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**Inventory of the
H. A. DeCosta, Jr. Papers, 1854 - 2009**

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Descriptive Summary

- Title:** H. A. DeCosta, Jr. Papers,
- Dates:** 1854 - 2009
- Creator:** DeCosta, Herbert A., Jr., 1923-2008.
- Abstract:** Herbert A. DeCosta, Jr. (1923-2008) was a renowned African American architect and contractor based in Charleston, South Carolina. While he served as president of the H. A. DeCosta Company, the company worked on the construction and renovations of numerous churches, apartment complexes, schools, and residences, including some of the most architecturally significant houses in Charleston. The DeCosta Company also did much of the renovation and preservation work for Historic Charleston Foundation in the Ansonborough neighborhood of Charleston and elsewhere, did similar work for the Preservation Society of Charleston, and carried out much of the renovation and preservation projects on a number of College of Charleston properties, as the campus expanded. DeCosta designed, built, and renovated homes for elite and middle-class white and black Charlestonians, and his work has been featured in many national publications. DeCosta was also involved in various other businesses including HADCO Realty Company, a real estate and housing rental company; Midway, a grocery store; and a general insurance company.
- The collection includes materials related to the professional and personal life of Herbert DeCosta, Jr., his wife Emily, and numerous family members.
1. Business Records series covers multiple corporate entities, chiefly H. A. DeCosta Company General Contractors, the HADCO Realty Company, and the Midway Company, Inc. Within these business records are financial information, operational and administrative documents, work files, and legal suit documentation. The property files of the H. A. DeCosta Company General Contractors contain invoices, estimates, blueprints, drawings, and photographs related to residences, stores, churches, and other properties principally in South Carolina (particularly Charleston).
 2. Herbert A. DeCosta, Jr. series contains correspondence, photographs, artwork, travel journals, awards and other memorabilia related to Herbert A. DeCosta's education, travels, and personal and professional history. Also includes materials concerning to his civic involvement, which includes numerous community and cultural organizations, fraternal organizations, and professional affiliations.
 3. Emily DeCosta series includes materials related to Emily Spencer DeCosta's education, early life, civic involvement and correspondence. Materials also relate to the Spencer family.
 4. St. Mark's Episcopal Church series includes committee notes, church bulletins, and other material that reflect Herbert and Emily DeCosta's involvement with St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Charleston.
 5. Includes materials related to Herbert A. DeCosta's paternal family history, including correspondence, photographs, publications, and other memorabilia. Herbert A. DeCosta, Sr. and other family members descended from Benjamin and Anna DeCosta

are represented. Also includes members of the Sartor family, the Caffey family, the Higgins family, and others. 6. Craft and Kinloch Families series includes material from the relatives of Herbert A. DeCosta's mother, Julia Craft DeCosta. Items include genealogical charts, last will and testaments, photographs, and correspondence from the Craft, Crum, and Kinloch families. Publications focus on the escape of William and Ellen Craft from slavery.

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Call Number:	AMN 1084
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Biographical Note

Herbert A. DeCosta, Jr. (1923-2008) was a renowned African American architect and contractor based in Charleston, South Carolina.

Herbert Alexander DeCosta, Jr. was born in Charleston, South Carolina in 1923 to Herbert A. DeCosta, Sr. (1894-1960) and Julia Craft DeCosta (1898-1990). He graduated from Avery Institute in Charleston in 1940, and received a B.S. in Architectural Engineering from Iowa State College in 1944. From 1944-1947, he worked as an architectural engineer for National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (now NASA) in Langley, Virginia. He married Emily Spenser in 1946, and moved back to Charleston in 1947, when he started working as vice-president of the H.A. DeCosta Company.

The H.A. DeCosta Company General Contractors had been founded in 1919 by Herbert A. DeCosta, Sr. Upon the death of his father in 1960, Herbert A. DeCosta, Jr. became president of the company. In 1961, William Clement joined the company as an architect. In 1979, *Black Enterprise Magazine* included the company in its top 100 Black Businesses in the nation. In 1989, DeCosta retired as president and sold the company to two associates, but continued to act as construction consultant for the company. The DeCosta Company worked on the construction and renovations of numerous residences, apartment complexes, schools, and churches. His work included some of the most architecturally significant houses in Charleston, such as the Miles Brewton House and the Joseph Manigault House. The DeCosta Company also did much of the renovation and preservation work for the Historic Charleston Foundation in the Ansonborough neighborhood of Charleston and elsewhere, did similar work for the Preservation Society of Charleston, and carried out much of the renovation and preservation projects on a number of College of Charleston properties, as the campus expanded. He designed, built and renovated homes for elite and middle class white and black Charlestonians, and his work has been featured in many national publications.

DeCosta's work extended beyond Charlestonian projects, most notably including the restoration of the Herndon Mansion in Atlanta, Georgia. The H.A. DeCosta Company was named one of the top 100 black businesses in the nation by *Black Enterprise* magazine in 1979. Upon his retirement in 1989, DeCosta continued to be active in the field of preservation as a restoration consultant and project manager.

DeCosta was involved in other business endeavors, including HADCO Realty Company, a real estate firm and housing rental company; Midway Company, Inc., a grocery store; and a general insurance company.

Throughout his life, DeCosta has maintained a high level of civic involvement, serving on the boards of many institutions, including the Historic Charleston Foundation, the Spoleto Festival, the Penn Community Center, the South Carolina Archives and History Foundation, Benedict College, the Avery Institute of Afro-American History and Culture, Voorhees College, and the National Association of Minority Contractors. He served as the first African-American board member of the Charleston Trident Chamber of Commerce and of the SC State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education. He has also lectured and taught extensively on the restoration of historic buildings and served on many committees and organizations dedicated to community justice and improvement, such as the Community Relations Committee.

DeCosta received several honors and recognitions, such being selected for South Carolina Hall of Fame by the Committee of 100 Black Men in Columbia, South Carolina in 1991 and profiled in the 1993 South Carolina African American History Calendar. In 1998, he received the South Carolina Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, and in 2002, the Historic Charleston Foundation awarded him the Frances R. Edmunds Award, its highest honor. He has served on the Vestry of St. Marks Episcopal Church and has been a Senior Warden.

Herbert DeCosta and his wife Emily had two daughters.

Herbert A. DeCosta, Jr. died on December 18, 2008.

Collection Overview

The collection includes materials related to the professional and personal life of Herbert DeCosta, Jr., his wife Emily, and numerous family members. It has been arranged into six series: Business Records, Personal Material, Emily DeCosta, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, the DeCosta Family, and the Craft and Kinloch Families.

1. Business Records (91.41 linear feet). Records cover multiple corporate entities: H. A. DeCosta Company General Contractors, the HADCO Company, the Midway Company, a DeCosta General Insurance Company, and the H. A. DeCosta Company Construction Consultants. Within these business records are financial information, operational and administrative documents, property files, and legal suit documentation. The work files of H. A. DeCosta Company General Contractors contain invoices, estimates, blueprints, drawings, photographs, and other materials related to residences, stores, churches, and other properties principally in South Carolina (particularly Charleston).

2. Herbert A. DeCosta (16.75 linear feet). Contains correspondence, photographs, artwork, travel journals, awards and other memorabilia related to Herbert A. DeCosta's education, travels, and personal and professional history. Also includes materials concerning to his civic involvement, which includes numerous community and cultural organizations, fraternal organizations, and professional affiliations. The materials include correspondence, meeting minutes, and other documents related to the business, religious, political, preservation, civil rights, and community organizations in which DeCosta either held membership or served as a consultant.

3. Emily DeCosta (1.25 linear feet). Includes materials related to Emily Spencer DeCosta's education, early life, civic involvement and correspondence. Materials also relate to the Spencer family, including her parents Dr. James Preston Spencer and Evie Carpenter Spencer.

