

DeKalb History Center

Vee Simmons Collection

Scope and content: The Vee Simmons Collection contains photographs, slide presentations, books newspaper clippings and mementoes of Dr. Vee Simmons.

Provenance: Gift of Dr. Vee Simmons, March 2002, ACC# 2002.22.

Access: Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Reproductions of photographs and permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the Archivist, DeKalb History Center. Citations should be made as follows:

Description of specific item; Vee Simmons Collection, DeKalb History Center Archives.

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Size: Five total: 1 document box, 3 oversized museum cases and scrapbook and photographs stored in a 1 scrapbook box.

Biographical Sketch of Sadie Vee Simmons: Dr. Vee Simmons was born in Jackson, Mississippi and began her teaching career in Trion, GA in 1951. She began teaching in Decatur in the fall of 1955, eventually serving as superintendent from 1975 until 1986, when she retired. She has a doctorate from the University of Georgia and a master's from Emory University. In 2000, Vee Simmons was chosen as a City of Decatur Hometown Hero. She was active in her church, Grace United Methodist, including serving as chair of the board of Grace Academy, chairman of the board or trustees for five years and as head of the building committee when expansion of the campus took place. She also volunteered for ten years at Fernbank.

She is published in the Elementary School Journal with Donald Ross Green of Emory. *Chronological Age and School Entrance* was published as part of her master's degree from Emory. She loves to travel and has been to 65 countries. She currently lives in the Northlake area.

Description: The Vee Simmons collection includes a photocopy of the Decatur Board of Education Minutes from 1902 to 1907, correspondence including congratulatory letters on Dr. Simmons' acceptance of Superintendent of Schools in 1974, newspaper clippings, photographs and short and long versions of a slide presentation on Effective Schools, including a cassette of an audio track. There are also books given and autographed by Daisy Frances Smith, who was a principal in the Decatur Schools system at Girls' High School.

4	Four trophies: Best Boy's Track	1988
	Decatur Grammar School Track champions	1931

Box	Folder Contents	Dates
4 (cont.)	Legion Trophy Grammar School Track Champions	1934
	Ponce de Leon School	
	National Marble Tournament Champions	1937
5	Archives stacks, first floor, shelf C4, retirement scrapbook	1986
	2 oversized photos, one Glennwood school student body	1964
	And Simmons and Mrs. W.A. Martin, 5 th grade teacher,	n.d.
	Introduction of TV in the classroom	

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