Inventory of the
Frank Augustus DeCosta Papers, 1847 - 2000

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Frank Augustus DeCosta Papers,

Dates: 1847 - 2000

Creator: DeCosta, Frank Augustus.

Abstract: Frank Augustus DeCosta (1910-1972) was an African-American educator, administrator and scholar born in Charleston, South Carolina. In a career that spanned four decades, DeCosta served as a teacher and principal of two high schools, supervisor and chairman of an education department, director of instruction and of student teaching, foreign service statistical officer, and organizing dean of two graduate schools.

The collection includes correspondence, research notes, essays, reports, speeches, financial documents, photographs, family histories, academic and travel related ephemera related to the professional and personal life of Frank Augustus DeCosta, his wife, Beautine, and numerous family members. The bulk of the collection's materials illustrates DeCosta's educational foundation and expansive career as an academic. The remainder of this collection includes correspondence to his wife, family members and colleagues; materials from DeCosta's tour with the United States Agency for International Development in Kaduna, Nigeria; and extensive photographs featuring several generations of the DeCosta Family.

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Biographical Note

Frank Augustus DeCosta was an African-American educator, administrator and scholar born in Charleston, South Carolina, April 12, 1910. He was the eleventh child born to Anna Theresa Harrenburg and Benjamin Rhodes DeCosta. At age five, DeCosta attended the Sander's Graded School, enrolling at the Avery Institute five years later eventually graduating valedictorian in the class of 1927. DeCosta matriculated to Lincoln University, again graduating as the valedictorian in the class of 1931.

After teaching mathematics at Avery Institute for two years, DeCosta became the principal of the Burrell Normal School in Florenca, Alabama, and worked for a year with the Tennessee Valley Authority. In 1934, DeCosta married Beutine Hubert of Savannah, Georgia, having two children, Miriam and Frank, Jr.

The family relocated to Charleston, South Carolina in 1937, where DeCosta assumed the principalship of Avery Institute at the age of twenty-six. While at Avery, DeCosta was awarded a Masters of Art degree from Teachers College, Columbia University. In 1941, DeCosta began doctoral studies at the University of Pennsylvania, while teaching part-time at Lincoln University (Pennsylvania). He served as Chairman of the Education Department at Alabama State College in Montgomery (1943-1945), eventually becoming the Dean of the Graduate School at South Carolina State College in Orangeburg, a position DeCosta held for ten years.
A year after receiving his Ph.D degree from the University of Pennsylvania (1954), DeCosta returned to Alabama State College to become Director of Instruction. In 1957, he was appointed Director of Student Teaching at Morgan State College in Baltimore, Maryland. Through the Agency for International Development, DeCosta became a Statistical Officer to the Ministry of Education in Kaduna, Nigeria (1962-1964). Upon his return to the United States, he was named Dean of the Graduate School at Morgan State College.

DeCosta was a noted scholar whose articles were published in national journals, including the Journal of Negro Education and the Journal of Educational Research. In 1971, he co-authored a book Between Two Worlds: A Profile of Negro Higher Education.

Active in community affairs, DeCosta served in numerous organizations including as a member on the Baltimore City Jail Board, the Boy Scouts of America and was a life member of the NAACP. He also belonged to the Masons, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, and the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Frank Augustus DeCosta died on June 19, 1972.


Collection Overview

Correspondence, research notes, essays, reports, speeches, financial documents, photographs, family histories, academic, and travel related ephemera document the professional and personal life of Frank Augustus DeCosta, his wife, Beutine Hubert DeCosta, and numerous family members. The bulk of the collection's materials reveals DeCosta's educational, and career experience.

The collection is arranged into four series:

1. **Correspondence**--The majority of DeCosta's correspondence is written to his wife. Organized chronologically, the letters span several decades revealing their relationship, family, academic tenure, career, and travels. A sub-series contains letters written by DeCosta during his tenure in Kaduna, Nigeria. The letters sent were to family, friends, and academic colleagues. Letters sent to family members are sorted by recipient, and listed in date order. All other correspondence is sorted by type, and listed chronologically.

2. **Education and Career**--Contains materials relating to DeCosta's education and academic career. Includes documents from DeCosta's educational experience as a student, teacher and administrator. Also, holds publications, conference papers, reports, and speeches authored by DeCosta. Contains memorabilia and resources acquired by Dr. DeCosta during his tour with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), at the Ministry of Education in Nigeria. Materials generated during the last phase of DeCosta's professional life, including his work in both civic and educational pursuits are included in this series.

3. **Personal and Family**--Holds documents pertaining to the DeCosta Family. Contains items related to the death of Frank A. DeCosta in 1972. Also, traces many of the financial and real estate transactions of Frank and Beutine, including their various household moves and financial preparations to work and reside in Nigeria. Includes items related to the multi-generational DeCosta Family with an assortment of receipts and deeds from the late nineteenth century; recaps of family history collected and distributed at DeCosta Family Reunions; handwritten notes by Beutine DeCosta and Miriam DeCosta Seabrook (Frank's sister) regarding family memories; and clippings highlighting the achievements of Frank and Beutine's grandchildren, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and nephews, etc.

