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John J. Carrington Collection

Carrington, John J. (1879–1973). Papers, 1904–1965. .33 foot.

Businessman. Correspondence (1904–1930) to John J. Carrington from his relatives and friends while he worked for the YMCA, and business correspondence between Carrington and the YMCA. Carrington's work with the YMCA took him to the Philippines, France, Fort McKinley in Maine, and Fort Monroe in Virginia. Also included are some of Carrington's school records, receipts, and miscellaneous newspaper articles, and tax forms (1965) from his ownership of the Food Mart in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Biographical Note:

John J. Carrington was born April 15, 1879, in Tennessee, and died in November 1973, in Oklahoma. He spent most of his career working for the YMCA, beginning in 1905 when he was sent to work in Manila, Philippines. His YMCA jobs also took him to France, Fort McKinley in Maine, Fort Monroe in Virginia, and others. He was the son of H. Q. Carrington, and had nine sisters and no brothers. Later in his life, he owned The Food Mart in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Folder 1:

Correspondence to John J. Carrington while he was living in the Philippines, from his sisters. Dates include 1904-1915.

Folder 2:

Correspondence to John J. Carrington while he was living in the Philippines, from nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. Dates include 1904-1915.

Folder 3:

Correspondence between John J. Carrington and other YMCA officials, regarding budget, employment and other YMCA business. Dates include January, 1920-May, 1927.

Folder 4:

Receipts for credits to John J. Carrington's retirement fund while he was working at Fort Monroe. Dates include December, 1925 – August, 1928.

John J. Carrington's records from the Eastern Association School, for the training of employed officers of the YMCA.

- Examination paper from August 15, 1923.
- Report cards from January 26, 1922, and March 15, 1923.
- Six certificates of completion of Standard Reading Courses, from July 1921 and August 1922.

Folder 5:

Business correspondence of 1930 between Aquilla Carrington of Huntingdon, TN, and Fireside Industries in Adrian, MI. Includes newsletters and brochures of products relating to lamps and lamp shades.

Folder 6:

Receipts for money orders, 1908-1915, from Fort William McKinley, Rizal, Philippines, and Portland, Maine.

Two newspaper articles discussing John J. Carrington's work with the YMCA, dates and sources unknown.

Two maps of France, published in the early 1900's, by A. Taride, Paris.

Graduation announcement for Miss Vera Carrington, graduating from The Southern Normal University, Huntingdon, TN, May 1907.

Empty envelope to John J. Carrington from the F. H. Smith Company, Washington DC, in November 1928. States John J. Carrington's date and place of birth on back of envelope.

Certificate for one share of stock of Hampton Roads Golf and Country Club, Hampton, Virginia, April 17, 1923.

Envelope from The Bouquet Shop.

1965 Tax Forms from The Food Mart in Anadarko, Oklahoma, owned by John J. Carrington.

Folder 7:

Newspaper Clippings from various newspapers.

- Ad for "The Workshop", a store featuring hand-decorated lamps, owned by Aquilla Carrington. Newspaper and date unknown.
- Two Columns, "Listen, World!" by Elsie Robinson, and "Child Who's Chronically Bad", by Dr. Louis E Bisch. Newspaper and date unknown.
- "Health Good, Philosopher Suicide", and "Elevator Falls Six Stories, 17 hurt", from *the New York Evening Journal*, date unknown.
- "The Hateful Road of Old Age", published in the *Washington Herald*, Sunday December 26, 1926.
- "Hundred Neediest Cases" article from the *New York Times*, Sunday December 16, 1928.

Folder 8:

Six *Reading with a Purpose* books, published by the American Library Association, Chicago. Titles include "Ten Pivotal Figures of History" (1925), "English Literature" (1925), "Sociology and Social Problems" (1925), "Biology" (1925), "Psychology and Its Use" (1926), and "Religion in Everyday Life" (1926).

Typed Draft of the first Chapter titled “Character”, of an unknown book.

Folder 9:

Miscellaneous business cards.

Ten small photos of unidentified people and places, a few are in Manila, Philippines.