4. St. Mark's Episcopal Church (1.25 linear feet). Includes committee notes, church bulletins, and other material that reflect Herbert and Emily DeCosta's involvement with St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Charleston. Documents relate to various committees on which they served as well as other church functions.

5. DeCosta Family (0.75 linear feet). Includes materials related to Herbert A. DeCosta's paternal family history, including correspondence, photographs, publications, and other memorabilia. Family members include Benjamin Rhodes DeCosta, the descendants of Benjamin Robert DeCosta, Herbert A. DeCosta, Sr., Elizabeth DeCosta Sartor and the Sartor family, Daisy DeCosta Caffey and the Caffey family, Miriam DeCosta Seabrook, Eugenia DeCosta Higgins and the Higgins family, and Frank A. DeCosta and his family.

6. Craft and Kinloch Families (0.75 linear feet). Includes material from the relatives of Herbert A. DeCosta's mother, Julia Craft DeCosta. Items include genealogical charts, last will and testaments, photographs, correspondence, and publications. Publications focus on the escape of William and Ellen Craft from slavery.

Collection Arrangement

1. Business Records, 1926-2008
 - 1.1. H. A. DeCosta Company General Contractors, 1926-2008
 - 1.2. HADCO Realty Company, 1930-1983
 - 1.3. DeCosta General Insurance Company, circa 1940-1983
 - 1.4. Midway Company, 1966-2003
 - 1.5. H. A. DeCosta Company Construction Consultants, 1981-2008
 - 1.6. Other Business Endeavors, 1969-1990
2. Herbert A. DeCosta, Jr., 1935-2009
3. Emily DeCosta, 1934-2009
4. St. Mark's Episcopal Church
5. DeCosta Family, 1854-2008
6. Craft and Kinloch Families, 1767-2007

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Related Material

- Craft and Crum Family Papers
- DeCosta Family Papers (AMN 1101)
- Frank Augustus DeCosta Papers
- Frank A. DeCosta, Jr. Papers

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

Separated Material

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Subject Headings

African Americans -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- 20th century.

African American architects -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

African American business enterprises -- South Carolina -- Charleston

African American businesspeople -- South Carolina -- Charleston

Architects -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

Architectural drawings.

Architecture -- Conservation and restoration -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

Blueprints.

Businessmen -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- 20th century.

Caffey family.

Civic leaders -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

Contractors -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

Craft, Ellen.

Craft family.

Craft, William.

Crump family.

DeCosta family.

DeCosta, Herbert A., Jr., 1923-2008.

DeCosta, Herbert A., Sr., 1894-1960.

DeCosta, Emily, 1923-.

H. A. DeCosta Company.

HADCO Realty Company.

Higgins family.

Historic buildings -- Conservation and restoration -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

Historic preservation -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

Kinlaw family.

Midway Company, Inc.

Nonprofit organizations -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

Sauter family.

Spencer family.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church (Charleston, S.C.) -- History.

Administrative Information

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Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Business Records, 1926-2008

(91.41 linear feet)

1.1. H. A. DeCosta Company General Contractors, 1926-2008

1.1.1. Financial Records, 1926-2008

Ledgers, Journals, Daybooks and Other Accounting Material, 1926-2001

Box 1-6

Ledgers, 1926-1981

Includes entries regarding work completed, including cost and payments, organized by proprietor and property address.

Box 7

Daybooks, 1938-1970

Box 7

Financial Statements, 1960-1977

Box 7

Customer Account Journal, 1961-1968

Includes account charges and payments, listed alphabetically by customer.

Box 8

Business Activities Journal, 1965-1969

Includes assets, liabilities, net worth, and income.

Box 8

Account Receivable, 1968-1969 and 1988-1991

obox 1084-OBX/3

Contracting Income Journal, 1969-1985

obox 1084-OBX/2

Accounts Payable, 1969-1970

Payroll and Employee Materials, 1926-1985

Box 9-10

Payroll Ledgers, 1926-1967

Includes records of wages earned by employees.

Box 11

Victory Tax Withholdings, 1943-1944

Box 11

United Fund Deductions, 1947-1978

Box 11

Work Ledgers, 1950-1963

Record of employee hours worked indexed by property address.

Box 11

Employee Time Keeping Calendar, 1965

Box 12

Payment Record Sheet, 1984-1985

Includes a record of employee hours worked, indexed by property address.

Box 12

Employee Bonuses: Winn Dixie Certificates, 1984

- Box 13 Tax Material, 1936-1998
 Includes social security and tax returns, 1936-1938 and 1942-1967; materials related to the South Carolina Tax Commission, 1948-1954; corporate tax returns, 1998; and other tax information, 1963-1997.
- Box 14-23 Business Diaries, Appointment Books, and Calendars, 1956-2008
- Box 24 Invoices, 1970-1995
 Includes invoices for work on properties, 1970-1987, and other invoices.
- Box 24 Financial Statements and Bank Correspondence, 1973-2004
- Box 25 Profit-Sharing Plan, 1965-1980
- Box 26 Other Materials, 1991-2001
- 1.1.2. Legal Suits, 1958-2007
- Box 27 Solomon versus L. A. Chitwood and H. A. DeCosta, 1971
- Box 27 Emanuel-Morris Brown Ebenezer (EME) Apartments versus H. A. DeCosta Company, 1974
- Box 27 St. Stephens United Methodist (UME) Apartments versus H. A. DeCosta Company, 1974-1976
- Box 27 Go Plumbing Company, Inc. versus H. A. DeCosta Company, 1985
- Box 27 Letters and Summons, 1958-2007
- Box 27 Depositions of H. A. DeCosta: Carolina Executive Services, Inc., 1993
- Box 27 Other Depositions: Carolina Executive Services, Inc., 1993
- Box 27 Miscellaneous Legal Documents, 1964-1993
- 1.1.3. Operational and Administrative Materials, 1921-2007
- Box 28 Advertising Logo
- Box 28 Advertising Gifts, 1975
- Box 28 Agendas: Supervisor and Foreman Meetings, 1977
- Box 28 H. A. DeCosta Company Awards: 1977-1998
- Box 28 Bids: 1920-1927
 Includes estimates, material price lists, work specifications, and correspondence. See also Subseries 1.1.4. Property Files and 1.1.5. Blueprints for property-specific work files, estimates, and correspondence, filed by street address or city.
- Box 28 Bids: Unsuccessful, 1986-1978

Box 28	Christmas Cards/Order Lists, 1977-1984
Box 28	Company Information, 1947-2007
	Includes history, brochure, and meeting minutes.
Box 28	Contact Information
	Includes business cards and rolodex files.
Box 29	Contracts Under Construction, 1975-1985
Box 29	Correspondence: Fielding, Bernard, 1971-1976
Box 29	Correspondence: Middleton, Albert, 1940-1954
Box 29	Correspondence: Neal-Blun Company, 1966-1970
Box 29	Correspondence: Other, 1921-1999
Box 29	Employee Information: Applications and Resumes, 1974-1990
Box 29	Employee Information: Miscellaneous, 1947-1987
Box 29	Equal Employment Opportunity Affirmative Action Program, 1968-1972
Box 29	FEMA, 2007
Box 29	Goals and Responsibilities
Box 29	Insurance: Great American Insurance Company, 1971-1976
Box 29	Insurance: Blue Cross Blue Shield, 1976-1978
Box 29	Insurance: The Burlington Insurance Company, 1998-1999
Box 29	Insurance: First Financial Insurance Company, 2000-2001
Box 29	Insurance: Worker's Liability
Box 29	Hurricane and Storm Damage: Hurricane Repairs, 1940
Box 30	Hurricane and Storm Damage: Hurricane Repairs, 1950s
Box 30	Hurricane and Storm Damage: Hurricane Hugo Repairs, 1989-1990
Box 30	Hurricane and Storm Damage: Storm Damage, 1949-1957
Box 30	Hurricane and Storm Damage: Storm Damage - List of Properties to Check, undated
Box 30	License Applications, 1985-1988
Box 30	Licenses, 1971-1988
Box 30	Material Costs and Quotes, 1943-1987
Box 30	Miscellaneous, 1951-2007

Box 30	Pay Board, 1972
Box 30	Pension Plan, 1978-1982
Box 31	Portfolio: DeCosta and Company, 1948-1984 and undated
Box 31	Procedures and Guidelines, 1956-2007
Box 32	South Carolina Employment Security Commission, 1969-1972
Box 32	Travel Expenses
Box 32	Workman's Compensation, 1975-1989
Box 32	Work Sheets, undated

Includes handwritten notes, drawings, and monetary figures.