4. **Photographs and Miscellaneous Artifacts**--Contains various artifacts collected by the DeCosta throughout their life together. Photographs and images which highlight Frank's numerous interests are arranged chronologically and by topic. Included are professional photographs of various athletic and academic groups,
in addition to candid images of family and friends. DeCosta's USAID assignment in Nigeria is reflected in numerous photos and postcards, both in professional and his personal surroundings in Kaduna. Many of the latter photographs are with grandchildren. Also, included are color photocopies of tintypes of family and unidentified people.

Collection Arrangement

The collection is divided into four series:

Series 1. Correspondence, 1934-1972
Series 2. Education and Career, 1927-1995
Series 3. Personal and Family, 1867-1995
Series 4. Photographs and Miscellaneous Artifacts, 1847-2000

Restrictions

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DeCosta Family Papers (AMN 1101)

Frank Augustus DeCosta, Jr. Papers

H.A. DeCosta, Jr. Papers (AMN 1084)

Miriam DeCosta Seabrook and Herbert U. Seabrook Papers (AMN 1094)

Subject Headings

DeCosta, Beutine Hubert, 1913-2008.

DeCosta-Willis, Miriam, 1934-.
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African American-South Carolina--Charleston.
African Americans--Education--South Carolina--History--20th century.
Avery Normal Institute--Alumni and alumnae--Photographs.
DeCosta family.
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Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Correspondence, 1934-1972

The majority of Frank Augustus DeCosta's correspondence in this series was written to his wife, Beautine Hubert DeCosta. While organized chronologically, the letters have been broken down into fifteen sub-series, including a section of Nigerian correspondence.

1.1 Correspondence: Letters from Frank A. DeCosta to Beautine H. DeCosta, 1934

Letters expressed during the couple's first married summer. Frank DeCosta was living in New York with his siblings while pursuing work. Beautine DeCosta was expecting their first child, while working and living with parents in Savannah, Georgia.

Box 1 Folder 1
Correspondence, 1934

Box 1 Folder 2
Correspondence, 1934

Box 1 Folder 3
Correspondence, 1934 and undated

1.2 Correspondence: Letters from Frank A. DeCosta to Beautine H. DeCosta, 1935

DeCosta in Florence, Alabama where he was principal at the American Missionary Association (AMA) funded Burrell Normal School (closed at conclusion of school year by AMA), and then pursuing position with Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). Beautine was living and working in Mayfield, Georgia, expecting the couple's second child.

Box 1 Folder 4
Correspondence, 1935

Box 1 Folder 5
Correspondence, 1935

1.3 Correspondence: Letters from Frank A. DeCosta to Beautine H. DeCosta, 1936

DeCosta living in New York and attending graduate school at Columbia University. Beautine living in Savannah, GA until she can join her husband.

Box 1 Folder 6
Correspondence, 1936

1.4 Correspondence: Letters from Frank A. DeCosta to Beautine H. DeCosta, 1937-1938

DeCosta on leave from principal duties at AMA's Avery Normal Institute, Charleston, SC, to complete Masters of Art at Columbia University, New York. Beautine is living and working in Charleston with children.

Box 1 Folder 7
Correspondence, 1937

Box 1 Folder 8
Correspondence, 1937-1938

1.5 Correspondence: Letters from Frank A. DeCosta to Beautine H. DeCosta, Summer, 1938

DeCosta working as athletic director at Camp Atwater in Massachusetts. Beautine and children staying in Roxbury, MA with friends.

Box 1 Folder 9
Correspondence, 1938

Box 1 Folder 10
Correspondence, Miscellaneous, 1935-1944
Contains anniversary card and letters.

1.6 **Correspondence: Letters from Frank A. DeCosta to Beautine H. DeCosta, 1941-1942**

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DeCosta was a part-time instructor at Lincoln University, PA while pursuing doctoral studies at the University of Pennsylvania, PA. Beautine attending graduate school in Atlanta, GA.

1.7 **Correspondence: Letters from Frank A. DeCosta to Beautine H. DeCosta, 1945**

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DeCosta, working as Chairman of Education at Alabama State College (Montgomery), and in Philadelphia pursuing PhD at University of Pennsylvania. Beautine living and working in Montgomery, AL.

1.8 **Correspondence: Letters from Frank A. DeCosta to Beautine H. DeCosta, and et.al., 1945-1950**

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Various letters written by Frank DeCosta to family members and academic colleagues.

1.9 **Correspondence: Letters from Frank A. DeCosta to Beautine H. DeCosta, 1951-1953**

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DeCosta in Philadelphia regarding Ph.D progress. Beautine in Orangeburg, SC.

1.10 **Correspondence: Letters from Frank A. DeCosta to Beautine H. DeCosta, 1955**

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DeCosta in Montgomery, AL as Director of Education at Alabama State College. Beautine in Orangeburg, SC.

1.11 **Correspondence: Letters from Frank A. DeCosta to Beautine H. DeCosta, 1956**

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DeCosta in Montgomery, AL as Director of Education at Alabama State College. Beautine attending seminar in North Carolina State College, Durham, NC.
1.12 Correspondence: Letters from Frank A. DeCosta to Beautine H. DeCosta, and et.al., 1951-1962

DeCosta in Montgomery, AL as Director of Education at Alabama State College. Beautine in Baltimore, MD.

