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Administrative History:

This collection contains folders with photographs of African-American individuals, families, and friends ranging from places like Richmond, Virginia to Chicago, Illinois.

Scope and Contents

Photographs of an African-American family, circa 1880-1960, most likely of Richmond, Virginia. Included are snapshots, studio portraits and photo postcards of family members and also a postcard of the "Barracks of Colored Recruits, Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va." (addressed to Eliza Chatman, Richmond, Va.). Some photos are identified by first names or location. Names include Pearl, Russell, Constance, Berkley, Allen, Beverley Boxyem, Samuel, Mary, James, Horace, Sarah, Mother Booker, Julie, Lester Hall, Joe Bill Williams and Mildred. Locations in addition to Richmond, are Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Tappahannock, Va., Detroit, Michigan, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania. Subjects of photos include visiting relatives, returning from church, several people in military uniform, children playing, post cards, pictures of individuals, studio portraits and family photos.

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Custodial History

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Portraits of African Americans

Unit ID id241618

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/156867

Unit Date circa 1880-1900

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Photographs of Unknown African Americans

Unit ID id241619

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/156868

Unit Date circa 1929-1954

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Mother Booker Photos

Unit ID id241620

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/156869

Unit Date circa 1930

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Photographs of a woman referred to as "Mother Booker". Handwritten notations on the backs of the photos indicate she lived in Richmond, Virginia.

Unknown African Americans

Unit ID id241621

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/156870

Unit Date circa 1930-1940

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (folder)

Photos of Relatives

Unit ID id241622

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/156871

Unit Date circa 1930-1950

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Handwritten notes on the photos indicate the photographs are of relatives in Boston and Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Detroit, Michigan.

Ms. Callie Washington and Others

Unit ID id241623

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/156872

Unit Date circa 1934-1957

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Handwritten notes on the photos include the following information: an African American girl named Callie Washington shown with her teacher and class, L.A. City; a photo of a Caucasian woman named Mildred Loving from 1934; and a photo of a goat from a trip to the Zoo in Washington, D.C. Other identified names include Joe Bill Williams from 1957, Joy [Z.?] Kennedy, and Lester Hall.

Pearl, an African American Woman

Unit ID id241624

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/156873

Unit Date circa 1940

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains photos of a woman identified only as "Pearl". A handwritten note on the back of a photo places her location as Tappahannock, on the third day of April, 1948. Another mentions that she "just got home from church, St. John".

Unknown Woman and Child

Unit ID id241625

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/156874

Unit Date circa 1940-1950

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (folder)

Photos of Children, Russell and Allen

Unit ID id241626

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/156875

Unit Date circa 1950

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Handwritten notes on the photos identify the children primarily as Russell and Allen, presumably closely related as siblings or cousins. Some photos include other children identified as Constance and Berkely. A photo of "Julie and family" is included.

Gathering of Unknown African Americans

Unit ID id241627

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/156876

Unit Date circa 1950

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (folder)

Scope and Contents

The folder contains photographs of African American people, likely family members, gathered in front of a building. The same building is featured in each photo and the arrangement is formal, suggesting a church or another special event.

Two Unknown Women Posing in the Snow

Unit ID id241628

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/156877

Unit Date circa 1950

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (folder)

Unknown Women and Children

Unit ID id241629

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/156878

Unit Date circa 1950-1960

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (folder)

Scope and Contents

The photos are of unknown African American women and children. On the back of one photo, a handwritten note identifies a woman as Eu[genia?] Washington Jones and included the notation, "Mt. Carmel". Photos of a baby from July 1959 are noted as Beverly Bowen. Other children remain unidentified.

Unknown Women at a House

Unit ID id241630

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/156879

Unit Date circa 1950-1960

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (folder)

Scope and Contents

The two photos depict unknown African American women in front of a house. No other identifying notations or features are present.