1.1.4. Property Files, circa 1920s-1990s

1.1.4.1. Greater Charleston Area Properties, by Street Address

Includes work files containing invoices, estimates, blueprints, drawings, photographs, and other materials related to residences, stores, churches, and other properties in Charleston, James Island, Johns Island, Mount Pleasant, Sullivan's Island, West Ashley, and Yorges Island.

For the most part, work files are organized alphabetically by street and then numerically.

NOTE: For properties situated on the corner of two streets, please check the boxes containing both street names for the desired address.

Box 33	4th Street
Box 33	5th Avenue
Box 33	Accabee Road
Box 33	Addison Court
Box 33	Adgers Wharf
Box 33	Aiken Street
Box 33-35	Alexander Street
Box 35	Alway Street
Box 35	America Street
Box 35	Amherst Street
Box 35-38	Anson Street
Box 38	Apartment Boulevard

Box 38	Arcadian Park
Box 38	Archdale Street
Box 38	Ashdale Street
Box 38	Ashe Street
Box 38-39	Ashley Avenue
Box 39	Ashley River Road
Box 39	Ashton Street
Box 39	Atlantic Avenue
Box 39	Atlantic Street
Box 39	Aviation Avenue
Box 40	Azalea Drive
Box 40	Barre Street
Box 40	Bayonne Street
Box 40	Beaufain Street
Box 40-41	Bedons Alley
Box 41-42	Bee Street
Box 42	Belvedere Lane
Box 42	Bennett Street
Box 42	Benson Street
Box 42	Blake Street
Box 42	Bogard Street
Box 42	Bohicket Road
Box 43	Bonds Avenue
Box 43	Boyce's Wharf
Box 43-44	Broad Street
Box 44	Broughton Street
Box 44-45	Bull Street
Box 45	Burning Tree Lane
Box 45	Burns Lane

Box 45-46	Calhoun Street
Box 46	Camp Road
Box 46-48	Cannon Street
Box 48	Carolina Avenue
Box 48	Central Park Road
Box 48	Chadwick Drive
Box 48	Chalmers Street
Box 48	Chapel Street
Box 48	Charles Street
Box 48	Charleston Boulevard
Box 48-49	Charlotte Street
Box 49	Chicora Park
Box 49-51	Church Street
Box 51a	Clifford Street
Box 51a	Colonial Street
Box 51a	College Street
Box 51a	Colleton Street
Box 51a	Colonial Street
Box 51a	Colony Drive
Box 51a	Columbus Street
Box 51a-52	Coming Street
Box 52	Concorde Street
Box 53	Confederate Circle
Box 53	Confederate Drive
Box 53	Congress Street
Box 53	Cooper Street
Box 53	Council Street
Box 53-54	Country Club Drive
Box 54	Country Club Lane

Box 54	Cumberland Street
Box 54	Cypress Street
Box 54	Dalton Street
Box 55	Darlington Avenue
Box 55	Devereux Avenue
Box 55	Diana Avenue
Box 55	Disher Avenue
Box 55	Dorchester Road
Box 55	Doughty Street
Box 55	Drake Street
Box 56	Duncan Street
Box 56	Dunneman Avenue
Box 56	Durant Avenue
Box 56	East Battery Street
Box 57-59	East Bay Street
Box 60	Ehrhardt Street
Box 60	Elizabeth Street
Box 61	Elliot Street
Box 61	Elmwood Avenue
Box 61	Enston Street
Box 61	Exchange Street
Box 61	F Street
Box 61	Fairmont Avenue
Box 61	Fairway Drive
Box 61	Felix Street
Box 61	Fenwick Drive
Box 61	First Street
Box 61	Fishburne Street
Box 61	Fludd Street

Box 61	Folly Road
Box 62	Formosa Drive
Box 62	Fort Johnson Road
Box 62	Franklin Street
Box 62	Gadsden Street
Box 62	Gamecock Avenue
Box 62	Garden Street
Box 62	Gateway Walk
Box 62-63	George Street
Box 63	Gibbes Street
Box 63	Gillon Street
Box 63	Glebe Street
Box 64	Glenwood Avenue
Box 64	Godfrey Park Place
Box 64	Gordon Street
Box 64	Green Street
Box 64	Greenhill Street
Box 64	Grimball Road
Box 64	Grove Street
Box 64	Halsey Street
Box 64	Handrell Street
Box 65	Hanover Street
Box 65	Hasell Street
Box 65	Hayne Street
Box 65	Helm Avenue
Box 65	Henrietta Street
Box 66	Heritage Park Road
Box 66	Highway 7
Box 66-68	Highway 17

Box 68	Highway 41
Box 68	Highway 162
Box 68	Horlbeck Street
Box 68	Houghton Road
Box 68	Hudson Street
Box 68	Huger Street
Box 68-69	Ton Avenue
Box 69	Jasper Street
Box 70	Jehosee Road
Box 70	John Street
Box 70-71	Judith Street
Box 71	Kennedy Street
Box 71	Killians Street
Box 71-80	King Street
Box 81	Kracke Street
Box 81	Ladson Street
Box 81	Lamboll Street
Box 81	Larnes Street
Box 81-82	Laurens Street
Box 82	Lee Street
Box 82	Leeds Avenue
Box 82-84	Legare Street
Box 85	Leland Street
Box 85	Lenevar Drive
Box 85	Lenwood Boulevard
Box 85	Liberty Street
Box 85	Lightwood Alley
Box 85	Lilly Street
Box 85	Limehouse Street

Box 86	Line Street
Box 86	Lockwood Drive
Box 86-89	Logan Street
Box 89	Longitude Lane
Box 90	Lowndes Street
Box 90	Magazine Street
Box 90	Maple Street
Box 90	Marion Street
Box 90	Maiden Lane
Box 90	Market Street
Box 90-91	Mary Street
Box 91	Maverick Street
Box 91-92	Maybank Highway
Box 92	McSweeney Court
Box 92	Mechanic Street
Box 92	Medway Road
Box 92-100	Meeting Street
Box 100	Mid-Atlantic Wharf
Box 101	Middle Street
Box 101	Mill Street
Box 101	Molasses Lane
Box 101	Monrovia Street
Box 101	Montague Avenue
Box 102	Montague Avenue
Box 102	Moore Drive
Box 103-105	Morris Street
Box 105-107	Morrison Drive
Box 107	Morton Avenue
Box 107-108	Moultrie Street

