

# Matthew Whaley School Collection

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### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

1850-2012 and undated

### Unit Date

1880-1960

### Language

English

### Creator

Matthew Whaley School (Williamsburg, Va.)

### Creator

Clark, James W.

### Creator

Etheridge, Jeanne

### Creator

Langton, Helen

### Creator

Pedersen, Thelma

**Creator**

Williamsburg High School (Williamsburg, Va.)

**Creator**

Williamsburg Historic Records Association (Williamsburg, Va.)

**Creator**

Tyler, Lyon Gardiner, 1853-1935

**Extent**

1.2 Linear Feet

**Repository**

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## Historical Note:

Williamsburg High School became the Matthew Whaley School in 1931, named after the son of a colonial woman who, after his death at age nine, financially supported a free school named in his honor. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: [http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Matthew\\_Whaley\\_School\\_\(Williamsburg,\\_Va.\)](http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Matthew_Whaley_School_(Williamsburg,_Va.))

## Scope and Contents

This is an artificial collection of material from and about Matthew Whaley School in Williamsburg, Virginia including material from the annual fifty year reunions. The school newspaper, The Powder Horn, 1930-1937 and 1946-1948, is available in Rare Books call number AN47 .W54 P68.

## Separated Materials

Issues of the school newspaper, The Powder Horn, have been transferred to the Newspaper Collection in Rare Books, under AN47 .W54 P68.

## Related Materials:

See also: Mss. 1.01 Williamsburg Reunion Collection.

Robb-Bernard papers (Mss. 65 R54), Series 24 (Acc. 2010.353) contains Matthew Whaley high school yearbooks, 1948-1950.

## Keywords

Handbooks  
Invitations  
Newspapers  
Photographs  
Plays (document genre)  
Programs  
Williamsburg (Va.)--History--20th century  
Education--Virginia--History--20th century  
Education--Virginia--Williamsburg--20th century  
Matthew Whaley School (Williamsburg, Va.)  
Schools--Virginia--Williamsburg

## Accruals:

Future accruals are expected.

## Arrangement of Materials:

Arranged by accession number additions.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Series 1: Memorabilia and Reunion Material**

**Unit ID** id59055

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135407

#### **Box 1**

**Unit ID** id70895

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135411

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

#### **Individual Accession Number Unknown**

**Unit ID** id62694

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135415

**Unit Date** 1930-1933

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Newspaper clippings, copy of poetry, 1933 graduation invitation, newspaper photograph of Class of 1933, photograph of students on stage and program of two plays, "The Knave of Hearts" and "Two Crooks and a Lady."

**Mss. Acc. 1990.42****Unit ID** id60739**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135416**Unit Date** 1930-1957**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

Publications, class material, newspaper articles and photographs. Part of this accession that deals with other areas of the Williamsburg community is filed under the Accession Number 1990.42. "Growing Up in Williamsburg: from the Depression to Pearl Harbor" by Ed Belvin (1981) was transferred to Rare Books.

**Written Material****Unit ID** id60740**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135435**Unit Date** 1937-57**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Programs to school events, histories about Matthew Whaley School and teacher instruction items.

**Newspaper Articles****Unit ID** id60742**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135436**Unit Date** 1963**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Clippings about overcrowded school conditions in Williamsburg, Virginia.

**Class Pictures****Unit ID** id60743**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135437**Unit Date** 1964-1967 and undated.**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Class pictures of students from Matthew Whaley School. Some photographs have names of students written on the back side.

**Mss. Acc. 1990.43****Unit ID** id60737**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135417**Unit Date** 1935-1987**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

Newspaper clippings, school projects and photographs of and pertaining to Matthew Whaley School of which Miss Etheridge was teacher and later principal. 150 items.

### **"Bring Them to Justice" Play**

**Unit ID** id60744

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135438

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Scripts and programs for "Bring Them to Justice" written and performed by Matthew Whaley School students.

### **Newspaper Clippings**

**Unit ID** id60745

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135439

**Unit Date** 1948-1980 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Newspaper clippings and articles about activities of students and teachers at Matthew Whaley School. 51 items.

### **Newspaper Clippings, International Involvement**

**Unit ID** id60746

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135440

**Unit Date** 1965-1967

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Newspaper articles about Matthew Whaley school students involved in international activities, such as pen pals in Vietnam, meeting India Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and meeting Nigerian president Hamani Diori. 18 items.

