Descriptive Summary

Title: Jim D. Cherry papers, 1947-1988
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 655
Extent: 11 linear feet (11 boxes), 1 oversized papers box (OP), and 13 oversized bound volumes (OBV)
Abstract: Papers of Jim D. Cherry, an Atlanta, Georgia educator and superintendent of DeKalb County schools.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access
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Source

Citation
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Collection Description

Biographical Note
Jim D. Cherry, nationally known educator, was superintendent of the DeKalb County, Georgia, school system for twenty-five years; led the school system through its period of initial integration; and was instrumental in the development of the Fernbank Science Center in cooperation with the school system. He retired in 1972 and died in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1980.
Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of the papers of Jim Cherry from 1947-1988. The papers include
correspondence, personal financial records, speeches, writings, printed material, scrapbooks,
photographs, clippings, and memorabilia. The papers document Jim Cherry's career as
superintendent of schools, his civic activities, his broad interest in education, and honors and
awards he received.

Arrangement Note
Collection unprocessed; inventory available.
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2 26 Correspondence, meetings and speaking engagements, various dates
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2 28 Correspondence, Tri County Development Corporation, 1958
2 29 Speeches, extra copies, various dates
2 30 Twentieth anniversary commemoration, 1967
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5 1 Photographs (unfoldered)
5 2 News article, no date
5 3 DeKalb Co. program for exceptional children, no date
5 4 Report, history of adult education department, 1968
5 5 News clippings, Board of Education minutes, and educational reports, 1946-1980
5 6 Letter from former student to Cherry family, 1980 (unfoldered)
5 7 2 thank-you letters, 1973
5 8 25th anniversary telegram, 1979
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5 10 Chamber of Commerce reports, 1950, 1954
5 11 2 Appreciation Award letters, 1971 (unfoldered)
5 12 3 transcripts of speeches, no dates
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5  16   Possible governship correspondence, 1966
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5  18   Cerebral Palsy Research Committee, 1951
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5  22   Honeywell computer service seminar
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6 10   Information on Negro classified schools, 1947
6 11   The DeKalb Tribune, 1965 August 12 (envelope)
6 12   National Education Association, study and news items, various dates
6 14   The DeKalb School Study for the Decade of the 70s, 1968
6 15   Report on the study and evaluation of electronic data processing, 1966
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6 17   Letter from a member of the P.T.A., no date (unfoldered)
6 18   Audit report, DeKalb County Board of Education
6 19   DeKalb Community College, 1973
6 20   Letter of support, 1971 (unfoldered)
6 21   Format for Brochure on Jim Cherry's 20 years, 1967
6 22   Collection of correspondence and articles during 1970-1972
6 23   Correspondence, articles, and biographical sketches (biographical) various dates
6 24 The Chalkboard, 1972 Fall
6 25 Interview with Ellis Arnold, 1970 (unfoldered)
6 26 News clippings, 1978
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6 28 2 copies of a P.T.A. speech, 1971 (unfoldered)
6 29 Interview with Mr. J. E. Clowdis, 1970
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6 34 Georgia Bell Notes, 1968 February
6 35 This is Your Life, Jim Cherry P.T.A. program, 1953-1954
6 36 Award, speech, and budget sheet of schools, 1969
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6 51 Questionaire for Jim Cherry's biography, no date
6 52 "A Dozen Points for a Two Dozen Year Man" no date
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6 56 National Education Association investigation of DeKalb, 1968
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DeKalb Board of Education proposed budget, 1966-1967
Atlanta Resurgens, 1971
"School Boards and the Curriculum" 1958
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"Jim Cherry: Brilliant Educator or Dictator," 1994

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Framed letters: DeKalb Honors Program
Certificate of Alice McCellan Birney Endowment Fund, 1956 September 28
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