Box 108	Mt. Pleasant Street
Box 108-111	Murray Boulevard
Box 112	Nassau Street
Box 112	New Street
Box 112-113	Norman Street
Box 113	North Boulevard
Box 113	North Shore Drive
Box 113	Nunan Street
Box 113	Oliver Court
Box 113-114	Orange Street
Box 114	Orr's Court
Box 114	Palm Boulevard
Box 115	Palmetto Road
Box 115	Palmetto Street
Box 115	Park Avenue
Box 115	Parkwood Avenue
Box 115-116	Parsonage Road
Box 116-117	Peachtree Street
Box 117	Pearson Street
Box 117	Percy Street
Box 117	Pettigrew Street
Box 117	Pinckney Street
Box 117-118	Pitt Street
Box 118-119	Pittsburg Avenue
Box 119	Playground Road
Box 119	Poinsette Street
Box 119	Porcher's Bluff
Box 120	Porter's Court
Box 120	President Street

Box 120-121	Prices Alley
Box 121	Prioleau Street
Box 121-122	Queen Street
Box 122	Race Street
Box 122-123	Radcliffe Street
Box 123	Ralston Creek Street
Box 123	Reid Street
Box 123	Remont Street
Box 123	Reynolds Avenue
Box 123	Rifle Range Road
Box 123	River Road
Box 123	Rivers Avenue
Box 124	Romney Street
Box 124	Ropemaker's Lane
Box 124	Rose Lane
Box 124	Rouke Street
Box 124	Route 1
Box 124	Royal Avenue
Box 125	Royal Street
Box 125	Russell Drive
Box 125-129	Rutledge Avenue
Box 129	Sam Rittenberg Boulevard
Box 129	Sans Souci Street
Box 129-130	Savage Street
Box 131	Sayle Road
Box 131	Seabrook Island Road
Box 131	Secessionville Road
Box 131	Shadow Drive
Box 131	Shaftesbury Lane

Box 131	Sheldon Road
Box 131	Simmons Street
Box 132	Sires Street
Box 132-134	Smith Street
Box 134-135	Society Street
Box 135	South Street
Box 135-138	South Battery Street
Box 138-139	South Bay Street
Box 139	Southerland Avenue
Box 139	South Santee Road
Box 139-141	Spring Street
Box 141	St. Andrews Boulevard
Box 141-142	State Street
Box 142	Station 9 Street
Box 142	Station 14 Street
Box 142	Station 15 Street
Box 142	Station 23 Street
Box 142	Station 26 Street
Box 142	Stephanie Circle
Box 142	St. Clair Drive
Box 142	St. Margaret Street
Box 143	St. Michael's Alley
Box 143	St. Michael's Place
Box 144-145	St. Philip Street
Box 145	St. Teresa Drive
Box 145	Success Street
Box 145-146	Sumter Street
Box 146	Sycamore Street
Box 146	Symmes Drive

Box 146	Tarleton Drive
Box 146	Taylor Street
Box 146-147	Thomas Street
Box 148	Thompson Avenue
Box 148	Tracey Street
Box 148-152	Tradd Street
Box 152	Trumbo Street
Box 152	Unity Alley
Box 152-153	Vanderhorst Street
Box 153	Venning Street
Box 153	Vendue Range Street
Box 153	Vernon Street
Box 153	Wall Street
Box 153	Wappoo Hall Road
Box 153-155	Warren Street
Box 155	Washington Street
Box 155-156	Water Street
Box 156	Wateree Drive
Box 156	Weems Court
Box 156-159	Wentworth Street
Box 159	Wescott Court
Box 159-160	Whipple Road
Box 160	Willow Lake Road
Box 160	Wilson Street
Box 160	Wolfe Street
Box 161	Woodward Road
Box 161	Zigzag Alley
	1.1.4.2. South Carolina Properties, by City
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Box 164	Andrews, S.C.
Box 164	Ashleyville, S.C.
Box 164	Beaufort, S.C.
Box 164-166	Camden, S.C. -- Waterell Villas
Box 167-169	Charleston, S.C. -- Filed by Place Name
Box 170	Charleston, S.C. -- Unknown Address, Filed by Owner
Box 170	Charleston, S.C. -- Unknown Address, Unknown Owner
Box 171	Charleston, S.C. -- Various: Photographs, Negatives, and Slides
Box 172	Columbia, S.C. -- Benedict College
Box 173-177	Columbia, S.C. -- Lakeside Apartments
Box 178-180	Columbia, S.C. -- Other
Box 180	Conway, S.C.
Box 180	Coosawatchie, S.C.
Box 180-181	Daniel Island, S.C.
Box 181	Denmark, S.C.
Box 181-183	Edisto Island, S.C.
Box 183	Eutaw Springs, S.C.
Box 183	Florence, S.C.
Box 184	Frogmore, S.C. -- Penn Center
Box 184	Folly Beach, S.C.
Box 184	Folly Island, S.C.
Box 184	Georgetown, S.C.
Box 185	Goose Creek, S.C.
Box 185	Graniteville, S.C.
Box 185	Hollywood, S.C.
Box 185	Hopkins, S.C.
Box 185	Isle of Palms, S.C.
Box 185	Jacksonboro, S.C.
Box 185	James Island, S.C.

Box 185	Johns Island, S.C.
Box 186	Kingstree S.C. -- Interfaith Apartments
Box 186	Ladson, S.C.
Box 186-187	Laurens, S.C.
Box 187	Lincolnton, S.C.
Box 187	Little Mountain, S.C.
Box 187	Maryville, S.C.
Box 187	McClellanville, S.C.
Box 187	Moncks Corner, S.C.
Box 187	Mt. Holly, S.C. -- Medway Plantation
Box 187-188	Mt. Pleasant, S.C.
Box 189-190	Mt. Pleasant, S.C. -- Riverwood Apartments
Box 191	Mulberry, S.C.
Box 191	Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Box 191	Newberry, S.C.
Box 191	North Augusta, S.C.
Box 191	North Charleston, S.C.
Box 192-193	Orangeburg, S.C. -- Claflin College
Box 193-195	Orangeburg, S.C. -- Other
Box 195	Pawley's Island, S.C.
Box 195	Pineville, S.C.
Box 195	St. Stephens, S.C.
Box 195-196	Sullivan's Island, S.C.
Box 196	Summerton, S.C.
Box 197	Sumter, S.C.
Box 197	Wadmalaw, S.C.
Box 197-198	Walterboro, S.C.
Box 198	Wando, S.C.
Box 198	West Ashley, S.C.

Box 198	Westchester, S.C.
Box 198	Windermere, S.C.
Box 198	Winnsboro, S.C.
Box 198	Younges Island, S.C.
	1.1.4.3. Properties Outside of South Carolina, By State
Box 199	Georgia: Atlanta -- Herndon Mansion
Box 199	Georgia: Atlanta -- Other
Box 199	Georgia: Decatur
Box 199	North Carolina: Kings Mountain
Box 199	Pennsylvania: Philadelphia
Box 199	Virginia: Langley
Box 199	Virginia: Norfolk
Box 199	Washington, D.C.: Georgetown

1.1.5. Blueprints

1.1.5.1. Greater Charleston Area Properties

Box 200-201	Streets Beginning with "A"
Box 202-205	Streets Beginning with "B"
Box 206-209	Streets Beginning with "C"
Box 210	Streets Beginning with "D"
Box 211-213	Streets Beginning with "E"
Box 214	Streets Beginning with "F"
Box 215-216	Streets Beginning with "G"
Box 217-219	Streets Beginning with "H"
Box 220	Streets Beginning with "I"
Box 220	Streets Beginning with "J"
Box 221-222	Streets Beginning with "K"
Box 223	Streets Beginning with "L"
Box 224-230	Streets Beginning with "M"
Box 231	Streets Beginning with "N"

Box 232 Streets Beginning with "O"
 Box 233-234 Streets Beginning with "P"
 Box 232 Streets Beginning with "Q"
 Box 235-236 Streets Beginning with "R"
 Box 237-240 Streets Beginning with "S"
 Box 241-242 Streets Beginning with "T"
 Box 243 Streets Beginning with "U"
 Box 243 Streets Beginning with "V"
 Box 244-245 Streets Beginning with "W"
 Box 243 Streets Beginning with "Z"
 Box 246-253 Unknown Street Addresses, likely Charleston, S.C.

