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Unit ID

/repositories/2/resources/1420

Unit Date

1936-1945

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1937-1939

Language

English

Creator

Graves, Obelia "Bee"

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0.50 Linear Feet

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Biographical Information:

Obelia "Bee" Graves attended Winston-Salem Teachers College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the first historically black college to grant bachelor degrees in elementary school education. Her family lived in Blance, North Carolina.

Her parents were Vester and Sallie Graves. 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/Obelia_Bee_Graves

Scope and Contents

This collection contains letters to Obelia "Bee" Graves, from her family and friends, while she attended Winston-Salem Teachers College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The institution is presently known as Winston-Salem State University. Winston-Salem Teachers College was the first historically black college to grant bachelors degrees in elementary school education. The collection also includes college documents from her time at college such as report cards and her admission acceptance. The collection also contains letters from two soldiers to Bee Graves' sister, Cleonis. The soldiers served during World War II in the Philippines.

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African Americans

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Winston-Salem Teachers College

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Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Letters from Family

Unit ID id44200

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136336

Unit Date 1937-1939

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Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465340

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Letters from Vester Graves (Father)

Unit ID id44224

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136339

Unit Date 1937-1938

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

3 letters.

Letters from Sallie Graves (Mother)

Unit ID id44225

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136340

Unit Date 1937-1939

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

4 letters.

Letters from Cleonis Graves (Sister)

Unit ID id44226

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136341

Unit Date 1937

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

2 letters.

Letters from Melba Graves (Sister)

Unit ID id44227

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136342

Unit Date 1937-1938

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

4 letters.

Letter from Ella Graves (Sister)

Unit ID id44743

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136343

Unit Date 1938

Mixed Materials 5 (Folder)

Letter from Lois Long (Cousin)

Unit ID id44744

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136344

Unit Date 1937

Mixed Materials 6 (Folder)

Letters from Auntie Madie

Unit ID id44745

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136345

Unit Date 1937

Mixed Materials 7 (Folder)

Letters from Uncle Henry

Unit ID id44746

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136346

Unit Date 1937, 1939

Mixed Materials 8 (Folder)

Series 2: Letters from Friends

Unit ID id44201

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136337

Unit Date 1936-1939

Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492092

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Language English

Postcards from Friends

Unit ID id44747

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136347

Unit Date 1936-1939

Mixed Materials 9 (Folder)

Letters from Female Friends

Unit ID id44748

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136348

Unit Date 1936

Mixed Materials 10 (Folder)

Letters from Elbert Swann

Unit ID id44749

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136349

Unit Date 1936-1938

Mixed Materials 11 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

1 of 2 folders; Elbert Swann appeared to have a crush on Bee Graves. He wrote ten letters to her, the most from one person in the collection.

Letters from Elbert Swann

Unit ID id44750

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136350

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

2 of 2 folders; Elbert Swann appeared to have a crush on Bee Graves. He wrote ten letters to her, the most from one person in the collection.

Letters from Louise Moore

Unit ID id44751

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136351

Unit Date 1937

Mixed Materials 13 (Folder)

Letters from Helen B.

Unit ID id44752

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136352

Unit Date 1939

Mixed Materials 14 (Folder)

Letter from Walter (Boyfriend)

Unit ID id44753

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136353

Unit Date 1938

Mixed Materials 15 (Folder)

Letters from C.L.B., Jr.

Unit ID id44754

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136354

Unit Date 1936

Mixed Materials 16 (Folder)

Letters from Male Friends

Unit ID id44756

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136356

Unit Date 1939

Mixed Materials 18 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

These are friends from New York City.

Letters from J.B. Saunders

Unit ID id44755

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136355

Unit Date 1936, 1938

Mixed Materials 17 (Folder)

Series 3: Miscellaneous

Unit ID id44202

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136338

Unit Date 1936-1945

Scope and Contents

Includes letters to Bee Graves's sister, Cleonis Graves, college documents, and photographs.

Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/492093

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Language English

Miscellaneous Items

Unit ID id44758

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136358

Mixed Materials 20 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains portrait photographs of unidentified people and letters.

College Documents

Unit ID id44759

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136359

Unit Date 1936-1940

Mixed Materials 21 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains documents relating to Bee Graves' tenure at Teachers College: room and board receipts, a report card, and insurance receipts. This is 1 of 2 folders.

College Documents

Unit ID id44761

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136360

Unit Date 1936-1940

Mixed Materials 22 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains an acceptance letter, a letter to Bee Graves' parents about Bee's progress and report cards. This is 2 of 2 folders.

Letters from soldiers to Cleonis Graves (Sister)

Unit ID id44757

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/136357

Unit Date 1945

Mixed Materials 19 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains letters from two soldiers to Bee Graves' sister, Cleonis. The soldiers served during World War II in the Philippines.