### **Photographs**

**Unit ID** id60748

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135441

**Unit Date** 1935-circa 1970

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Photographs of Matthew Whaley School students and teachers doing various school activities.

### **Photographs**

**Unit ID** id60749

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135442

**Unit Date** 1966-circa 1969

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Photographs of teachers and students showing class projects and activities. 133 items.

**Photographs****Unit ID** id60750**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135443**Unit Date** 1967**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Photographs of class projects on Africa, meeting Nigerian President Hamani Diori and a newspaper article about the meeting. 11 items.

**Student Work****Unit ID** id60751**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135444**Unit Date** 1940**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

"Myths and Poems of Ancient Greece" booklet made by the Upper C and homemade programs for the student production of "Aida." 6 items.

**History of Matthew Whaley****Unit ID** id60752**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135445**Unit Date** 1947-1987**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Newspaper articles and "Grammar and Matthey Practice and Model School" on the history of Matthew Whaley School. 13 items.

**Mss. Acc. 1993.14****Unit ID** id59051**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135418**Unit Date** 1987**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

Copy of "A History of the Matthew Whaley High School Class of 1937" by James W. Clark.

**Mss. Acc. 1994.50****Unit ID** id59061**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135419**Unit Date** 1931-34**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

Programs for Matthew Whaley Dramatic Club presentations, 1931-1933, Graduation Program dated June 2, 1933 and John Stewart Bryan inauguration program, October 20, 1934.

**Mss. Acc. 1994.61****Unit ID** id59052**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135420**Unit Date** 1994**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

Copy and original of "My Forty-two Years at Matthew Whaley School: A Brief Review" by Jeanne Etheridge.

**Mss. Acc. 1996.04.01**

**Unit ID** id62695

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135421

**Unit Date** 1952

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

Matthew Whaley School Graduation Program for 1952. Gift of Mrs. Julia Oxrieder.

**Box 2**

**Unit ID** id70896

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135412

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Mss. Acc. 1997. 41**

**Unit ID** id60760

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135422

**Unit Date** 1977

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

Matthew Whaley School, Williamsburg, Va., Self Study 1976-1977.

**Mss. Acc. 1998.55**

**Unit ID** id59057

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135423

**Unit Date** 1947-1948

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

Grades 7-12, "Grand Prizes for Best Costumes" flyer with hand drawn picture of a man with a pipe.

**Mss. Acc. 2001.20**

**Unit ID** id59053

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135424

**Unit Date** 1931-1932

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

Photographs and programs of the activities of Matthew Whaley Class of 1932. 1931-1932 Handbook of Matthew Whaley School.

**Mss. Acc. 2002.58.1**

**Unit ID** id60363

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135425

**Unit Date** 1954-1957 and undated.

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

Matthew Whaley Student Handbook for 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57. Stapled printed handout, "Superintendent Sammy Says," a behavioral handbook for industrial arts and shop students. Undated.

**Mss. Acc. 2003.11****Unit ID** id59054**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135426**Unit Date** [1942]**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

Program for the Junior Class play, "Don't Take My Penny" in March [1942].

**Mss. Acc. 2003.31****Unit ID** id59245**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135427**Unit Date** 1949**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

Program for Matthew Whaley Junior Senior Banquet, "What's Next" in 1949.

**Mss. Acc. 2003.49****Unit ID** id61687**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135428**Unit Date** 1940-1943**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

Minutes of the Class of 1943 activities from 1940 to 1943 by Helen Langton. Blue United States Air Force armband received with this accession has been transferred to the Artifact Collection in 2009.

**Mss. Acc. 2005.61****Unit ID** id59060**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135429**Unit Date** 1938-1944**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

50th Anniversary of Matthew Whaley photographs, 1938-39 photograph of Matthew Whaley Girl Scouts, 1944 Matthew Whaley invitation and commencement, Memories Book of Mary McGinnis and play program, "Cinderella in Flowerland" presented by 7th and 8th grades.

**Mss. Acc. 2007.72****Unit ID** id64983**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135430**Unit Date** undated and 2009**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

Photocopies of a photograph of Jeanne Etheridge, who was the principal at Matthew Whaley for 23 years. Article about Jeanne Etheridge, after her death in 2009, added to accession.