1.1.5.2. South Carolina Properties

Box 254 Frogmore, S.C. -- Penn Center
 Box 254 Unknown Street Addresses, South Carolina

1.1.5.1. Georgia Properties

Box 255 Atlanta, Ga. -- Herndon Mansion

1.2. HADCO Realty Company, 1930-1983

Box 256 Real Estate Account Book, 1942-1955, 1957
 Box 256 Assets, Balances, Payments, and Taxes, 1962-1983
 Box 256 Correspondence, 1954-1986
 Box 256 Miscellaneous Material, 1966-1986
 Box 256 Property Information. 1966-2007
 Box 256 Cannon Street, #68A-72B, 1983-2007
 Box 256 Coming Street, #219, 2007
 Box 256 Congress Street, #129, 1960-1962 and 2007
 Box 256 Devereaux Avenue, #78
 Box 256 Gamecock Avenue, #29, 1991
 Box 256 Hanover Street, #45-51, 1971-1972
 Box 256 King Street, #689, 1970-1985

- Box 256 Montague Avenue, #1712, 1966-1982
- Box 257 Norman Street, #15, 1966-1982
- Box 257 Sanders Avenue, #108, 1970-1971
- Box 257 First Calvary Baptist Church, 1972-1978
- Box 257 Beaufort, South Carolina, 1972
- Box 257 Camden, South Carolina, 1972
- Box 257 Ravenel, South Carolina,
- Box 257 Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, 1970-1983
- Box 257 Miscellaneous Property Files, undated
- Box 257 Fire and Flood Insurance Policies, 1977-1988
- Box 257 Insurance Claims, 1976-1983
- Box 258 Real Estate Contracts, 1989-1992
- Box 258 Real Estate Commission and Licenses, 1992-2004
- Box 258 West Side Rental Rehab, undated

1.3. DeCosta General Insurance Company, circa 1940-1983

- Box 258 Insurance Company Ledgers, 1958-1983

Monthly recordings of collections received by DeCosta General Insurance Company for insurance premiums as well as payments made out to various companies.
- Box 258-259 Tax and Insurance Account Day Books, 1943-1948
- Box 259 Tax and Insurance Account Deposit Slips and Bank Statements, 1944-1946
- Box 259 Correspondence, 1946-1972
- Box 259 General Insurance and Real Estate Loans Blank Receipt Book, circa 1940

1.4. Midway Company, 1966-2003

- obox 1084-OBX/2 Midway Company Daybook, 1966-1967
- Box 259 Invoices: 1982-1985
- Box 259 Great American Insurance Companies, 1988-1993
- Box 259 Investment Reports, 1991-1994
- Box 259 Legal Suits: Lead Paint Poisoning, 1999-2003

1.5. H. A. DeCosta Company Construction Consultants, 1981-2008

- Box 260 Correspondence, 1981-1993

- Box 260 Invoices, 1989-2008
- Box 260 Income/Receivables, 1992-1996
- Box 260 Invoices and Work Sheet: Ion Development, 1998
- Box 260 Invoices: Historic Traditions Billing, 1998-2003
- Box 260 McLeod House, Walterboro: 1999

1.6. Other Business Endeavors, 1969-1990

- Box 260 St. Stephen's United Methodist Apartments, 1959-1995
- Box 260 Seaport Development Company, 1969-1972
- Box 260 Charleston Trade Bindery, Inc. 1983-1986

Includes business plan, projected income statements and correspondence regarding investment in company.

- Box 260 Business Proposals, 1988-1990

2. Herbert A. DeCosta, Jr., 1935-2009

(16.25 linear feet)

Contains correspondence, photographs, artwork, travel journals, awards and other memorabilia related to Herbert A. DeCosta's education, travels, and personal and professional history. Also includes materials concerning to his civic involvement, which includes numerous community and cultural organizations, fraternal organizations, and professional affiliations. The materials include correspondence, meeting minutes, and other documents related to the business, religious, political, preservation, civil rights, and community organizations in which DeCosta either held membership or served as a consultant.

2.1. Personal, 1935-2008

- obox 1084-OBX/6 Articles, 1938-2003
- Civil Rights, 1956-1963
- South Carolina Architecture and Historic Preservation, circa 1960-2003
- H.A. DeCosta and H.A. DeCosta Construction Company, 1970-2000
- Miscellaneous, 1938-1994

- Box 260-262 Artwork and Creative Works by H. A. DeCosta, Jr., 1935-2006

Includes sketches, drawings, and a school desk (1084-MUS/1) constructed by DeCosta while enrolled at Avery Normal Institute, among other items.

- obox 1084-OBX/4 Artwork by Others, 1952-2001

Includes prints and drawings depicting King Street, W. Gresham Meggett School, and A View of Charles Town as well as others.

- Box 262-263 Awards, Certificates, and Tributes, 1961-2009

- Box 263 Correspondence, 1950-2009
- Box 263 Education, 1935-1979
- Box 263 Avery Institute, 1935-2004
- Box 263 Iowa State University, 1943-1979
- Box 263 Instructional Workbooks, 1945-1951
- Box 263 Trident Technical College, 1980
- Box 263 United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, 1988
- Box 263 Invitations, 1954-2006
- Includes invitations from the Avery Institute and the USS George Washington Carver.
- Box 263 Financial, 1956-2005
- Includes receipts and investment correspondence.
- Box 264 Memorabilia, 1962-1984
- Box 263 Scrapbook, 1962-1977
- Box 264 Head Shots 1970's-1980's
- Box 264 Miscellaneous, undated
- Box 264 Memorial, 2008
- Box 254 Oral History Transcript, 1995
- Box 264 Personal Profile and Resumes, 1988-2008
- Includes company history.
- Box 264 Scholarship Fund: DeCosta Scholarship Endowment, 2000
- Box 264 Speeches, 1968-1997
- Box 264 Miscellaneous Material, 1973-2005
- Includes wedding and funeral programs, and registration cards.

2.2. Civic Involvement, 1941-2007

2.2.1. Community and Cultural Organizations

- Box 265 Action Foundation, 1968
- Includes certified copies of resolutions for various organizations in Charleston regarding low income housing.
- Box 265 Art Forms and Theatre Concepts, 2003

Box 265	The Athenian's Club, 1974-1989
	Men's Club
Box 265	Boy Scouts of America: Coastal Carolina Council, 1965-1975
	Includes materials related to the Boy Scouts of America's Coastal Carolina Council executive committee, inner-city program, and membership efforts.
Box 265	Charleston Area Minority Economic Council, 1973
Box 265	Charleston Art Association, undated
Box 265	Charleston Industrial Education Center, 1968-1970
Box 265	The Charleston Museum, 1986
Box 265	Charleston Neighborhood Housing Services of South Carolina, Inc., 1979-1984
Box 265	Charleston Opera Company, 1982-1984
Box 265	Charleston Pride Inc., 1971-1980
Box 265	Committee to Save the City: Three Sister Awards, 2004
Box 266	Congressional Black Caucus, 1971
Box 266	Junior League of Charleston, 1968
Box 266	The Kiwanis Club, 1971-2002
Box 266	The League of Charleston Theatres, 2005
Box 266	Manpower Advisory Committee, 1970-1971
Box 266	Midlands Community Action Agency, Inc., 1972
Box 266	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 1964-1971
Box 266	National Center for Nonprofit Boards, 1999
Box 266	Owl's Whist Club, 1965-2008
Box 266-270	Penn Community Services, 1964-2005
Box 270	South African Development Corporation (SADC), 1994-1995
Box 270-271	Spoletto Festival USA, 1977-2006
Box 271	Trident Community Foundation, 1995
Box 271	United Black Fund, 1999
Box 271	United Fund, 1963-1991
Box 271	United Negro College Fund, 1982
Box 271	USO Council of Charleston, Inc., 1985-1986

Box 271 United Way, 1980

Box 271 Unity and Friendship Society, 1941-1963

Includes Herbert A. DeCosta, Sr.'s involvement.

