



Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid

ACCESSION No.: HRHS-162

COLLECTION TITLE: Harrisonburg City Schools Collection

DATES: 1883 - 1979

SIZE: Five folders

DONOR: Robert E. L. Russell and various unknown donors

PROCESSED: Processed February 25, 2016 by K. Craun

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Public education had its beginnings in Harrisonburg in 1870. Segregation was a dominating principle as not only were there separate schools for white and colored children, for white children, there was a separate school for boys and girls. The girls were taught in the Female Seminary building on Main Street, while the boy's school was located in the Offutt building, at the corner of North Main and Effinger streets. The school for colored children was located in the basement of the United States Court House. Two teachers were provided for each of the three schools.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This is a collection of various documents that pertain to Harrisonburg City Schools.

COLLECTION INVENTORY:

Folder 1:

Harrisonburg Graded School:

Report cards for Robert Russell from 1883 to 1889 (donated by Robert E. L. Russell)
Certificate of Distinction for Robert Russell dated March 20, 1886
Certificate of Distinction for Robert Russell dated April 15, 1891

Folder 2:

Harrisonburg High School:

-Card to admit Miss Bertie Swank to the Harrisonburg High School Commencement, Friday Night, May 22, 1896
-Invitation to 1910 Commencement Exercises
-Program for Harrisonburg High School Chorus, "Bulbul", June 3, 1914
-1914 Season ticket for the High School Athletic Assoc., in the name of Miss Alice Harrison
-Program to the Senior Class Baccalaureate Services at First Church of the Brethren in Christ, June 2, 1929

- Program for Memorial Service for Harrisonburg High School Students who gave to their country the last full measure of devotion in World War II, May 30, 1947
- Program for Dedication Exercises, Additions to Harrisonburg High School, November 25, 1952
- Program for the Senior Class play of Harrisonburg High School, Best Foot Forward, January 9, 1953
- Winter Athletics booklets, Blue Streak Basketball, December 16, 1977 and January 30, 1979

Folder 3:

Keister Elementary:

- Dedication for W. H. Keister Elementary School, August 18, 1955 (2 copies)
- Commemoration program for William H. Keister, May 24, 1934

Folder 4:

Effinger Junior High:

- Spirit of Effinger newsletters, published by pupils of Effinger Junior High, December 1927 and January 1928.

Folder 5:

Lucy Simms School:

- A self-study of the Lucy Simms School prepared by the faculty of the school, 1969-1970