

North Carolina Collection

William Franklin Warren Durham City Schools Slide Collection

Title:	William Franklin Warren Durham City Schools Slide Collection
Inclusive Dates:	1933-1947
Extent of Materials:	4 lantern slide boxes and 4 Kodachrome slide boxes
Location:	Shelf 24, NC Office
Date of Accession:	2015
Donor:	Stephen and Caroline Massengill
Relationship of donor or materials to the DCL/NCR	
Processor:	Jamie Patrick-Burns
Description:	
Subject Headings:	Public schools -- North Carolina -- Durham History.
	Schools -- North Carolina -- Durham -- History.
	African Americans -- Education -- North Carolina -- Durham County.
	Public schools -- North Carolina -- Durham.
	Durham (N.C.) -- History.
	Education -- North Carolina -- Durham.
	Historic buildings -- North Carolina -- Durham.
	Slides (photographs)
	Lantern slides
Abstract:	
Scope and Content:	The collection contains 4x3.25-inch lantern slides and 2x2-inch Kodachrome slides featuring images of Durham city schools from the 1930s and 1940s. The images include interior and exterior shots of Durham elementary and high schools; a high school class trip to Williamsburg, VA; other locations in Durham, including Duke University, downtown, and residential neighborhoods; portrait pictures of teachers and school administrators, some identified and some not; and slides from various presentations, including school district valuations and statistics.
Related Materials:	Durham Schools Collection
	Souvenir of Durham, North Carolina
	Annual Report of the Public Schools of Durham County

	Durham Historic Photographic Archives
Restrictions:	The collection is open for research.
Biographical/Historical Note:	In the early twentieth century Durham's schools were organized in two separate systems, the county schools and the city schools. Durham city schools originated with the establishment of a graded school system in 1882, with the first white graded school opening in 1882 followed by the first black graded school in 1885. As elsewhere in the South, the schools at this time were segregated. William Franklin "Frank" Warren (1887-1979) was superintendant of Durham city schools from 1933-1947. As he began his tenure, Durham schools were facing the economic pressures of the Great Depression following a decade of growth and expansion after World War I. The slides were created while he was in office, and he was likely the photographer. Warren was the uncle of the collection's donor Caroline Massengill.
Condition Notes:	The glass of a few of the lantern slides is cracked. Caution should be used when handling these materials.
Organization of Collection:	<p>The collection is divided into a lantern slides series and Kodachrome slides series. All slides have been given a new unique identifying number. Some of the lantern slides were originally numbered, and where these numbers can be deciphered, they have been arranged sequentially. The remaining lantern slides have been grouped by topic, including African-American students, exterior scenes, interior scenes, portraits, school district statistics, and miscellaneous. Each lantern slide has a brief description on its protective envelope. The Kodachrome slides have been grouped as follows: buildings, African-American students, classroom scenes, outdoor scenes, and school activities. Some of the classroom scene slides were originally labeled with letters and numbers, which have tentatively been identified as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E – Edgemont School? • EK - E. K. Powe Elementary School • F – Fuller School? • H – Holton School? Holloway Street School? • L – Lyon Park School? • M – Morehead School? • ND – North Durham School • S – Southwest Elementary School? • W – Watts Elementary School • YE – Y. E. Smith Elementary School
Container List	LANTERN SLIDES
Box 1	Numbered lantern slides (FW001-FW065)
Box 2	Numbered lantern slides (FW066-FW131)
Box 3	African-American students (FW132-FW139)
	Exterior scenes (FW140-FW168)
	Interior scenes (FW169-FW197)
Box 4	Interior scenes (FW198-FW204)
	Portraits (FW205-FW224)
	Statistics slides (FW225-FW235)
	Miscellaneous lantern slides (FW236-FW247)
Box 5	KODACHROME SLIDES
	Buildings - Duke Campus (FW248-FW262)
	Buildings - Durham High School (FW263-FW265)
	Buildings - Hubert and Mary Teer House (FW266-FW267)
	Buildings - Unidentified (FW268-FW302)
	African-American students (FW303-FW310)

	Classroom scenes - labeled (FW311-FW327)
Box 6	Classroom scenes - labeled (FW325-FW406)
	Classroom scenes - unlabeled (FW407-FW444)
Box 7	Classroom scenes - unlabeled (FW445-FW446)
	Outdoor scenes - downtown Durham (FW447-FW450)
	Outdoor scenes - unidentified (FW451-FW472)
	School activities - African-American May Day celebration (FW473-FW483)
	School activities - Athletic park May Day celebration (FW484-FW500)
	School activities - basketball (FW501-FW503)
	School activities - Christmas play (FW504-FW515)
	School activities - Durham High School Williamsburg trip (FW516-FW551)
Box 8	School activities - Durham High School Williamsburg trip (FW552-FW608)

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