Box 271 Urban League, 1948-2003

Box 271 YMCA - Armed Services Branch, 1971-1975

Box 271 YMCA - Cannon Street Branch, 1974-2006

Box 272 YWCA - Coming Street Branch, 1967-1969

Box 272 YWCA of Greater Charleston, 1980-1987

2.2.2. Educational Institutions

Box 272 American College of the Building Arts, 2004-2009

Box 272-273 Benedict College, 1969-1988

Box 273 Charles Towne Montessori School, 1983

Box 273 Claflin University, 1974

Box 273 Clemson, circa 1987

Box 273 College of Charleston, 1967-1994

Box 273 Denmark Technical College, 1967-1985

Box 273 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University: Course Project, Daufuskie Island Indigenous Architecture, 1994

Box 273 Medical University of South Carolina, 1983

Box 274 Miscellaneous Colleges/Universities

Box 274 School of Building Arts (SOBA), 1999-2003

Box 274 South Carolina State College, 1962-1966

Box 274 Trident Technical College, 1983-1986

Box 274 Tuskegee Institute, 1977-1980

Box 274 University of South Carolina, 1994-1995

Box 274 Vorhees College, 1964-1970

Box 274 Winthrop College, 1983-1984

Box 274 Wofford College, 1969

2.2.3. Fraternities and Fraternal Orders

Box 274 Alpha Phi Alpha, 1949-2004

- Box 274 Prince Hall Freemasonry, 1964
- Box 275 Sigma Pi Phi, 1977-2003
- Gamma Lambda Boule/Boule Foundation
- Box 275 National Guardsman, Inc., 1966-2007
- Box 275 Various Fraternal Medallions and Stick Pin, 1949-1970

2.2.4. Governmental Groups

- Box 275-276 Charleston Area Community Relations Committee (CCRC), 1963-1970
- Includes documents regarding the committee's objectives to address race relations in the Charleston area. Also includes steering committee and communications committee documents.
- Box 276 Charleston County Office of Economic Opportunity, 1967-1970
- Box 276 City of Charleston: Budget Review Committee, 1976
- Box 276 City of Charleston: Department of Housing and Community Development, 2005
- Box 276 City of Charleston: Department of Planning and Urban Development, 1984-1986
- Box 276 City of Charleston: East Side Design Guidelines Committee, 1986
- Box 276 City of Charleston: Get the Lead out Committee, 1996
- Box 276 City of Charleston: Housing Programs, 1985
- Box 276 City of Charleston: Mayor's Advisory Committee, undated
- Box 276 City of Charleston: Mayor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, 1973
- Box 276 City of Charleston: Neighborhood Analysis, 1975
- Box 276 City of Charleston: Old and Historic District Ordinance Committee, 1985
- Box 277 City of Charleston: Planning and Zoning Commission, 1966-1969
- Box 277 City of Charleston: Urban Design Center, 2001
- Box 277 Consolidated Government Citizens Committee/Charter Committee, 1967-1971
- Includes minutes, amendments, studies, charter information, and articles regarding the consolidation of the City of Charleston.
- Box 277 Governor's Task Force on Historic Preservation and Heritage Tourism, 2000
- Box 277 Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial District Study Committee, 2001
- Box 278 Minority Development and Management Association/ Minority Controlled Bank, 1974-1975
- Box 278 New York Board of Education: Workshop, 1983

Box 278	Small Business Administration: State Advisory Council, 1969
Box 278	Small Business Administration, 1973-1985
Box 278	South Carolina Board of Education, 1968
Box	South Carolina Council on Economic Education, 1969-1970
Box 278-279	South Carolina Department of Archives and History, 1982-2006
Box 279	South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation: Minority Business Enterprise, 1982
Box 279	South Carolina Economic Opportunity Board, 1967-1968
Box 279	South Carolina Housing Program Design, 1969-1970
Box 279	South Carolina Office of Small and Minority Businesses, 1979-1985
Box 279	South Carolina: Save Charleston Foundation, undated
Box 279	South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (TEC), 1972-1985
Box 279	South Carolina Urban Renewal, undated

2.2.5. Historical and Preservation Societies

Box 280	African American Family History Association, 1979
Box 280	African American Museum Association, 1982
Box 280	Abbeville Historical Society, South Carolina, 1991
Box 280	American Association for State and Local History, 1977
Box 280-282	Avery Institute of Afro-American History and Culture (AIAAHC), 1984-1989
Box 282	Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture
Box 282	Brown Fellowship Society: Cemetery, 1985-1987
Box 282	Carolina Caribbean Association, 1995
Box 282	East Side Heritage and Awareness Program, 1985
Box 282	Florence Heritage Foundation, 1984
Box 282	French-American Conference on Historic Preservation, 1991
Box 282-283	Friends of the Charleston County Courthouse, 1989-1994
Box 283-286	Historic Charleston Foundation, 1967-2006
Box 286-287	Historic Preservation and the Minority Community, 1979-1982
Box 287	History Makers, 2007-2008

Box 287	National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1977-1993
Box 287	Middleton Place Foundation, 2007
Box 287	The Palmetto Conservation Foundation, 1994
Box 287	Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, 1995-2000
Box 287	Preservation Society of Charleston, 1961-1993
Box 288	South Carolina Historical Society, 1986-1992
Box 288	South Carolina History Center, 1996-1997
Box 288	South Carolina African American Heritage Commission (SCAAHC), 1993-2007
Box 288	South Carolina African American History Calendar: Online Launch, 1993-2008
Box 288	South Carolina Archives and History Foundation, 1985-2006
Box 288	Urban Reinvestment Task Force: Neighborhood Housing Services, 1977
Box 288	Vernacular Architecture Forum, 1994

2.2.6. Professional Affiliations

Box 289	Board of Architectural Review (BAR), 1980-1987
Box 289	Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, 1974
Box 289	Carolina Builders and Brokers Association, 1964-1984
Box 289	Charleston Minority Business Development Center, 1984
Box 289	Charleston Business and Professional Association, 1971-1985
Box 289	Charleston Trident Chamber of Commerce, 1968-1991
Box 289	Consortium for Credentialed Training: Craftsmanship Training Program, 1992
Box 289	Home Builders Association of Greater Charleston, 1976
Box 289-290	Minority Contractors Assistance Projects, Inc., 1976
Box 290	National Afro American Builders Corporation, 1969
Box 290	National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), 1973-1977
Box 290-291	National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC), 1969-2004
Box 291	National Association of Real Estate Brokers, Inc., 1953
Box 291	National Home Fashion League, 1981
Box 291	National Housing Producers Association, 1969
Box 291	National Technical Association, Inc., 1969

- Box 291 Private Industry Council Members: Job Training Plan, 1982
- Box 291 South Carolina Association of Minority Contractors, 1975
- Box 291 South Carolina Association of Realtors, 1978-1979
- Box 291 South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, 1982

2.2.7. Political Figures and Political Groups

- Box 292 Charleston County Democratic Party, 1969-1970
- Box 292 Democratic Party of South Carolina, 1967
- Box 292 Hollings, Ernest: Correspondence, 1971
- Box 292 Lader, Philip (Political Candidate), 1985
- Box 292 Political Action Committee, 1966
- Box 292 Political: Miscellaneous Material, 1971-1986

2.2.8. Religious Organizations

- Box 292 Brownsville Community Church of God: Septima P. Clark Fund, 1986
- Box 292 Camp St. Christopher, 1970-1973
- Box 292 Church of Christ, 1984
- Box 292 Diocese of South Carolina, 1963-1981
- Box 292 Faith Memorial Temple, Orangeburg, South Carolina
- Box 292 Greater St. Luke A.M.E. Church, 1998
- Box 292 Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 1984
- Box 292 Memorial Baptist Church, 1976
- Box 292 Old Bethel United Methodist Church, 1975
- Box 292 Saint John's Episcopal Mission Center, 1976-1985
- Box 292 St. John's Reformed Episcopal Church: Philip Simmons Garden, 1991-1992
- Box 292 Miscellaneous Church Programs

2.2.9. Other Affiliations

- Box 293 The Long Room Corporation, 1986
- Box 293 Low Country National Bank (Proposed), 1976-1977
- Box 293 Miscellaneous Affiliations, 1975-1996

Includes flyers, invitations, and brochures.

