Inventory of the
African American Firemen in Charleston Collection, circa 1910s - 1984

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Descriptive Summary

Title: African American Firemen in Charleston Collection,

Dates: circa 1910s - 1984

Abstract: African American firemen have served in the Charleston Fire Department since 1882.

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Extent: 0.1 linear feet (2 folders)

Repository: Avery Research Center at the College of Charleston

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Language of Material: Material in English

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Collection Arrangement

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Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Subject Headings

African American fire fighters -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

Discrimination in employment -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

Fire fighters -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

Administrative Information

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Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Photographs and Clippings, circa 1910s-1984

Folder 1  Photographs, circa 1910s-1940s
Folder 2  Clippings, 1956-1984