Suppliers

Unit ID id286708

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14176

Unit Date 1973-1982

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 20 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Copies of letters sent by Mr. Gary with information about orders and supplies.

Box 4

Unit ID id286710

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14093

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Letters to Newspapers

Unit ID id286712

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14177

Unit Date 1973-1981

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Copies of 3 letters sent by Mr. Gary transmitting information about the shop and proposals for advertisements.

Letters to Governmental Agencies, 1973-1981

Unit ID id286714

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14178

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Copies of 3 letters sent by Mr. Gary

Photographs and Negatives of West End Valet Shop

Unit ID id286716

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14179

Unit Date 1977 and undated

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes a series of photographs of Mr. Gary in his shop and of his equipment taken by a Colonial Williamsburg photographer in 1977, one of which was selected for the newspaper article "A Tailor-made Gift for CW."

Newspaper Clippings about the West End Valet Shop

Unit ID id286718

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14180

Unit Date circa 1977

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Articles "Dry Cleaning Equipment Given to CW" and "A Tailor-Made Gift for CW" regarding Mr. Gary's donation of his 1948 Hoffman dry cleaner to Colonial Williamsburg

Advertisements and Business Card

Unit ID id286720

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14181

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Blank Forms and Letterhead

Unit ID id286725

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14182

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Photocopies of Materials re. Tailoring, Sewing, and Crocheting

Unit ID id286730

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14183

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 7 (folder)

"Notary Public"

Unit ID id286735

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14184

Unit Date 1956-1976

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes, among others, a 1956 guidebook "Laws Relating to Notaries Public" by the Commonwealth of Virginia, and a certificate and membership card from the Notaries Public Association.

Leases

Unit ID id286740

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14185

Unit Date 1950 and 1967

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 9 (folder)

Lease

Unit ID id286745

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14186

Unit Date 1967

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 10 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Rolled-up and brittle item

Leases

Unit ID id286750

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14187

Unit Date 1972-1975

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 11 (folder)

Deeds

Unit ID id286755

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14188

Unit Date 1952 and 1954

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 12 (folder)

Deeds and Power of Attorney

Unit ID id286760

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14189

Unit Date 1961-1964

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 13 (folder)

"Buck Henry Randall Estate"

Unit ID id286765

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14190

Unit Date 1953-1967

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 14 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Documents found in a folder labeled "Buck Henry Randall Estate," of which Charles Gary was a beneficiary. Randall married Charles' mother Georgia Parker after her divorce with Charlie Gary Sr.

Documents regarding Celestine and Clarence Outten

Unit ID id286948

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14191

Unit Date 1959-1962

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 15 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Legal documents concerning Mr. Gary's sister Celestine and her husband.

Deeds regarding Charlie E. Gary Estate

Unit ID id286770

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14192

Unit Date 1960

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 16 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Documentation about the partition of Mr. Gary's father's property between the related Gary, Peagler, Parker, Outten, and Baker families.

Wallace R. Parker Estate Documents

Unit ID id286775

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14193

Unit Date 1960 and undated

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 17 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Charles Gary's uncle on his mother's side. Comprises a bill of estate settlement costs and a plat of Parker's estate near Ironbound Rd.

Gary vs. Wade Case Documents

Unit ID id286780

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14194

Unit Date 1969-1970

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 18 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter and deeds pertaining to a court case about Randall family property.

Purchase Money Deed of Trust with Mr. and Mrs. Givens

Unit ID id286785

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14195

Unit Date 1972

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 19 (folder)

Sales Contract and Deed of Trust with William T. Stone

Unit ID id286790

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14196

Unit Date 1973-1975

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 20 (folder)

"Peagler File"

Unit ID id286795

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14197

Unit Date 1981-1982 and undated

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 21 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Documents found in a folder labeled "Peagler File" pertaining to Mr. Gary's nephew Owen Peagley, including a curriculum vitae (see Civic Life, series 3, box 5, folder 11), notes about a deed and family property transaction, and a survey map of the Charles E. Gary Sr. estate to be partitioned.

Property Sale to Endowment Association of the College of William and Mary

Unit ID id286800

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14198

Unit Date 1996-1997

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 22 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes inspection reports of the Ironbound Road property and copy of the deed.