3. Emily DeCosta, 1934-2009

(1.25 linear feet)

Emily Howard Spencer was born in 1923 in Washington, D.C. to James Spencer (1888-1960) and Evie Carpenter Spencer (1886-1984). In 1942, Emily received her bachelors degree from Virginia State College; in 1943, she earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan.

In 1946, Emily married Herbert A. DeCosta, Jr., and began working for his construction company as the bookkeeper, office manager, and corporate secretary from 1947 until her retirement in 1985. Emily and Herbert have two children Gail Spencer DeCosta, (born 1948) and Margaret Craft DeCosta (born 1952).

This series includes materials related to Emily DeCosta's education, early life, civic involvement, and correspondence. Materials also relate to the Spencer family, including her parents Dr. James Preston Spencer and Evie Carpenter Spencer.

3.1. Civic Involvement, 1951-2009

Community and Cultural Organizations

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| Box 294 | Brown Fellowship Society, 1982-2008 |
| Box 294 | The Charleston Museum, 1991 |
| Box 294 | Charleston Symphony Orchestra, 1987 |
| Box 294 | The Community Foundation, 1999 |
| Box 294 | Girl Scouts, 1986 |
| Box 294-295 | The Links, Incorporated, 1951-2008 |
| Box 295 | Spoletto Festival, 1984-2006 |
| Box 295 | Trident United Way, 1988 |
| Box 295 | United Negro College Fund, 1973 |
| Box 295 | York Place, Episcopal Church Home for Children, 1995-2001 |
| Box 295 | YWCA of Greater Charleston, 1979-2007 |

Governmental Groups

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| Box 295 | City of Charleston: Office of Economic Opportunity, 1965 |
| Box 295 | City of Charleston: Visual Arts Task Force, 1988 |

Historical and Preservation Societies

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| Box 295 | Historic Charleston Foundation, 1990-2006 |
| Box 295 | National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1990 |

Political Groups

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| Box 295 | Democratic Women of Charleston County, 1981 |
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Sororities

Box 295 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, 1968-2008

Other Affiliations

Box 295 Ess Tees Bridge Club, 1934-2009

3.2. Education and Personal, 1935-2006

Box 295 Commonwealth of Virginia, 1935-1938

Box 295 Virginia State College, 1942-1992

Box 296 War Ration Book, 1942-1943

Box 296 Marriage Certificate, 1946

Box 296 Correspondence, 1983-2006

Box 296 Moja Arts Festival Award, 2005

Box 296 Miscellaneous Material

3.3. Spencer Family, 1939-2008

Box 296 Dr. James Preston Spencer, 1939-1960

Box 296 Evie Carpenter Spencer, 1975-2005

Box 296 Other Family Members, 1944-2008

4. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1941-2009

(1.25 linear feet)

These materials reflect the participation of the H. A. DeCosta, Jr., and Emily DeCosta in St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Committees

Box 297 Altar Guild, 1998-2004

Box 297 Building and Grounds Committee, 1965-2004

Box 297 Finance Committee, 1975-2002

Includes budgets, 1975-2001; financial reports, 1975-2001; treasurer reports, 1989-1997; fundraising committee materials, 1987-1996; and other financial materials.

Box 297 Search Committee, 1991-1994

Box 297 Miscellaneous Committees, 1989-2004

Box 298 Congregation Annual Meetings and Reports, 1984-2009

- Box 298 Episcopal Church Women (ECW), 1967-2006
- Box 298 Historical Information, undated
- Box 298 The Men's Club of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1963
- Box 298 Parishioner Correspondence, 1990-1993
- Box 298 Programs and Flyers, 1941-2006
- Box 299 *The Vestry*, 1975-2004

Includes meeting minutes and agendas.

- Box 299 Miscellaneous Material, 1942-2004

Includes pamphlets from The Diocese of South Carolina, 1963-1999

5. DeCosta Family, 1854-2008

(0.75 linear feet)

Includes materials related to Herbert A. DeCosta's paternal family history, including correspondence, photographs, publications, and other memorabilia. Family members include Benjamin Rhodes DeCosta, the descendants of Benjamin Robert DeCosta, Herbert A. DeCosta, Sr., Elizabeth DeCosta Sartor and the Sartor family, Daisy DeCosta Caffey and the Caffey family, Miriam DeCosta Seabrook, Eugenia DeCosta Higgins and the Higgins family, and Frank A. DeCosta and his family.

5.1. DeCosta Family History, 1995-2008

- Box 300 Family History Publications, 1995-2004

Access to these materials are restricted to family members and heirs.

Includes *The Martha and Benjamin DeCosta Family History, 1995-2003* and *Inner Circle: Images of the Black and Creole Bourgeoisie, 1854-1954*.

- Box 230 DeCosta Family Reunion, 2003-2007

5.2. Benjamin Rhodes DeCosta, circa 1880-1900

Benjamin Rhodes DeCosta (1867-1911), son of Benjamin Rhodes DeCosta (1834-1870) and Martha Eugenia Adams (1834-1915), married Anna Harrenburg (1869-1928). Together they had 11 children. Many of the children became educators, while others worked as carpenters and contractors.

- Box 300 Benjamin Rhodes DeCosta: Photographs, circa 1880-1900

5.3. Elizabeth DeCosta Sartor and Sartor Family, 1943-1950

Elizabeth DeCosta (1887-1952) was the first child born to Benjamin Rhodes DeCosta and Anna Harrenburg. She graduated from Avery Institute in 1905 and worked as an educator at the Charleston Industrial School. She married Wilbur Minot in 1913 and had two children, both of whom died in infancy. After the death of her husband, Elizabeth married Augustus Sartor (1867-1942).

- Box 300 Elizabeth DeCosta Sartor: Last Will and Testament, 1943
- Box 300 Charles Samuel Sartor: Photograph, circa 1950
- Box 300 Sartor Family Lineage, undated

5.4. Benjamin Robert DeCosta's Descendants, 1977-2006

Benjamin Robert DeCosta (1890-1950) was the second child born to Benjamin and Anna DeCosta. He married Gertrude Cook (1894-1951) and moved his family to New York City in 1923 where he worked as a contractor and real estate agent.

His son, Benjamin Robert DeCosta, Jr. (1913-1999) married Olive Bather (1914-1999).

His daughter, Anna Elizabeth DeCosta (born 1915) married George W. Hunter (1911-1993).

Georgianna Hunter Price (1934-2006) and George W. Hunter III are descendants of Benjamin Robert DeCosta, Sr.

