

Cornelius Henderson Family Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History
Title	Cornelius Henderson Family Photograph Collection
Date	undated
Extent	1.6 Cubic feet 3 Oversize Archives Boxes
Language	English

Biography

Cornelius Langston Henderson was born December 11, 1887 in Detroit, Mich. He attended public school in Detroit until his family moved to Atlanta, Ga. where his father, Rev. James M. Henderson, took a position as President of Morris Brown College in 1896. Cornelius Henderson continued his education in Morris Brown's Normal department (similar to high school). His father accepted a new position at the President of Payne College in Selme, Ala. He graduated from Payne College's Normal department in 1905. Henderson attended the University of Michigan and earned a degree in civil engineering in 1911. He was the second African American to graduate from the engineering department. He married Gertrude Ewing in 1914. The marriage produced one son, Cornelius Henderson, Jr. After graduating he had difficulty locating a position in Detroit. He was hired by the Canadian Bridge Company in Walkerville, Ontario (Canada). While in its employment, Henderson helped design the Ambassador Bridge and the Windsor Tunnel linking Detroit, Mich. to Windsor, Ontario (Canada). He was the designer for Detroit Memorial Park Cemetery in Detroit, Mich. He retired from the Canadian Bridge Company in 1958. He died in July of 1976.

Scope and Contents note

The Cornelius Henderson Family Photograph Collection consists of one small photograph album, snapshots, a framed photograph, and studio portraits. Studio portraits were taken at different studios across the United States. Detroit, Michigan studios include The Baker Studio, Baron, Hill, Horace Amrie, Slliot & Co., C. Eisenhardt, Brac Diehl & Co., Smith & Davis, Hughes, and Marratt and Wright. Atlanta, Georgia studios include T.E. Askew, Adams, Mitchell, Russell, Gorham and Hinman. Other studios include J.M. LeClear in Jackson, Michigan, Kelley in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Baldwin in Flint, Michigan, Sam Moore in Wabash, Indiana, A.J. Feay in Evansville, Indiana, J. N. Smith Studio in Selma, Alabama, Hugo Broich in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Naiman's Studio in Washington, D.C.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Henderson, Cornelius Langston, 1888-1976 -- Pictorial works

Subject(s)

- African American engineers

Studio Portraits

Collection Inventory

Studio Portraits	Box 1	Folder 1-3	Box 2	Folder 1-2, 4-5
Snapshots			Box 2	Folder 3
				Box
Cornelius Henderson Oversize Photograph				O1