

DICKERSON, EDITH HOLLAND, 1907-1988.
Edith Holland Dickerson and George
Dickerson family papers, circa 1880-2010

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Dickerson, Edith Holland, 1907-1988.
Title: Edith Holland Dickerson and George Dickerson family papers, circa 1880-2010
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1203
Extent: 6.5 linear feet (7 boxes), 5 oversized papers boxes (OP), 1 bound volume (BV), and 1 oversized bound volume (OBV)
Abstract: Family papers of Edith Holland Dickerson and George Dickerson, including correspondence, photographs, financial records, and diaries.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

Special restrictions apply: Due to the fragile nature of the items, OP4, scrapbooks and scrapbook pages, are closed to researchers.

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Source

Purchase, 2011.

Citation

[after identification of item(s)], Edith Holland Dickerson and George Dickerson family papers, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Processing

Arranged and described at the box level by Sarah Quigley, August 2015. Some original folders have been retained; their contents have not been verified. They are indicated in the container list by quotation marks.

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

Edith Holland (1907-1988) was an African American secretary in Atlantic City, New Jersey. She met her husband George Dickerson (1910-2010) while working in his office at Madison Avenue School where he was principal. The couple married in the mid-1940s.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the family papers of Edith Holland Dickerson and George Dickerson, including correspondence, photographs, financial records, and diaries from circa 1880-2010. The diaries document Edith Holland Dickerson's life as a young woman in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in 1925 and 1927. The 1925 diary in particular documents Edith's work as secretary to Thomas Montgomery Gregory, African American playwright and educator. Some entries in the diaries are written in Pitman shorthand.

The collection contains letters to Edith Holland Dickerson from Dr. Albert Forsythe, who was one of the first African American pilots to complete a cross-country flight. Forsythe was also involved in training the Tuskegee Airmen during World War Two. The letters document Forsythe's "Pan-American goodwill flight" from New Jersey to the Caribbean in 1934, as well as his time in Tuskegee, Alabama. Additional love letters document the romance between Edith Holland Dickerson and George Dickerson.

There are also papers of George "Buddy" Dickerson (1930-1969), the son of George Dickerson and his first wife. Correspondence, photographs, scrapbooks, yearbooks, and other materials document George "Buddy" Dickerson time as a student and track athlete at Atlantic City High School (New Jersey) and Syracuse University (Syracuse, New York). Other materials document his teaching career at Taft High School (Atlantic City, New Jersey). George "Buddy" Dickerson married Diane Graves in 1949, and her papers are also present in the collection. Theses consist primarily of correspondence, but there are also photographs, photograph albums, and personal items such as address books and sketchbooks.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by family member, then by record type.

Container List

Edith Holland Dickerson

Box	Folder	Content
1	-	Photographs
1	-	Photograph album
1	-	Correspondence and personal papers
1	-	"George Dickerson"
1	-	"Obituaries and funeral programs"
1	-	"Correspondence and greeting cards"
1	-	"Ephemera"
1	-	"Edith Henrietta Holland"
1	-	George Dickerson high school yearbook
1	-	Photograph album
1	-	Photographs
1	-	Photograph album
BV1	-	Photograph album
2	-	Biographical information
2	-	Ladies Auxiliary of Lincoln University, Atlantic City Chapter, minute books
2	-	Personal papers
2	-	Photographs
2	-	Correspondence
2	-	Printed material
2	-	Diaries

George Dickerson (1910-2010)

2	-	Correspondence
2	-	Personal papers
2	-	Pleasantville (New Jersey) High School yearbook
2	-	Alpha Phi Alpha lock box
2	-	Athletic letters
3	-	Personal papers and photographs
3	-	Photographs
OP1	1	Rolled photographs
3	-	Correspondence and personal papers
3	-	Printed material
3	-	"Railroad"
3	-	"Miss 'R'"
3	-	"Personal data: Autobiography, school data"

- 3 - "Birth record and communications"
- 3 - "Rutgers"
- 3 - "Mink coat"
- 3 - "Passport data"
- 3 - "Salary contracts"
- 3 - "Breon Smiley"
- 3 - "Birth records"
- 3 - "Retirement data"
- 3 - "House furnishings"
- 3 - "Home: Mortgage, deed, taxes"
- 3 - "Health insurance"
- 3 - "Heater diagram"
- 3 - "Home insurance"
- 3 - "Automobile"
- 3 - "House repairs, installations, receipts"
- 3 - "House mortgage"
- 3 - "Bank statements"
- 3 - "Automobile insurance"
- 3 - "Master Charge, Bank of America, Visa"
- 3 - "Financial"
- 3 - "Homestead rebate"
- 3 - "Insurance: Personal, hospitalization"

George Dickerson (1930-1969)

- 4 - Correspondence and personal papers
- 4 - Photographs
- 4 - Address book
- 4 - Taft High School material
- 4 - Taft High School yearbooks, 1968, 1970
- 4 - Printed material
- 4 - Atlantic City High School yearbook, 1949
- 4 - Scrapbook, track team
- OP4 1 Scrapbook [restricted]
- OP2 1 Scrapbook covers
- OP4 2 Scrapbook pages [restricted]
- 4 - Syracuse material
- 5 - Syracuse material
- 5 - Dickerson family photograph album
- 5 - Track medals
- 5 - Track letters

- OP3 1 Plaque, "In Memory of George Dickerson 1930-1969, Teacher of Health Education, Track Coach at William Howard Taft High School" [1 of 2]
OP3 1 Plaque, "In Memory of George Dickerson 1930-1969, Teacher of Health Education, Track Coach at William Howard Taft High School" [2 of 2]
OP3 1 Plaque, Master of Arts, School of Education, New York University, 1957
OP5 1 United States flag

Diane Dickerson

- 5 - Correspondence and personal papers
5 - Yearbooks
6 - Correspondence and personal papers
6 - "Children's book material"
6 - "Special mementos"
6 - "Supervision"
6 - Printed material
7 - Printed material
7 - Sketchbook
OP2 2 Sketchbook
7 - Address book and autograph book
7 - Diploma
7 - Photographs
OP2 3 Photograph album pages
OBV1- Wedding album
OP4 3 Scrapbook [restricted]
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