Box 2 Folder 6  
Correspondence, 1961

Box 2 Folder 7  
Correspondence, Miscellaneous, 1951-1962

Contains letters written by Frank DeCosta to family members and academic colleagues.

1.13 Nigeria Correspondence, 1962-1964

In 1962, DeCosta assumed the position of Statistical Officer at the Ministry of Education in Kaduna, Nigeria, under the Bureau for Africa of the United States Agency for International Development. Letters sent by DeCosta to family members are sorted by recipient and listed in date order. All other correspondence is sorted by type and listed chronologically.

Box 2 Folder 8  
Nigeria, Letters from Beautine DeCosta to Frank DeCosta, 1962

Box 2 Folder 9  
Nigeria Correspondence: Letters from Frank DeCosta to Beautine DeCosta Apr-May, April-May 1962

Box 2 Folder 10  
Nigeria Correspondence: Letters from Frank DeCosta to Beautine, 1962-1964

Box 2 Folder 11  
Nigeria Correspondence: Letters from Frank DeCosta to Frank A. DeCosta, Jr. and Senora Reckling DeCosta, 1962-1963

Letters to Frank's son and his daughter-in-law (Frank, Jr.'s wife).

Box 2 Folder 12  
Nigeria Correspondence: Frank DeCosta letters to Frank A. DeCosta, Jr. and Senora Reckling DeCosta, 1964

Box 2 Folder 13  
Nigeria Correspondence: Letters from Frank DeCosta to Miriam DeCosta Sugarmon and Russell Sugarmon, 1962

Letters to DeCosta's daughter and her first husband.

Box 2 Folder 14  
Nigeria Correspondence: Letters from Frank DeCosta to Miriam D. and Russell Sugarmon, 1963

Box 2 Folder 15  
Nigeria Correspondence: Letters from Frank DeCosta to Miriam and Russell Sugarmon, 1964

Box 2 Folder 16  
Nigeria Correspondence: Letters from Miriam DeCosta Sugarmon to Frank and Beautine DeCosta, 1962

Box 2 Folder 17  
Nigeria Correspondence: Nnambi Asikiwe, President of Nigeria, 1963-1964

Box 2 Folder 18  
Nigeria Correspondence: Letters from Musa Biu, 1962-1963

Biu was the DeCosta's house employee.

Box 2 Folder 19  
Nigeria Correspondence: Letters to Other Family Members and Friends, 1962-1964
Box 2 Folder 20  | Nigeria Correspondence: Colleagues at Morgan State College, 1962-1964
Box 2 Folder 21  | Nigeria Correspondence: United States Agency for International Development, 1963-1964
Box 2 Folder 22  | Nigeria Correspondence: Other Personal & Professional Letters, 1962-1964, undated

1.14 Correspondence: Professional and Personal, 1965

- Letters are separated into Professional and Personal.

Box 2 Folder 23  | Correspondence: Professional, 1965
Box 2 Folder 24  | Correspondence: Personal, 1965

1.15 Correspondence: Professional and Personal, 1966-1972

- Letters separated into Professional and Personal.

Box 2 Folder 25  | Correspondence: Professional, 1966-1972
Box 2 Folder 26  | Correspondence: Personal, 1966-1972

**Series 2: Education and Career, 1927-2000**

Contains materials relating to Frank A. DeCosta's education and career. Box 3 includes documents from DeCosta's educational experience as a student, teacher, and administrator. Box 4 holds materials authored by DeCosta. Box 5 contains memorabilia and resources acquired by Dr. DeCosta during his tour with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), at the Ministry of Education in Nigeria. Materials generated during the last phase of DeCosta's professional life, including his work in both civic and educational pursuits are located in box 6.

2.1 Educational Materials, 1927-1990, undated

- Holds documents regarding DeCosta's educational experiences as student, teacher, and administrator.

Box 3 Folder 1  | Educational Materials: Frank A. DeCosta's Background, undated


Box 3 Folder 2  | Educational Materials: "Why I Came to Lincoln", circa 1930

- Regarding DeCosta's award winning essay published in the "Lincoln News."

Box 3 Folder 3  | Educational Materials: Lincoln University transcript, 1927-1929

Box 3 Folder 4  | Educational Materials: Lincoln University Commencement, 1931, 1961

- Includes leather-bound program of graduation ceremonies (1931) and program from Annual Banquet (5 Jun 1961)

Box 3 Folder 5  | Educational Materials: Photocopies of American Missionary Association records, 1931-1940

- Includes applications, recommendations, contracts and correspondence.

Holds various documents; cards, commencement exercises; photocopied photograph of male faculty (c. 1939); certification of AMA work experience (1943) and program from opening of Avery Research Center (1990).

