Inventory of the
Gracie B. Dobbins Papers, 1924 and circa 1965-1986
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Descriptive Summary

Title: Gracie B. Dobbins Papers,

Dates: 1924 and circa 1965-1986

Creator: Dobbins, Gracie B., 1905-2001

Abstract: Gracie B. Dobbins (1905-2001) was an African American school teacher. She was born Gracie Lee Burns in 1905 and graduated Avery Institute in 1924 with a teaching certificate. She later married a Mr. Dobbins and taught at Minnie Hughes Elementary School on Yonges Island and possibly elsewhere. She served as Chairman of Annual Appeal of Dimes for the City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs in the 1960s. Dobbins died in Charleston in 2001.

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Collection Arrangement

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Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Subject Headings

African American teachers -- South Carolina -- Yonges Island.
African American women teachers -- South Carolina -- Yonges Island.
Avery Normal Institute -- Alumni and alumnae.
City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs (Charleston, S.C.).

Administrative Information

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### Detailed Description of the Collection

#### 1. Education, Teaching, and Other Materials, 1924 and circa 1965-1986

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<td>Teaching Materials: Lesson Plan Format, Parent Letter, and Test Questions&lt;br&gt;Includes a fill-in-the-blank lesson plan format; a blank parent letter from Minnie Hughes Elementary School, Yonges Island; and a list of questions for a test on prehistoric times.</td>
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<td>City Federation of Colored Women's Club&lt;br&gt;Includes a certificate presented to The Elite Art Federated Club, 1986; donation forms regarding the Annual Appeal of Dimes, for which Dobbins was chairman; 1962-1965; black-and-white partially identified photograph (possibly of the Club members) taken by Boags Modern Arts, with a list of clubs in the Federation.</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Material, 1966-1967&lt;br&gt;Includes letter regarding centennial of Plymouth United Church of Christ; a list of attendees to the Institute of African Life and History; and a travel brochure from the International Gay Travelers Touring Club, which was founded in 1948 to help African American travelers avoid &quot;embarrassment... brought about by racial discrimination.&quot;</td>
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