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(Thornton) Burnis H. Photographs

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Summary Information

Repository:	North Carolina Collection Archives
Source:	Walker, Carolyn T.
Source:	Thornton, Victor Hillman
Title:	Burnis H. Thornton photographs
ID:	NCC.0177
Date [inclusive]:	ca. 1950-1991, undated
Physical Description:	.08 Linear Feet (2 folders)
Language of the Material:	English .

Preferred Citation

[Item, folder, and box information], Burnis H. Thornton photographs (NCC.0177), North Carolina Collection, Durham County Library, NC.

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Biographical / Historical

Burnis Hillman (B. H.) Thornton was possibly the first African-American bonded contractor in the state of North Carolina. Born in 1906 in Warrenton, NC, he attended North Carolina A&T State University and remained actively involved as an alumnus throughout his life. He served as education director and boxing coach at the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp in Rutherford County, NC, and as director of the United Servicemen's Organization (USO) on Fayetteville Street in Durham. He was involved in education as a school principal and teacher, including service in Durham City Schools, before his work as general contractor and proprietor of Thornton Builders, Inc., in Durham. Thornton was a member of White Rock Baptist Church, Omega Psi Phi fraternity, and the Freemasons. He died in 1991. The collection was donated by two of Thornton's children.

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Scope and Contents

The collection is primarily composed of photographs taken by Theodore Burnis Thornton of houses his father Burnis Hillman Thornton built and later photos taken by another son of Burnis's, Victor Thornton, for comparison. Materials also include a photograph index, newspaper clippings, and a program for Thornton's funeral.

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Arrangement

The photographs are arranged in numerical order according to numbers assigned by the donor.

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Carolyn T. Walker and Victor Hillman Thornton

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Controlled Access Headings

- African Americans -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Historic buildings -- North Carolina -- Durham
- House construction -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Thornton, Burnis H., 1906-1991
- Walker, Carolyn T.
- Thornton, Victor Hillman

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances		
Biographical materials and photograph index, 1977, 1991, undated	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 23	folder 1
Photographs, 1950-1979, 2015			
1005 Crete Street (C. D. Grandy)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
208 Formosa Avenue (W. M. Grandy)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
131 Masondale Avenue (Martha A. Dooms)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
119 Masondale Avenue (J. W. Goodloe)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
102 Masondale Avenue (W. J. Kennedy III)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
103 Erie Street (Carolyn T. Peele)			

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	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
2100 Otis Street (Maceo Sloan)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
129 Nelson Street (Frank McCrea)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
125 Nelson Street (I. A. McCollum)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
123 Nelson Street (Joseph Parker)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
128 Nelson Street (J. R. Butts)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
817 Lawson Street (R. E. Dawson)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
823 Lawson Street (Mabel Gerst)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
829 Lawson Street (C. D. Watts)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
1007 Chalmers Street (D. M. McCaskell)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
1008 Chalmers Street (C.E. King)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
1012 Red Oak (Charles Ray)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
1209 Crowell Street (Charles Ray)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
1210 Crowell Street (J. W. Davidson)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
1109 Red Oak (Charles Scott)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
902 Jerome Road (Cicero Green)			

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	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
4904 Barbee Road (Carl D. Hodges)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
108 Erie Street	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
110 Erie Street	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
112 Erie Street	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
114 Nelson Street (Dr. Albert Turner)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
1603 N. Alston Avenue (J. L. Moffitt)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
1606 N. Alston Avenue (J. L. Moffitt)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
5625 Barbee Road (J. H. Bonzell)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
2210 Chalmers Street (C. E. King)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
520 Orindo Drive (Howard D. Hill)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
106 Nelson Street (Bernadine Bailey)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
945 Bacon Street (Dr. Eldee Brown)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
3023 Fayetteville Street (Grady McLean)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
828 Jerome Road (R. H. Cherry)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
1031 Plum Street (A. E. Parker Jr.)			

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	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
1315 Alston Ave. (B. H. Thornton Home)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2
2602 Fayetteville St. (Dr. Donnell)	box 1 - Small Collections	folder 24	folder 2