**Powder Horn Material****Unit ID** id237268**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135431**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Acc. 2010.573: Powder Horn Material**

**Unit ID** id237271

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135446

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Contains cards, invitations, programs, and invitations relating to the Powder Horn, the school newspaper of Matthew Whaley High School.

**Box 3**

**Unit ID** id223344

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135413

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Thanks for the Memory**

**Unit ID** id174209

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135432

**Unit Date** 1937

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

Senior class booklet.

**Program and Speech**

**Unit ID** id174777

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135433

**Unit Date** 1943, 2012

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

Program for the 1943 play "What A Life," put on by the seniors at the Matthew Whaley School, and a 2012 speech about Helen Young Langton.

**"Memories" - Matthew Whaley Class of 1945 reunion booklet**

**Unit ID** id237252

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135434

**Unit Date** compiled circa 1995-1996

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

1 vol., 31 pp. (all photocopies!). Includes reminiscences of class members as well as photocopies of the following: photographs, pages of the Powderhorn, news clippings, certificates. Probably compiled on the occasion of the 50th reunion, 1995 or shortly thereafter.

**Series 2: Powder Horn (Mss. Acc. 2008.085)**

**Unit ID** id59056

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135408

**Unit Date** 1925-1955

**Scope and Contents**

1970 souvenir prints of the front page of the 1940 Powder Horn, a newspaper of Matthew Whaley School in Williamsburg, Virginia. Includes copies of the newspaper and a negative. Picture of the 1940 graduating class on the front page. See acquisition entries for accession information.

Issues of the school newspaper, The Powder Horn. These issues have been transferred to the Newspaper Collection in Rare Books, under AN47 .W54 P68.

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### **Series 3: Mattey School (Mss. Acc. 2011.592)**

**Unit ID** id105319

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135409

**Unit Date** 1850-1899

**Creator** Tyler, Lyon Gardiner, 1853-1935

**Creator** Ewell, Benjamin Stoddert, 1810-1894

#### **Biographical / Historical**

Before being named the Matthew Whaley School, it was referred to as the Model School or Mattey School.

#### **Scope and Contents**

Items transferred from the W&M College Papers. Includes a 1850s transcription Copy of Mary Whaley's 1741 will; Copy of bill of chancery, 1750, amended 1751, concerning the disposition by her executor of certain funds bequeathed by Mary Whaley to the Mattey School, 9 pp., 1751, and reply, 3 pp. Copy of court order, 1752, for the settlement of the estate of Mary Whaley, 22 pp. Clipping concerning the legacy left by Mary Whaley for the Mattey School. Copy of court order, 1866, transferring certain annuities to the College, 3 pp. Supplemental report on the Whaley legacy, by Benjamin S. Ewell, 1866, 2 pieces. Incomplete script of a pageant depicting a meeting of the faculty, 1866, with information on the Mattey fund, 1 piece. Broadside advertising the Mattey School, 1868. Lease of the grammar school building and lot to the city of Williamsburg, 1884, 1 piece. Copy of proposition made by the College to the school board of Williamsburg concerning a model school in connection with the Mattey School and the reply, 1889, 2 pieces. Outline of the course of study of the model school, 1899, 65 pp., 26 cm. Article: "Hoary old Williamsburg builds a modern school," by Helen Foss Weeks, undated, 1 piece. Lyon G. Tyler, "The Mattey Whaley model and practice school of the William and Mary College," Richmond, printed by Whittet and Shepperson, 1895, 18 pp., 23 cm

#### **Keywords**

Wills

College of William and Mary--History--19th century

Clippings (information artifacts)

Broadsides

### **Series 4: Matthew Whaley Football Team Scrapbook (Mss. Acc. 2014.139)**

**Unit ID** id242811

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135410

**Unit Date** 1946-1948

#### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains a scrapbook of clippings, photographs, and programs featuring the Matthew Whaley football team. The bulk of the scrapbook is from the first football season in 1946 but the scrapbook also contains material from 1947 and 1948.

### **Box 4: Matthew Whaley Football Team Scrapbook**

**Unit ID** id242812

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/135414

**Unit Date** 1946-1948

**Mixed materials** 4 (Box)