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


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.

**Extent:**
112.16 linear feet
256 archival boxes

**Repository:**
Avery Research Center at the College of Charleston

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**Language of Material:**
Material in English

**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 descendents 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 Higgens 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

   1.1. H. A. DeCosta Company General Contractors, 1926-2008
   1.2. HADCO Realty Company, 1930-1983
   1.3. DeCosta General Insurance Company, circa 1940-1983
   1.6. 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

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

1084-MUS/1
1084-OBX/1-6

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, 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


(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
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

obox 1084-OBX/3

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


Box 14-23


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
- Go Plumbing Company, Inc. versus H. A. DeCosta Company, 1985
- Depositions of H. A. DeCosta: Carolina Executive Services, Inc., 1993
- Other Depositions: Carolina Executive Services, Inc., 1993
- Miscellaneous Legal Documents, 1964-1993

1.1.3. Operational and Administrative Materials, 1921-2007

Box 28

- Advertising Logo
- Advertising Gifts, 1975
- Agendas: Supervisor and Foreman Meetings, 1977
- 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 | FEMA, 2007 |
| Box 29 | Goals and Responsibilities |
| Box 29 | Insurance: Blue Cross Blue Shield, 1976-1978 |
| 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
Pay Board, 1972

Box 31
Pension Plan, 1978-1982

Box 31
Portfolio: DeCosta and Company, 1948-1984 and undated

Box 31
Procedures and Guidelines, 1956-2007

Box 32

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 Yonges 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

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America Street

Box 35
Amherst Street

Box 35-38
Anson Street

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| 62   | Gateway Walk     |
| 62-63| George Street    |
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| 63   | Gillon Street    |
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| 64   | Grove Street     |
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| 65   | Hayne Street     |
| 65   | Helm Avenue      |
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| 66   | Highway 7        |
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| Box 68 | Houghton Road |
| Box 68 | Hudson Street |
| Box 68 | Huger Street |
| Box 68-69 | I'on Avenue |
| Box 69 | Jasper Street |
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| Box 70 | John Street |
| Box 70-71 | Judith Street |
| Box 71 | Kennedy Street |
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| 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 |
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Box  86            Lockwood Drive
Box  86-89         Logan Street
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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
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Box  101           Middle Street
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Box  101           Monrovia Street
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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
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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
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Box 121  Prioleau Street
Box 121-122  Queen Street
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Box 123  Ralston Creek Street
Box 123  Reid Street
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Box 123  Rifle Range Road
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Box 124  Ropemaker's Lane
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1.1.5.1. Greater Charleston Area Properties

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Box 256  Assets, Balances, Payments, and Taxes, 1962-1983
Box 256  Correspondence, 1954-1986
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Box 257 Beaufort, South Carolina, 1972
Box 257 Camden, South Carolina, 1972
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Box 257 Fire and Flood Insurance Policies, 1977-1988
Box 257 Insurance Claims, 1976-1983
Box 258 Real Estate Contracts, 1989-1992
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1.3. DeCosta General Insurance Company, circa 1940-1983
Box 258 Insurance Company Ledgers, 1958-1983
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Box 258-259 Tax and Insurance Account Day Books, 1943-1948
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Box 260    Invoices and Work Sheet: Ion Development, 1998
Box 260    McLeod House, Walterboro: 1999

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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
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. Greshem 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  Spoleto 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
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Prince Hall Freemasonry, 1964

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Gamma Lambda Boule/Boule Foundation


Various Fraternal Medallions and Stick Pin, 1949-1970

2.2.4. Governmental Groups

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.

Charleston County Office of Economic Opportunity, 1967-1970

City of Charleston: Budget Review Committee, 1976

City of Charleston: Department of Housing and Community Development, 2005

City of Charleston: Department of Planning and Urban Development, 1984-1986

City of Charleston: East Side Design Guidelines Committee, 1986

City of Charleston: Get the Lead out Committee, 1996

City of Charleston: Housing Programs, 1985

City of Charleston: Mayor's Advisory Committee, undated

City of Charleston: Mayor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, 1973

City of Charleston: Neighborhood Analysis, 1975

City of Charleston: Old and Historic District Ordinance Committee, 1985

City of Charleston: Planning and Zoning Commission, 1966-1969

City of Charleston: Urban Design Center, 2001

Consolidated Government Citizens Committee/Charter Committee, 1967-1971

Includes minutes, amendments, studies, charter information, and articles regarding the consolidation of the City of Charleston.

Governor's Task Force on Historic Preservation and Heritage Tourism, 2000

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial District Study Committee, 2001

Minority Development and Management Association/ Minority Controlled Bank, 1974-1975

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 278  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
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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
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South Carolina Association of Minority Contractors, 1975
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South Carolina Association of Realtors, 1978-1979
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Diocese of South Carolina, 1963-1981
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Faith Memorial Temple, Orangeburg, South Carolina
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Memorial Baptist Church, 1976
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Old Bethel United Methodist Church, 1975
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Miscellaneous Church Programs

2.2.9. Other Affiliations
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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

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 Spoleto 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

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

Historical and Preservation Societies

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

Political Groups

Box 295 Democratic Women of Charleston County, 1981
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

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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.

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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 descendents 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 Higgens 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.


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).
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 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.

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. Bennet 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.

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.
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.

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.

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.

5.10. Other DeCosta Family Members, 1980-2009

Other DeCosta Family Members: Funeral Programs and Newspaper Articles

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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 Collectors of Customs in Charleston, South Carolina, which was opposed by the Senate until his confirmation in 1905. He resigned in 1909.


This semestress, 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 Kincoch (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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