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# Biographical / Historical

Lillian V. Randolph attended Armstrong High School in Richmond, Virginia and registered to vote in 1938 after paying a poll tax.

Armstrong High School was originally named Richmond Normal and High School when it was founded in 1867 by the Freedman's Bureau as the first high school for African Americans in Richmond, Virginia. It was later renamed for General Samuel Chapman Armstrong who was a white commander of a United States Colored Troops regiment during the American Civil War (1861-1865). Armstrong also founded the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, now known as Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia. Armstrong High School began with an all white faculty until 1915 when the staff was replaced by an all African American faculty of ten women and five men. The school was integrated in 1971.

Among the autographs in the books is one extensive entry from Randolph's teacher, Lavinia J. Banks. After teaching at Armstrong High School for at least thirty years, Banks was an advocate during the Civil Rights movement. As treasurer of the Virginia Teachers Association, Banks helped to combine it with the white Virginia Educational Association. Banks was also a proponent of the anti poll tax movement and testified as a representative of the Virginia Teachers Association in a legislative session.

# Content Description

Two autograph albums belonging to Lillian V. Randolph with entries from relatives as well as students and teachers at Armstrong High School in Richmond, Virginia. Both albums include photographs.

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High school students--United States--Social life and customs--20th century

African Americans--Education--Virginia

African American women--Education

Virginia--Social life and customs--20th century

Women--Virginia--Social life and customs

# Arrangement

Lillian Randolph autograph albums are arranged into one series: Serie I. Autograph albums.

# Description of Subordinate Components

## Series I. Autograph albums

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/593723

**Autograph album 1**

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**Unit Date** 1926

**Autograph album 2**

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