Box 3 Folder 7
Educational Materials: Atlanta University transcript, 1933-1935

Box 3 Folder 8
Educational Materials: Columbia University transcript, 1936-1938

Box 3 Folder 9
Educational Materials: Service Records, 1943
Contains AMA (19 Mar 1943) and Lincoln University (24 Mar 1943) service records

Box 3 Folder 10
Educational Materials: Julius Rosenwald Fund, 1942
Includes notification of award and correspondence regarding disbursement

Box 3 Folder 11
Educational Materials: University of Pennsylvania academic records, 1933-1943, undated
Holds transcripts, diagnostic testing results and certification of foreign language exams

Box 3 Folder 12
Educational Materials: University of Pennsylvania Graduate School Convocation, 1954
Regarding Frank DeCosta's doctorate degree ceremony includes "Commencement Notes;" "Convocation of University Council for the Conferring of Degrees;" and "One Hundred and Ninety-Eighth Commencement for the Conferring of Degrees."

Box 3 Folder 13
Educational Materials: Philosphias Doctoris, University of Pennsylvania, 1954
Holds DeCosta's doctorate diploma, 13 Feb 1954

Box 3 Folder 14
Educational Materials: Announcement Clippings, 1954
Includes notices from newspapers, academic magazines regarding DeCosta's PhD degree

Box 3 Folder 15
Bulletin booklet regarding Graduate School announcements

Box 3 Folder 16
Educational Materials: Frank A. DeCosta vita, 11 Jun, 1970

Box 3 Folder 17
Educational Materials: Miscellaneous clippings, 1950, 1959-1960

2.2 Publications, Conference Papers, Reports, and Speeches, circa 1929-1972, and undated

Box 4 Folder 1
Includes book reviews (1972, undated)

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DeCosta's prize-winning essay featured in "Lincoln News." Also located in box 3, folder 2

DeCosta's article featured in "The Journal of Negro Education" 16 (Summer 1947): 405-16

Article published in "Report of the Fourth Conference of Negro Land-Grant Colleges for Coordinating a Program of Cooperative Social Studies."

Authored by DeCosta; reprinted from "The Journal of Negro Education, Summer Issue, 1953"


Featured in "Journal of Educational Sociology" (February 1959): 260-66

Frank DeCosta was a national project consultant for the improvement of instruction in secondary schools and co-author of report.

Related to "The Teacher's Responsibility..."
Box 4 Folder 17  Speech: "Student Pressures-Today and Yesterday", circa 1965
Typed carbon copy

Box 4 Folder 18  Speech: "Africa, Asia and the Development Decade", circa 1965
Typed carbon copy

Box 4 Folder 19  Speech: "Education in Nigeria", circa 1965
Typed carbon copy

Box 4 Folder 20  Report: "Problems of Research Among the Faculties of Predominately Negro Colleges and Universities", 1966

Box 4 Folder 21  Speech: "Tribute to Dr. Albert N. Whiting," 2 May, 1967
Talk given at the Morgan State College. Typed carbon copy

Box 4 Folder 22  Speech: "For Dr. Harold Dulany at his Farewell Ceremony on Leaving Morgan State University," 8 May, 1968
Typed carbon copy

Box 4 Folder 23  Speech: "Morgan State College's Graduate School Emphasizes Arts and Sciences", 1969
Typed original and carbon copy

Box 4 Folder 24  Worksheet: "B&F Tabulating Work Sheet for Educational Statistics", undated

2.3 Nigerian Materials, 1962-1965
Contains memorabilia and resources acquired by Dr. DeCosta during his tour with USAID at the Ministry of Education in Nigeria.

Box 5 Folder 1  Appointment announcement, circa 1962
Regarding newspaper clippings regarding DeCosta's Nigerian education post

Box 5 Folder 2  Personal items, 1963-1964, undated
Includes items created or collected by DeCosta during his Nigeria tenure; programs, lists, photocopied color photographs; and driving licence.

Box 5 Folder 3  Invitations, 1962-1964
Invites to various official government functions and social events

Box 5 Folder 4  Programs, 1962-1964
Includes programs from installation ceremonies of government officials and state celebration

Box 5 Folder 5  Office Materials, 1962-1964
Includes statistic schedule; notes; workshop schedule; USAID performance rating and newsletters
2.4 Professional and Civic Life, 1963-2000, undated

Contains materials generated during the last phase of DeCosta's professional life, including his work in both civic and educational pursuits.

Box 6 Folder 1  Morgan State College activities, 1964-1969, undated

Includes letters; notes; press releases and newspaper clippings

Box 6 Folder 2  Morgan State College contracts, circa 1963-1969

Includes advisements of contract renewal and addendum

Box 6 Folder 3  Morgan State College Foundation, Apr-May, 1971

Composite B&W photos of professors/staff who contributed to the "Those Who Cared Enough to Give the First $5,000" program

Box 6 Folder 4  The Union Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, 1968-1969

Listing of board members

Box 6 Folder 5  Baltimore City Jail Board, 1971-1972, undated

Regarding DeCosta's appointment as board member, includes correspondence; reports; certificate and newspaper clipping.