"Charles Gary Life Estate"

Unit ID id286805

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14199

Unit Date 2007

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 23 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Documents found in a folder labeled "Charles Gary Life Estate Parcel 041" from the Virginia Department of Transportation about rights of way for the Ironbound Road property.

Armistead Avenue Development Program

Unit ID id286810

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14200

Unit Date 1976-1983

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 24 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Short testimony about the history of businesses at 204 Armistead Avenue, letters, and maps regarding a Williamsburg development project.

Newspaper Clippings regarding Property Transfers and Local Development

Unit ID id286815

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14201

Unit Date bulk 1970s

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 25 (folder)

Miscellaneous Legal and Financial Documents

Unit ID id286820

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14202

Unit Date 1951-1975

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 26 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Mostly regarding loans and deeds of trust

Miscellaneous Notes about Financial Matters

Unit ID id286825

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14203

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 27 (folder)

Charles Gary Suit Tag

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/592980

Unit Date circa 1965

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 28 (Folder)

Creator Gary, Charles Edward Jr. , 1907-2001

Extent 0.1 Linear Feet One legal sized folder with an envelope inside.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by Jerry Van Voorhis

Processing Information

Added as an addition to the collection in 2022 by Veronica Parker.

Scope and Contents

Suit label from the West End Valet Shop in Williamsburg, Virginia, circa 1965. The shop was owned and operated by Charles Gary. Mr. Gary made two suits for Mr. Jerry Van Voorhis between 1964 and 1965. This label is from one of those suits which Mr. Van Voorhis' used as his wedding suit in 1966. At the time of the label donation, the suit was still in the possession of Mr. Van Voorhis and was reported to be in excellent condition, a testament to the talent of Mr. Gary and his workmanship.

Box 7

Unit ID id286938

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14094

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Artifacts relating to Mr. Gary's business and professional life comprise four West End Valet Shop rubber stamps, a table bell, a clothing label customized to Mr. Gary, a measuring tape, two signature rubber stamps, a notary public rubber stamp, and a notary public metal stamp.

Civic Life

Unit ID id286484

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14086

Unit Date 1953-1997

Scope and Contents

This series encompasses materials and artifacts documenting Mr. Gary's active civic life in the Williamsburg area community. In addition to serving on a citizen advisory committee, the Williamsburg James City County Chamber of Commerce, and the Virginia State Board of Elections, Mr. Gary participated in the services of several local baptist churches and was a member of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World (Old Capitol Lodge No. 629) for over 70 years. The bulk of this series relates to church and Order of Elks service. Of note are several typescripts and handwritten drafts of speeches delivered by Mr. Gary in those contexts. Most are unsigned but accompanied of the official service programs listing speakers.

Box 5

Unit ID id286830

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14095

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Certificates of Appreciation and Membership

Unit ID id286835

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14204

Unit Date 1953-1984

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Certificates highlighting Mr. Gary's involvement and support of various institutions such as the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, the National Council of Negro Women, the Williamsburg James City County Chamber of Commerce, the Frontiers of America, and the New Zion Baptist Church.

Photocopies of Award Plaques

Unit ID id286860

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14205

Unit Date 1976-1996

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Mostly from the Order of Elks

Thank You Note for Bruton Heights Consultancy

Unit ID id286865

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14206

Unit Date 1953

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee on the Plan for the Central Area

Unit ID id286870

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14207

Unit Date 1967

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 4 (folder)

Virginia State Board of Elections

Unit ID id286875

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14208

Unit Date 1975-1983

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

1975 voter registration record, and documents pertaining to Mr. Gary's appointment as an officer on the Board, including a 1983 manual "Instructions for Officers of Elections."

Program for Annual Dinner Meeting of the Williamsburg-James City County Chamber of Commerce

Unit ID id286880

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14209

Unit Date 1977

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Men's Day Programs and Typescripts of Speeches

Unit ID id286885

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14210

Unit Date 1965-1975

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Ceremony programs, as well as annotated typescripts and handwritten drafts of speeches given by Mr. Gary during Men's Day services at the First Baptist Church of Williamsburg and Shiloh Baptist Church. Includes welcome addresses and a 1967 speech entitled "The Negro Man and his Family" in which Mr. Gary reflects on the history of African American families in the United States, current social and racial issues, and biblical views on the importance of the family.

