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The E. H. Anderson Collection

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The PVAMU Principals and Presidents Collection Finding aid

Collection Overview

Creator: Special Collections/Archives Department staff

Title: The PVAMU Principals and Presidents Collection: E. H. Anderson Collection

Dates: 1883-1962

Bulk Dates: N/A

Quantity: 1 folder (0.25 linear feet)

Abstract: The Ernest H. Anderson Collection includes photocopies of publications relating to the tenure of Ernest H. Anderson, second principal of Prairie View A & M University (then Prairie View Normal College).

Identification: UA 009

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Language: The materials are in English.

Repository: Prairie View A&M University

Biographical Note: Ernest H. Anderson (born September 2, 1850, died October 29, 1885) graduated from Fisk University and was trained for the Methodist ministry. E. H. Anderson moved to Texas to serve as the second principal for Prairie View Normal College, established in 1879 as a school to train black teachers. The A&M College Board of Directors, meeting in Hempstead on August 28th of that year, authorized the teaching of thirteen subjects on the elementary and secondary levels. The school's enrollment increased to sixty students. During Anderson's tenure, Prairie View experienced severe financial hardships as the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Texas legislatures debated over the constitutionality and the funding of the school. In addition to these problems, the school was overcrowded and did not have a fixed course of study, but toward the end of Anderson's term he was optimistic at the support of the black communities around the state. Anderson died at Prairie View on October 29, 1885. He was succeeded as principal by his brother, Laurine Cecil Anderson, who had served as his first assistant.

Sources: None.

Scope and Contents Note

The collection includes **Photocopies** of documents relating to E. H. Anderson and his tenure as Principal of Prairie View A & M University.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in chronological order.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

The Ernest H. Anderson Collection, UA009, Special Collections/Archives Department, John B. Coleman Library, Prairie View A&M University

Related Material: Related material may be found in the Special Collections/Archives Department Vertical Files. Ask a member of the SCAD staff for assistance.

Index Terms

Ernest H. Anderson

Prairie View Normal and Industrial College (Prairie View, TX)

African American educators.

Educators – United States.

Employees – Administrators.

Prairie View (TX)

Inventory

Box #	Folder#	Title/Description	Date
		Series 1: Photocopies	
1	1	[Prairie View History]	undated
1	2	Cemetery photograph	undated
1	3	Selected pages from <i>Proceedings of the Trustees of the John F. Slater Fund for the Education of Freedmen</i>	1883
1	4	Selected pages from <i>Catalogue of the Officers and Students of Fish University, Nashville, Tennessee, for 1897-1898</i>	1898
1	5	Selected pages from <i>Prairie View: a study in public conscience, 1878-1946</i>	1962