

ELIZABETH COLLEGE RECORDS, 1899-1974

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ABSTRACT

Elizabeth College was a four-year college for women, founded in 1896. It was located at what was then the end of Elizabeth Avenue, on property that had been the old Torrence homestead. Due to the Watts family's large donation to the college, college president Dr. Charles B. King named it for his mother-in-law, Ann Elizabeth Watts. It was under the charge of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The college's objective was to provide a broad education for women in the classics, mathematics, and sciences. Elizabeth College was best known for its Gerald Conservatory of Music, named for King's brother-in-law.

King moved the college to Salem, Virginia in 1915, where it was merged with Virginia's Roanoke College for Women. Many of Elizabeth College's records were lost to a fire at the Virginia college in 1921. Presbyterian Hospital bought the Charlotte property in 1917, and the hospital moved into the main building. It continued in this capacity until 1980; when it was torn down to make way for Charlotte's expansion.

This collection contains catalogs, correspondence, photographs, programs, scrapbooks, textiles, and yearbooks.

ACCESS

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RELATED MATERIALS

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Elizabeth College records contain yearbooks, programs, photographs, newsletters, catalogs, correspondence, scrapbooks, and textiles from the active years of the college. It also contains some material later collected concerning Elizabeth College students, such as reunions. The bulk of the collection dates from 1900-1915.

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY

CONTENT	BOX	FOLDER
Programs; Photographs; Catalog, 1900-1901 and 1901-1902; Commencement, 1904; Elizabethan 1904; Yearbooks, 1901, 1903, 1915	1	
Elizabeth Chronicle, 1900; Catalog 1899-1900; Textiles; Photographs; Scrapbook (magazine articles, newspaper articles, photographs, programs, invitations, correspondence)	2	
Catalog, 1900; Correspondence	3	