Box 6 Folder 6  White House telegram, 1 Mar, 1972

From Robert J. Brown, Special Assistant to the President, requesting DeCosta's presence at briefing of minority leaders

Box 6 Folder 7  Newspaper clippings, 1969-1970

Regarding DeCosta's educational involvement in national studies

Box 6 Folder 8  Morgan State University scholarships, 27 Aug, 1976

Letter to Beautine DeCosta naming "recipients of Frank A. DeCosta Scholarships for 1976-77"

Box 6 Folder 9  Lincoln University scholarships, 1981, 1995

Contains commencement/convocation programs featuring recipients of DeCosta scholarships

Box 6 Folder 10  South Carolina State University, 1995

Letter to Miriam DeCosta-Willis regarding appreciation of donation of DeCosta Family history books to the library's Historical Collection
### Series 3: Personal and Family, 1867-1998

Contains documents pertaining to the DeCosta Family. Box 7 holds items related to the death of Frank A. DeCosta in 1972. Box 8 traces many of the financial and real estate transactions of Frank and Beautine, including their various household moves and financial preparations to work and reside in Nigeria.

#### 3.1 Death and Funeral Documents, 1972-1973

- **Box 7 Folder 1**
  - Funeral program, 23 June 1972
  - Includes obsequies and funeral service card

- **Box 7 Folder 2**
  - Obituaries/Eulogies/Tributes to Frank A. DeCosta, 1972
  - Includes transcripts of speeches and newspaper clippings.

- **Box 7 Folder 3**
  - Death and Funeral Documents, 1972
  - Includes certificate of death; last will and testament

- **Box 7 Folder 4**
  - Unity and Friendship Society materials, 1972
  - Includes letter regarding death benefit and "Resolution"

- **Box 7 Folder 5**
  - Correspondence, 1972-1973
  - Regarding letters of condolence to Beautine DeCosta from colleagues

- **Box 7 Folder 6**
  - Correspondence, 1972
  - Condoence letters to Frank DeCosta, Jr. from colleagues

- **Box 7 Folder 7**
  - Correspondence, 1972
  - Thank you letters written by DeCosta, Jr. (typed carbon copies)

- **Box 7 Folder 8**
  - Correspondence, 1972
  - Thank you letters written by DeCosta, Jr. (typed carbon copies)

#### 3.2 Personal Financial Materials, 1945-1969

- **Box 8 Folder 1**
  - Family Budget and Payments, circa 1948

Regarding financial and real estate transactions of the Frank DeCosta family, including their various household moves and preparations in relocation to Nigeria.
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### 3.3 The DeCosta Family, 1867-1998

Includes materials related to the multi-generational DeCosta Family with an assortment of receipts and deeds from the late nineteenth century; recaps of family history collected and distributed at DeCosta Family Reunions; handwritten notes by Beatine DeCosta and Miriam DeCosta Seabrook (Frank's sister) regarding family memories; and clippings highlighting the achievements of Frank and Beatine's grandchildren, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, etc.

| Box 9 Folder 1 | Frank A. DeCosta materials, 1910, 1931, 1940, 1972 |
Includes birth certificate verification; vita; AMA employment application and autobiographical sketch

**Box 9 Folder 2**  
Frank DeCosta's mathematical note, 1969, undated

Handwritten notes of equations and calculations

**Box 9 Folder 3**  
Frank and Beautine DeCosta's marriage certificate, 10 Jan, 1934

**Box 9 Folder 4**  
Family of Frank and Beautine DeCosta, 1944, 1995, undated

Includes typed and handwritten notes by Beautine remembering her life and family; family tree of descendents and wedding announcement of Beautine's second marriage to Major Richard Lee

**Box 9 Folder 5**  
DeCosta Family History, 1993, 1995, undated

Includes letters and handwritten notes on family research; family memories of Miriam DeCosta Seabrook (Frank's sister) as recorded by Miriam DeCosta-Willis (Frank's daughter)

**Box 9 Folder 6**  
DeCosta Family Research, 1995, undated

Contains handwritten and photocopied notes from DeCosta Family census and directory research; handwritten family tree

**Box 9 Folder 7**  
DeCosta Family Historical Documents, 1867, 1871, 1887, 1898, 1911

Includes deposit book from Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, Charleston, SC (Hetty Bell Chisolm-Frank's great-grandmother-1867-1875); receipts for sale of lot in Zion Cemetery from Zion Presbyterian Church, Charleston, SC to Martha Costa (DeCosta), 17 Jan 1871, 28 Mar 1898 and 3 Apr 11; receipt for sale of casket to Benjamin R. DeCoster, 3 Aug 1887

**Box 9 Folder 8**  
Anna H. DeCosta Documents, 1904, 1920

Includes letters and South Carolina Voter Registration Certificate issued 9 Sep 1920

**Box 9 Folder 9**  
Deeds, Bonds and Land Holdings, 1910-1912

Regarding transactions by "Beny Decoster" and Anna DeCosta

**Box 9 Folder 10**  
Eugenia (Genie) DeCosta Higgins, 1957, 1988

Regarding Frank DeCosta's sister; includes her Last Will and Testament, 21 Jul 1988

**Box 9 Folder 11**  

Contains funeral programs; obituaries and eulogy of various DeCosta Family members

**Box 9 Folder 12**  
Contact Information, 1983

Regarding information for family members recorded from reunion, 8-10 Jul 1983

**Box 9 Folder 13**  
Family Reunion Correspondence, 1995
Contains correspondence and attachments (i.e. "The Benjamin DeCosta Family History" and activity plans); w/follow-up after reunion

Box  9 Folder  14  Family Reunion Paperwork, 1995

Contains guest spreadsheet; and report of income and expenses

Box  9 Folder  15  Family Reunion Registration folder, 1995

Contains materials given to family members at reunion

Box  9 Folder  16  Family History Booklet,, 1995

Contains book distributed at reunion, "The Martha & Benjamin DeCosta Family History" (Charleston, SC), an ancestral history and the families/descendants of the eleven children of Anna and Benjamin DeCosta as compiled by family members.