- Box 300 Benjamin Robert DeCosta and Olive Bather DeCosta: Funeral Program, 1999
- Box 300 Dr. George W. Hunter: Program, 1977
- Box 300 Dr. George William Hunter: Funeral Program, 1993
- Box 300 George W. Hunter III: Wedding Invitation, 1995
- Box 300 Georgianna Hunter Price: Obituary and Funeral Program, 2006

5.5. Daisy DeCosta Caffey and Caffey Family, 1975-1997

Daisy Alethia DeCosta (1892-1977) was the third child born to Benjamin and Anna DeCosta. She married Lightburne Bennett Caffey (1883-1959) and had one son, Lightburne Bennett Caffey, Jr. (1924-1997). Daisy was a graduate of Avery Institute and a Charleston Public School teacher until they moved to New York. L. Bennett Caffey, Jr. was taken from New York to live in Charleston with his uncle, Frank DeCosta, in 1938. He married Pauline Reese Marsh (born 1928), in which two daughters were born. Christine Alethia Caffey (born 1951) married Luther K. Williams in 1975.

- Box 300 Christine Alethia Caffey: Marriage Announcement, 1975
- Box 300 Daisy DeCosta Caffey: Funeral Program, 1977
- Box 300 Dr. Lightburne Bennett Caffey, Jr.: Funeral Program, 1997
- Box 300 Dr. Lightburne Bennett Caffey, Jr.: Eulogy by H. A. DeCosta, Jr., 1997

5.6. Herbert Alexander DeCosta, Sr., and Bernice DeCosta-Davis, 1854-1960 and undated

Herbert Alexander DeCosta (1894-1960), the fourth child of Benjamin and Anna DeCosta, married Julia Ellen Craft (1898-1990) in 1921. They had two children Herbert Alexander DeCosta, Jr. (1923-2008) and Bernice Craft DeCosta (born 1924). Herbert A. DeCosta, Sr., was the founder of H. A. DeCosta Construction Company and president until his death.

- Box 300 Herbert Alexander DeCosta, Sr: 87 Spring Street Real Estate and Title Information, 1854-1938
- Box 300 Hebert Alexander DeCosta, Sr.: Condolence Cards, 1960
- Box 300 Hebert Alexander DeCosta, Sr.: Death Announcements, 1960
- Box 300 Bernice DeCosta-Davis: Article, undated

5.7. Miriam DeCosta Seabrook, 1981-1993

Miriam DeCosta Seabrook (1896-1992) was the fifth child born to Benjamin and Anna DeCosta. She graduated from Avery Institute and was an educator in Charleston, South Carolina at Burke High School.

- Box 300 Miriam DeCosta Seabrook: Letter to Family Members, 1981
- Box 300 Miriam DeCosta Seabrook: Funeral Program, 1992
- Box 300 Miriam DeCosta Seabrook: Link Tribute, 1993

5.8. Eugenia DeCosta Higgins and Descendants, 1964-1993

Eugenia Nowell DeCosta Higgins (1898-1993), sixth child of Benjamin and Anna DeCosta, was an Avery Institute graduate and Charleston County school teacher. She married Reverend Samuel Richard Higgins and had one son, Dr. Robert Samuel DeCosta Higgins. Robert married Patricia Jennings had a son, Dr. Robert Samuel DeCosta Higgins, Jr.

- Box 301 Dr. Robert Samuel DeCosta Higgins, Sr.: Newspaper Article Announcing Death, 1964
- Box 301 Dr. Robert Samuel DeCosta Higgins, Jr.: Wedding Program, 1990
- Box 301 Eugenia DeCosta Higgins: Funeral Program, 1993
- Box 301 Eugenia DeCosta Higgins: Obituary, 1993
- Box 301 Condolence Cards, 1964, 1993

5.9. Frank A. DeCosta, Beautine Hubert DeCosta, and Miriam DeCosta-Willis, 1962-2006

Frank Augustus DeCosta (1910-1972) was the last child born to Benjamin and Anna DeCosta. He married Beautine Hubert in 1934. He was a 1927 Avery graduate and was principle of the Avery Normal Institute from 1936-1941. Their daughter, Dr. Miriam Delores DeCosta-Willis (born 1934) was a professor in African American literature until her retirement in 1999. She is the author of several books.

- Box 301 Beautine Hubert: Correspondence, 1962-1997
- Box 301 Miriam DeCosta Willis: Correspondence and Articles, 1982-2006
- Box 301 Box Frank A. DeCosta: *Avery Messenger* Article, 2003

5.10. Other DeCosta Family Members, 1980-2009

- Box 301 Other DeCosta Family Members: Funeral Programs and Newspaper Articles

6. Craft and Kinloch Families, 1767-2007

(.75 linear feet)

Includes material from the relatives of Herbert A. DeCosta's mother, Julia Craft DeCosta. Items include genealogical charts, last will and testaments, photographs, correspondence, and publications.

Ellen Smith Craft (1826-1897) and William Craft (1823-1900) escaped from slavery in Georgia, and eventually made their way to England. In 1860, William Craft published the story of their escape in "Running a Thousand Miles for Freedom: The Escape of William and Ellen Craft from Slavery."

Their daughter, Ellen A. Craft Crum (born 1861), married William "Demos" Crum (1859-1912) in 1883. In 1902, Crum was appointed Collector of Customs in Charleston, South Carolina, which was opposed by the Senate until his confirmation in 1905. He resigned in 1909.

Ellen Smith Craft and William Craft also had a son, Charles Estlin Phillips Craft (1852-1938). Charles, a railway postal clerk, married Emeline Aubin Kinloch (1854-1944), a seamstress from Charleston.

This seamstress, Emeline Kinloch Craft, was the daughter of Benjamin Kinloch (1819-1884), a millwright, and Emeline Aubin Kinloch (1824-1884), from Charleston, South Carolina. Benjamin Kinloch's father was Richmond Kinloch (1794-1851) and his grandfather was Francis Kinloch.

The daughter of Charles Craft and Emeline Kinloch Craft, Julia Craft DeCosta (1898-1990), was a 1915 Avery Institute graduate and educator at Burke High School. She married Herbert A. DeCosta, Sr., and served as bookkeeper, secretary, and finally treasurer for the H. A. DeCosta Construction Company for 56 years.

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| Box 301 | Kinloch Family History Chart, undated |
| Box 301 | Francis Kinloch: Last Will and Testament, 1767 |
| Box 301 | Richmond Kinloch: Last Will and Testament, 1852 |
| Box 301 | Richmond Kinloch: Diary Page, undated |
| Box 301 | Craft and Kinloch Research Material: Compiled by Steven L. Jones, 1977 |
| Box 301 | Craft Family Lineage, undated |
| Box 301 | Craft Family Correspondence, 1944-2003 |
| Box 301 | Craft and Crum Family: Postcards, 1911-1918 |
| Box 301 | Craft Family Recognition Events, 1978-2000 |
| Box 301 | Craft Family Reunions, 1992-2004 |
| Box 302 | William and Ellen Craft: Publications and Articles, 1975-2005 |
| | Includes publications regarding the escape of William and Ellen Craft from Georgia including a biographical sketch of Ellen Craft by Miriam DeCosta Willis, undated. |
| Box 302 | William and Ellen Craft: Photographs of African Meeting House, circa 1970s |
| | Includes Boston House lived in by William and Ellen Craft. |
| Box 302 | Ellen A. Craft Crum: Diplomas, 1878-1881 |

Box 302	Dr. William D. Crum, 1912-2000
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Box 302	Emeline A. Craft Crum: Last Will and Testament, circa 1930
Box 302	Julia Ellen Craft DeCosta, 1966-1990
Box 302	Virginia Craft Rose and Ellen Craft Dammond, 1975-2007
Box 302	Other Craft Family Members, 1971-1988
	Includes members of the Craft and Healy Families.
Box 302	Beatrice Jackson Brown: Woodville Plantation, 1997-2005
Box 302	City of Charleston: List of Taxpayers, 1859
Box 302	African American Family History Association, Inc., Newsletter, 1978
Box 302	Miscellaneous Material