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Overview of the Collection

Identification:

01/Mss. Acc. 2008.71

Dates:

1875-1964

Language of Materials

The papers are in: English

Abstract:

The collection includes letters, contracts, deeds, wills, St. Luke Penny Bank medallions, cemetery plot receipts, plans, blueprints, photographs, birth and death certificates relating to members of the Farrar family of Richmond, Virginia. Daniel James Farrar (1862-1925) had a profound effect on the architecture of the city of Richmond. Daniel followed the example of his father, Joseph who was the son of a free black. Farrar was involved with at least 14 buildings in the 1890's as designer, builder or both. Daniel's siblings included Leah Farrar, and Alma Rachel Margaret Lucas who are represented in the collection. The collection is divided into seven folders containing 90 pieces of ephemera relating to one or another Farrar family member, family real estate transactions, a folder of miscellaneous documents, and 236 photographs of family members and friends, scenes and groups of people.

Creator:

Farrar, Daniel James, 1862-1923
Farrar, Joseph E., 1830-Jackson, Yvonne Lucas
Lucas, Alma Rachel Margaret
Farrar Wilson, Leah Farrar, 1864-1964 arrangement

Quantity:

0.75

Repository:

Special Collections Research Center

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open to all researchers.

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Acquisition Information

The materials were acquired by Special Collections Research Center on 00/00/2008.

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Additional Information

Biographical Note

Daniel James Farrar was born in Richmond on October 17, 1862. He joined his father in business after attending public schools in Richmond until he was 18 years old. He completed training by his father in three years. The 1910 United States census lists his occupation as a contractor and homebuilder. Daniel married Leah Belle Holmes on May 17, 1888. She was the daughter of George Washington Holmes and Mildred Holmes. He died in March, 1923 leaving his wife, two sons Joseph H. (b. 1892) and Daniel J, Jr. (b. 1897) and two daughters, Leah Belle (b. 1894) Alma R.M. Lucas (b. 1890) and one grandchild, Yvonne Lucas. He designed, remodeled and built the Smallwood Memorial Institute in Claremont VA, the Mechanics Bank Building (where he maintained his office), the Second Street Bank as well as a number of dwellings, apartments, businesses, schools and churches. He was prominently connected with the Masons, IBPOE, Lincoln Republican League and the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. He served as secretary and treasurer of the Evergreen Cemetery Association. Daniel died in March 1923. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: http://scrc.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Daniel James Farrar.

Scope and Contents

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Index Terms

This Collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Family Name:

Farrar family.

Genre/Form of Material:

Correspondence

Photographs

Programs

Receipts (financial records)

Topical Term:

African Americans--Virginia--History--19th century.

African Americans--Virginia--Richmond--History.

Construction industry--United States--History--19th century.

Construction industry--United States--History--20th century.

Free Blacks--Virginia--Richmond--History.

Legal documents.

Richmond (Va.)--History--19th century.

Richmond (Va.)--History--20th century.

Detailed Description of the Collection

ArchonID id49055

Container 1 (box)

Joseph E. Farrar Documents

ArchonID id49016

Unit Date 1889-1892 and undated.

Container 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Daniel J. Farrar, Sr. Documents

ArchonID id49017

Unit Date 1888-1930 and undated

Container 1 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Leah Farrar Wilson-Documents and Medals

ArchonID id49018

Unit Date 1938-1964 and undated.

Container 1 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Alma R.M. Lucas Documents

ArchonID id49019

Unit Date 1901-1959

Container 1 (box)
Container 4 (Folder)

Documents Relating to Farrar Real Estate

ArchonID id49020
Unit Date 1930-1962
Container 1 (box)
Container 5 (Folder)

ArchonID id49021
Unit Date Yvonne Lucas Jackson Documents
Container 1 (box)
Container 6 (Folder)

Farrar Miscellany

ArchonID id49023
Container 1 (box)
Container 7 (Folder)

ArchonID id49056
Container 2 (box)