Box  9 Folder  17  The Brown Fellowship Society, 1990

Contains materials/information regarding the two hundredth anniversary of the Society and "Charleston Black Burial Societies"


Contains "History-H.A. DeCosta Company," written by Emily S. DeCosta (24 Jun 1977); newspaper and magazine clippings and other materials regarding Frank DeCosta's brother. Also refer to "H.A. DeCosta, Jr. Papers, 1854-2009" AMN# 1084


Regarding Frank DeCosta's grand-nephew; contains various newspaper clippings regarding his position as Chief of Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport

Box  9 Folder  20  Career of Robert Higgins, Jr., 1995, undated

Regarding grand-nephew of Frank DeCosta, grandson of his sister, Eugenia Higgins; includes newspaper clippings from "Detroit News" regarding lung transplant performed by Dr. Higgins, Jr.

Box  9 Folder  21  Career of Paula Caffey, 1995

Regarding grand-niece of Frank DeCosta, granddaughter of Frank's sister, Daisy Caffey); flyer from film "Black Women On: The Light, Dark Thang," co-produced by Caffey

Box  9 Folder  22  Career of Erika Sugarmon, 1995

Regarding Frank DeCosta's granddaugther, daughter of Miriam DeCosta-Willis; includes article about professional training completed by Sugarmon


Contains newspaper and magazine clippings regarding Anna DeCosta Banks and Elise and Edwin Harleston

Series 4: Photographs and Miscellaneous Artifacts, circa 1847-2000
Box 10 contains various artifacts collected by Frank and Beautine DeCosta throughout their life together, including Frank’s Nigerian hat and athletic letter from Lincoln University. Photographs and images in box 11 are arranged chronologically and illustrate Frank’s numerous interests. Included are professional photographs of various athletic and academic groups, in addition to candid images of family and friends. Frank’s USAID assignment in Nigeria is reflected in numerous photos and postcards, both in professional and his personal surroundings in Kaduna. Many of the latter photographs are with grandchildren.

### 4.1 Miscellaneous Artifacts, 1847-2000, undated

| Box 10 Folder 1 | Address book of Frank DeCosta, circa 1930 |
| Box 10 Folder 2 | T-shirt from the DeCosta Family Reunion, 1995 |
| Box 10 Folder 3 | Book: "The Carolina Housewife" by a Lady of Charleston, 1847 |
| | **Book in fragile condition, missing hard cover/binding exposed and separating** |
| Box 10 Oversize Paper 4 | Charcoal portrait of Frank DeCosta, Aug. 1966 |
| By David Huatt |
| Box 10 Folder 5 | Lincoln University athletic letter, circa 1927-1931 |
| | **Item is in fragile condition, moth eaten in parts*** |
| Box 10 Folder 6 | Identification cards for Frank DeCosta, 1961-1971, undated |
| | Contains Department of State; City Jail Board of Baltimore; Charleston County Health Department; passport photo. |
| Box 10 Folder 7 | Nigerian hat, circa 1964 |
| | A traditional kufi, frequently worn by Frank DeCosta in Nigeria. **In worn condition w/dark spots throughout** |
| Box 10 Folder 8 | Date calendar/diary of Frank DeCosta, 1964 |
| Box 10 Folder 9 | Nigerian magazines, 1961, 1963 |
| | Journals: "Nigeria Magazine" 71 (Dec 1961) and 78 (Sept 1963) |
| Box 10 Folder 10 | Book: from the Phelps-Stokes Fund, 1960 |
| | "Ladders to Improvement: Report of a Project for the Improvement of Instruction in Secondary Schools |
| Box 10 Folder 11 | Yearbook: South Carolina State University Bulldog, 1955 |
| Box 10 Folder 12 | Newspaper clipping: "DeCosta Reunion Starts Today," Aug, 1975 |
| Box 10 Folder 13 | Notebook, undated |
| | Contains lists (content of slide carousels?) and misc. notes. |
Contains documentation and appraisal by Dr. Kwaku Ofori-Ansa, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Box 10 Folder 15
Audio recording tapes-(4) reel-to-reels, undated

Unidentified

Box 10 Oversize Paper 16
Diploma: Columbia University, New York, 1938

Frank DeCosta's Masters of Art.

