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STORER COLLEGE COLLECTION
Collection 98-1

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Scope Note

The Storer College Collection was donated to Howard University by the family of Reed Stokes. The collection is comprised of ca 40 items and spans the period 1917-1955. The collection includes general informational materials about the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Storer College Alumni and the Fund-Raising Campaign.

Storer College

In 1867 John Storer proposed the founding of a college in West Virginia with no distinction as to race. His donation of \$10,000 was to be matched by the same amount from other consenting members of the free Baptist denomination. Others credited with the early activities of the school are Dr. George H. Ball of New York and General Oliver O. Howard. Government property at Harpers Ferry was donated as the site. Storer College represented the first higher educational institution for Black Americans in the state. It also served for many years as the only teacher-training school for West Virginia Blacks. In 1938 Storer dropped the high school department from its curriculum and became a degree-granting college with its first degrees awarded in 1942.

With the Supreme Court's decision that segregated schools were unconstitutional, West Virginia discontinued its subsidies to the school. Financial loss eventuated in the school's having to close its doors in June, 1956.

Source: Gordon, Vivian Verdell, "A History of Storer College, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia," *Journal of Negro Education* (Fall 1961): 445-449.

Series Description

Series A
Box 98-1

Storer College Papers

General informational materials about Storer College includes periodicals, brochures, list for students and clippings.

Series B
Box 98-1

Storer College Alumni Papers

Forms, lists, notes and correspondence about the Storer College Alumni Assn. and the Fund- Raising Campaign.

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