Typescripts and Drafts of a Joint Memorial Services Speech

Unit ID id286890

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14211

Unit Date 1973

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Speech delivered by Mr. Gary during a service with the Order of Elks held at Mount Ararat Baptist Church, discussing death, community service, the principles of the order, and the limits of wealth and materialism. Also includes a program of the ceremony.

Typescripts of Speech "Can a Negro Business Survive in an Integrated Society"

Unit ID id286895

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14212

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Delivered at a Brotherhood [Order of Elks?] breakfast. Discusses employer and employee behavior, black and white patronage, racial pride; compares the fate of African American and Jewish businesses in America; and suggests avenues for the future.

Introductions to Speakers by Mr. Gary, Last Names B-M

Unit ID id286900

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14213

Unit Date 1967-1977

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 10 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes service programs, typescripts of introduction speeches, and biographical notes relating to various speakers at baptist churches: Rev. Ed. Bailey, Dr. Ollie Bowman, Dr. George W. Grayson, Rev. J. H. Moody.

Introductions to Speakers by Mr. Gary, Last Names P

Unit ID id286905

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14214

Unit Date 1968-1981

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 11 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Speakers Shade Joseph Palmer, R. G. Parker, and Owen F. Peagler.

Introductions to Speakers by Mr. Gary, Last Names S-W

Unit ID id286910

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14215

Unit Date 1963-1985

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 12 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Speakers Att. William T. Stone, Rev. James B. Tabb, Alfred K. Talbot Jr., Wilbert Wallace.

Various Speeches Delivered at Baptist Churches

Unit ID id286916

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14216

Unit Date 1954-1984

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 13 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Typescripts and handwritten drafts of speeches given during anniversary, appreciation, and dedication services at various baptist churches in the Williamsburg area. Also includes some corresponding service programs.

Photocopy of Speech on Family and Religion

Unit ID id286918

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14217

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 14 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Photocopy of a typescript of a speech discussing family in the Bible, religion and church in African American communities, family as a social formation in the United States, and the role of men and women in church and family. Undated and unsigned. Clipped to a 1970 note from Ollie M. Bowman, a professor at Hampton Institute and deacon in the Presbyterian church, who was perhaps the author or the sender of the speech.

Miscellaneous Church Service Programs

Unit ID id286920

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14218

Unit Date 1976-1981

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 15 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Five items from different baptist churches in the Williamsburg area.

Miscellaneous Notes "Church Paperwork"

Unit ID id286922

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14219

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 16 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Found in a folder labeled "Church Paperwork"

Photographs and Negatives of Religious Services

Unit ID id286924

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14220

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 17 (folder)

Miscellaneous Order of Elks Documents

Unit ID id286926

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14221

Unit Date 1975, 1997, and undated

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 18 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Certificate of award, membership card, and undated bank form for deposit by authority of lodge.

Photographs and Negatives "Elks"

Unit ID id286928

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14222

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 19 (folder)

Scope and Contents

36 photographs and several negative slides found in a photo developing enveloped labeled "Elks."

Additional Photographs and Negatives of the Order of Elks

Unit ID id286930

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14223

Unit Date 1961-1963 and undated

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 20 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Among other photographs are four formal group portraits.

Photographs and Negatives of a Ceremony

Unit ID id286932

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14224

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 21 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Found in a photo developing envelope without any annotation, possibly of an Order of Elks ceremony.

Box 7

Unit ID id286934

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14096

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Artifacts related to Mr. Gary's civic involvement comprise a 1936 Order of Elks delegate medal, a small Frontiers of America metal pin, another small metal pin with unreadable association, and an Order of Elks Old Capital Lodge rubber stamp.

Box 8

Unit ID id286936

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/14097

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Textile artifacts relating to Mr. Gary's civic involvement comprise an "I.B.P.O.E. of W." stiched hat, an American Legion of Williamsburg, VA, hat, as well as an Order of Elks ceremonial collar.