4.2 Photographs, circa 1860-1995

Images are arranged chronologically by subject

Box 11 Folder 1
Family Photographs, circa 1860-1925

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: Hetty Bell Chisolm (c 1818-1885)(Sheet 1), circa 1875

Great-grandmother of Frank DeCosta

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: Benjamin R. DeCosta (c 1834- 12 Nov 1870)(Sheet 2), circa 1860

Frank's paternal grandfather, son of Hetty Bell Chisolm

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: Martha Eugenia Adams DeCosta (1834-1915) (Sheet 3), circa 1860

Wife of Benjamin R. DeCosta, grandmother of Frank

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: Martha Eugenia Adams DeCosta (Sheet 4), circa 1860

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: Elizabeth M. DeCosta (1 Jul 1868-22 Oct 1884) (Sheet 5), circa 1860

Daughter of Benjamin and Martha, aunt of Frank DeCosta

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: Benjamin R. DeCosta (1867-1911)(Sheet 6), 1875

Son of Benjamin and Martha, Frank's father

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: Benjamin R. DeCosta (Sheet 7), 1875

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: Benjamin R. DeCosta (Sheet 8), circa 1887

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: Herbert Alexander DeCosta (1894-1960) and Miriam Fiorella DeCosta (1896-1992)(Sheet 9), circa 1900

Frank DeCosta's siblings

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: Anna Harrenburg DeCosta (1868-1960)(Sheet 10a), circa 1920

Franks' mother at 5 Rosemont

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: Anna H. DeCosta (Sheet 10b), circa 1920

With son Harold

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: Anna H. DeCosta (Sheet10c), circa 1920
With daughter Eugenia

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: Harold (1907-1968) and Eugenia (1898-1993) DeCosta (Sheet 10d), circa 1920

Frank's siblings

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: Harold DeCosta (Sheet 11a), circa 1920

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: "Harold DeCosta" (Sheet 11b), circa 1920

With unidentified young lady

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: "Harold and Allen McFall" (Sheet 11c), circa 1920

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: "Harold DeCosta" (Sheet 11d), circa 1920

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: "Harold" (Sheet 12a), circa 1920

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: "Harold & Friends" (Sheet 12b), circa 1920

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Family: "Harold" (Sheet 12b), circa 1920

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: "Thelma, 1st wife of Harold DeCosta" (Sheet 12d), circa 1920

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: Elizabeth DeCosta Sartor & Augustus Sartor on their wedding day" (Sheet 13a), circa 1920

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: "Harold & friend" (Sheet 13b), circa 1920

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: Photo of Frank's brother (Sheet 13c), circa 1925

Back of photo inscribed: "with love your Brother St. Julian DeCosta, Chief DeCosta"

Box 11 Folder 1
Family: Elizabeth DeCosta Sartor (1887-1952)(Sheet 14), circa 1920

Sister of Frank DeCosta

Box 11 Folder 2
Young Frank Augustus DeCosta, 1926-1931

Box 11 Folder 3
Frank DeCosta at Lincoln University, circa 1930-1931

Box 11 Folder 4
Avery, Frank DeCosta's Early Career, circa 1937-1943

Box 11 Folder 5
Family (1), 1925-1945, and undated

Box 11 Folder 5
Frank and Beatutine DeCosta (Sheet 1), 1936

At Coney Island Beach

Box 11 Folder 5
Children, Frank Jr. and Miriam, Charleston (Sheet 2), circa 1939

Box 11 Folder 5
Frank Jr. and Miriam (Sheet 2), circa 1939

At Avery residence, Charleston
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Eugenia "Genie" DeCosta Higgins (1898-1993)(Sheet 1a), 1957
Frank's sister

DeCosta Family (Sheet 1b), 1954
Frank, Beautine, Miriam, and Frank, Jr. as he was off to college at Howard

Drawing: "Chief" St. Julian DeCosta (1900-1964) (Sheet 2), 1947
Frank's brother. After sketch by Edwin "Teddy" Harleston

Herbert DeCosta (30 May 1894-15 Sep 1960)(Sheet 3), circa 1955
Frank's brother

Wedding of Miriam DeCosta to Russell Sugarmon (Sheet 4), 1955
Russell and Lessye Sugarmon, Miriam, Beautine and Frank DeCosta

Wedding of Miriam DeCosta to Russell Sugarmon (Sheet 5), 1955
Frank escorts Miriam down aisle

Wedding of Miriam to R. Sugarmon (Sheet 6), 1955
Couple exiting church

Wedding of Miriam to R. Sugarmon (Sheet 7), 1955

Tarik and Elena Sugarmon (Sheet 8), circa 1961
Frank's grandchildren in Memphis

Miriam DeCosta Sugarmon graduation (Sheet 9), circa 1965
Pictured w/Russell Sugarmon and their children, Tarik, Elena and Erika

Frank and Beautine DeCosta (Sheet 10), circa 1960
In yard

DeCosta Family (Sheet 11), 1964
In Baltimore. Back row: Frank, Jr., Senora, Russ; center row: Frank, Beautine, Miriam, and Elena; front row: Tarik, Frank, III, and Erika

DeCosta Family (Sheet 12), 1964
Description same as Sheet 11

Formal portrait of Frank DeCosta (Sheet 13), circa 1955
"Dr. DeCosta"

DeCosta Family home (Sheet 14), circa 1955
In Orangeburg, South Carolina
Box 11 Folder 7  Frank DeCosta Education and Career, circa 1935-1971

Box 11 Folder 8  Nigeria (1), 1962-1963

Box 11 Folder 9  Nigeria (2), 1962-1963

This file contains greeting cards and postcards.

