Edward J. Henry family papers
.25 linear feet; 1 quarter manuscript box, 4 framed objects
1887-2009, bulk 1932-1967

Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, Salisbury University, Salisbury, Maryland
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Creator: Edward J. Henry

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Separated Materials: Framed materials are housed in Portrait Storage at Blackwell Library.
**Biographical History**: Edward J. Henry (1862-?) was born in Worcester County, Maryland and became a minister and prominent educator. He married Mary Queen Purnell (1878-?), they had five children. Daughter, Helen (1892-?) became an accomplished violinist and their son William E. (1900-1996) was the superintendent of colored schools in Worcester County and eventually became the President of Bowie State College.

**Scope and Content Note**: The family papers of Edward J. Henry document his family’s activities in Snow Hill, Maryland from his marriage to Mary Queen Purnell in 1887 through the death of his son William’s wife, Mary Holley Henry in 2009 with the bulk of the materials dating from 1932-1967. Materials include marriage certificates, funeral programs, ephemera about Helen and her violin as well as son William and Bowie State College, newspaper clippings and photographs.

**Arrangement Statement**: Folders are listed by their location in each box; any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entirety of the collection.
Subject Terms:

General Terms

African American history
Education
Fraternal Organizations
Snow Hill, Md.

Corporate Names

Bowie State College
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Orange, Va.
Grand United Order of Odd Fellows
Somerset Junior-Senior High School

Personal Names

Henry, Edward J.
Henry, Helen R.
Henry, Mary Holley
Henry, Mary Queen Purnell
Henry, P.L.
Henry, William E.
Riley, Mamie Henry Williams
Williams, George O.
Williams, Oliver H.
Box 1
1. Marriage License, Edward J. Henry and Mary Q. Purnell, 1887 December 28
2. Marriage License, George O. Williams and Mamie W. Henry, 1911 November 10
3. Marriage License, George Riley and Mamie W. Williams, 1923 October 25
4. Funeral Program Mamie Williams Riley, 1979 December 11
5. Funeral Program, Mary Holley Henry, 2009
6. Ephemera, Meet Helen and Her Violin, 1950s
7. Photographs, Helen and Her Violin, 1950s
8. Program, Installation Exercises, Rev. P.L. Henry, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Orange, Va., 1922
9. Certificate of Attendance, Oliver Williams, 1932-1933
11. Testimonial Dinner Program, Bowie State College, Dr. William E. Henry, 1967
12. Souvenir Program, Testimonial to Dr. William E. Henry, 1967
16. Newspaper Clippings, 1930s-1950s
17. Photographs, Henry Family, 1910s-1960s

Objects
1. Painting, Portrait, Edward J. Henry, 2011.039.001
2. Painting, Portrait, Mary Queen Purnell Henry, 2011.039.002
3. Diploma, 2011.039.003
4. License, Midwifery, 2011.039.004