

# Fifth Avenue School Photograph Collection (MC 309)

## Organizational Note

According to the Columbus Public Library's original description of this collection, the Fifth Avenue School opened in 1908 in Columbus, Ga, at 627 5th Avenue. The school was built to fill the void in local education for non-white students beyond the 6th grade. Mr. William Spencer was the first principal of what is considered the first municipally owned vocational school for the education of the African-American population beyond the 6th grade. The 5th Ave School was one of three schools in Columbus that were open to African-American students until the 1930's. Fifth Avenue was converted to an elementary school once Spencer High School was opened. The school was closed by the Muscogee County School Board in 1978.

## Scope and Content

The 5th Avenue School Photograph Collection comprises .20 linear feet of material and contains only photographs, which include PTA meetings, individuals and school events.

1948-1967 1 box (.2 l.f.)

## Provenance

This collection was donated to the Columbus State University Archives in October 2013 by the director of the Columbus Public Library when it closed its archival collections. The collection was originally numbered MC 037.

## Permission to Publish

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## Box and Folder List

- Folder 1 - Group of nine adults
- Folder 2 -Group of four adults
- Folder 3 - Group of four seated women
- Folder 4 -School Safety Patrol
- Folder 5 - Large photo of three male students
- Folder 6 - Group of three women
- Folder 7 - PTA attendance banner group
- Folder 8 - Kindergarten class
- Folder 9 - Women and children on a float
- Folder 10 - Large group of parents and teachers
- Folder 11 -Class dressed as Pilgrims and Indians
- Folder 12 - Ten women sitting at library table
- Folder 13 - PTA meeting with attendance banner
- Folder 14 - School portraits, unlabeled, PTA male president, 1948-1949
- Folder 15 - Large group at meeting, possibly 1967
- Folder 16 - large group at meeting
- Folder 17 - PTA table with fruit/vegetable boxes and children

- Folder 18 - Thanksgiving boxes on stage with PTA members