Box 11 Folder 10  European Travel, 1962-1963

Box 11 Folder 11  Family (3), 1951-circa 2000

Box 11 Folder 11  Frank DeCosta w/grandchildren (Sheet 1a), 1961

Tarik and Elena

Box 11 Folder 11  Frank DeCosta (Sheet 1b), 1972

At daughter, Miriam DeCosta Willis' home in Washington, D.C.

Box 11 Folder 11  Family photo (Sheet 1c), 1970

Mae Hubert Brooks, Frank DeCosta, Ericka, Elena, Tarik, Monique and Miriam at her home in Washington, D.C.

Box 11 Folder 11  Frank DeCosta (Sheet 1d), 1972

In driveway of his home on Elisnore, Baltimore, MD

Box 11 Folder 11  Frank DeCosta's grandchild (Sheet 2a, b, c, d), 1972

Around his coffin at funeral

Box 11 Folder 11  "Daughters of Bernice DeCosta Davis" (Sheet 3a), 1951

Frank DeCosta's niece, daughter of Herbert DeCosta, Sr.

Box 11 Folder 11  DeCosta's grandniece (Sheet 3b), undated

Inscribed "Granddaughter of his brother Benny. Daughter of Anna DeCosta Hunter and George Hunter-with her daughter Kathy"

Box 11 Folder 11  "Children of Carmen and Charles DeCosta" (Sheet 3c), circa 1960

DeCosta's nephew

Box 11 Folder 11  Unidentified group of children (Sheet 3d), circa 1965

Box 11 Folder 11  Formal portrait of Daisy DeCosta Caffey (Sheet 4), 1978

DeCosta's sister

Box 11 Folder 11  Formal portrait of Miriam DeCosta Seabrook (Sheet 5), 1985

DeCosta's sister

Box 11 Folder 11  Still shot of live oak trees (Sheet 6), circa 1980
| Box 11 Folder 11 | "Granddaughter Senora DeCosta with her aunt", circa 1990 |
| Box 11 Folder 11 | Daughter of Frank, Jr. |
| Box 11 Folder 11 | "Tanya and Jackie" (Sheet 8c), 1994 |
| Box 11 Folder 11 | Family photo (Sheet 8d), 1988 |
| Box 11 Folder 11 | Tour of Avery Research Center during DeCosta Family Reunion |
| Box 11 Folder 11 | "Frank A. DeCosta award winner" (Sheet 9), 1988 |
| Box 11 Folder 11 | "...at Lincoln University, Award Day 1988" with Beautine DeCosta |
| Box 11 Folder 11 | DeCosta Family Reunion group photo (Sheets 10 and 11), 1995 |
| Box 11 Folder 11 | DeCosta Family Reunion (Sheet 12), 1995 |
| Box 11 Folder 12 | Family Tin Types (Photocopies), circa 1875-1887, and undated |
| Box 11 Folder 12 | Unidentified gentleman (Sheet 1), undated |
| Box 11 Folder 12 | Benjamin Rhodes DeCosta (1867-1911)(Sheet 2), circa 1875 |
| Box 11 Folder 12 | About 7 years old |
| Box 11 Folder 12 | Elizabeth DeCosta (1868-1884)(Sheet 3), circa 1875 |
| Box 11 Folder 12 | About 6 years old |
| Box 11 Folder 12 | Unidentified gentleman (Sheets 4, 5), undated |
| Box 11 Folder 12 | Unidentified young woman (Sheet 6), undated |
| Box 11 Folder 12 | Unidentified young woman (Sheet 7), undated |
| Box 11 Folder 12 | Background similar to Sheet 8 |
| Box 11 Folder 12 | Unidentified young woman (Sheet 8), undated |
| Box 11 Folder 12 | Background similar to Sheet 7 |
| Box 11 Folder 12 | Unidentified young woman (Sheet 9), undated |
| Box 11 Folder 12 | Props similar to Sheet 15 |
| Box 11 Folder 12 | Benjamin Rhodes DeCosta (Sheet 10), circa 1881 |
| Box 11 Folder 12 | About 14 years old |
Unidentified older gentleman (Sheet 11), undated

Unidentified woman (Sheet 12), undated

In "early 19th century dress and bonnet in Quaker style"

Unidentified woman (Sheet 13), undated

In "early dress and bonnet (19th cent.) in Quaker style. Very old portrait"

Unidentified elder gentleman (Sheet 14), undated

Unidentified gentleman (Sheet 15), undated

Props similar to Sheet 9

Benjamin Rhodes DeCosta (Sheet 17), circa 1886

About 19 years old

Unidentified young woman (Sheet 18), undated

Benjamin Rhodes DeCosta (Sheet 19), circa 1887

About 20 years old

Unidentified young woman (Sheet 21), undated