

Guide to the Records of the Carver Research Foundation Board of Trustees

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Collection Summary

Creator: Carver Research Foundation, Board of Trustees
Title: The Records of the Carver Research Foundation Board of Trustees, Board Meeting Reports and Agendas Series
Dates: 1951-83
Quantity: 1.3 cubic feet
Identification:
Abstract: The Carver Research Foundation was founded in 1940 with an endowment by Dr. George Washington Carver. The Foundation was formed to continue Carver's scientific research while allowing new opportunities for capable young researchers to develop their skills. The Foundation engaged in scientific research in agricultural and industrial fields and was governed by a board of trustees. The Foundation continued its work into the late 1980s when it was designated a Research Center in Minority Institutions with the National Institute of Health as the source of funding.
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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Records of the Carver Research Foundation, Board of Trustees, Board Meeting Reports and Agendas Series.

Acquisition Information

Acquired in 2003 by the Tuskegee Archives from Dr. James H. M. Henderson, Research Associate with the Carver Research Foundation and Director of the Foundation from 1968-75. As director, he served as an ex-officio member and secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Processing Information

The records were received from Dr. Henderson in seven three-ring binders. They contained the reports and agendas for annual, fall and spring meetings of the Board and were arranged chronologically. Content sections of each report were marked with colored tabs. The records were removed from their binders, and tabs and metal fasteners were removed. Each individual report was placed in a separate folder and labeled with the appropriate date of event. The original order of the records was maintained but the division between the binders was eliminated during the transition to archival quality storage boxes. The original binder titles were as follows: 1951-1962, 1963-1966, Fall 1967-Spring 1970, Fall 1970-1972, 1973-1975, 1976-1979, 1980 – 3/83.

Index Terms

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Tuskegee University Libraries online catalog. Researchers seeking materials about related subjects, persons, organizations or places should search the catalog using these headings:

Subjects:

- Carver Research Foundation
- Agricultural Research and Experiment Station
- Tuskegee Institute

Persons:

- George Washington Carver
- Austin W. Curtis, Jr.
- Russell W. Brown
- Clarence T. Mason
- James H. M. Henderson
- Margaret E. M. Tolbert
- F. D. Patterson
- L. H. Foster
- Benjamin F. Payton
- Thomas D. Russell
- C. W. Shilling
- Harold W. Lucien

Agency History

The Carver Research Foundation was founded on February 10, 1940, by Dr.

George Washington Carver. Dr. Carver made an endowment to fund the Foundation, which was formed to continue his scientific research while allowing new opportunities for capable young researchers to develop their skills. The Foundation engaged in scientific research in agricultural and industrial fields, offering graduate research fellowships and assistantships for students with undergraduate degrees in science who showed an aptitude for research in chemistry, and related areas of the agricultural sciences.

The first trustees were chosen by Dr. Carver to serve as the governing body of the Foundation, and consisted of members from within Tuskegee Institute and from outside industry and academia. The President of Tuskegee Institute, F. D. Patterson, served as the first board chairman but later chairmen came from outside the Institute and the President served as an ex officio member and vice-chairman. The Foundation Director also served in an ex officio role as the secretary to the board and the Institute Financial Administrator served as treasurer. The Board met annually until 1963 when they began to meet bi-annually. After Dr. Carver's death in 1943, the Foundation continued its mission, with Austin W. Curtis, Jr., serving briefly as director. Dr. Russell W. Brown took over as director in 1944 and served until 1957. Dr. Clarence T. Mason served from 1957 to 1968 and Dr. James H. M. Henderson was director from 1968 until 1975. Dr. Brown returned as interim director from 1976 to 1979 before Dr. Margaret E. M. Tolbert was named director in 1979.

The work of the Foundation continued into the late 1980s before the original endowment became insufficient to support the research work. Under a grant from the National Institute of Health the Foundation was designated as a Research Center in Minority Institutions (RCMI) under which it continues to operate.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of reports and agendas for the annual, fall and spring meetings of the Carver Research Foundation Board of Trustees. Each report contains a list of the members of the Board of Trustees, addresses, and their professional positions. The reports also include detailed meeting agendas, reports by trustees and the Foundation director, financial reports, and other material describing activities of the Foundation.

Arrangement

The documents are arranged as one series following the original chronological order as received from Dr. James H. M. Henderson.

Restrictions

There are no restrictions on access. Researchers are responsible for addressing copyright issues on materials not in the public domain.

Inventory

Series 1. Carver Research Foundation Board of Trustees Annual, Spring and Fall Meetings - Reports and Agendas – 1951 to 1983.

Box	Folder	
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1	1	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Feb. 13, 1951
1	2	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Feb. 13, 1952
1	3	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Feb. 10, 1953
1	4	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Feb. 4, 1954
1	5	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Feb. 8, 1955
1	6	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Feb. 14, 1956
1	7	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Feb. 12, 1957
1	8	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Feb. 11, 1958
1	9	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Feb. 10, 1959
1	10	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Apr. 4, 1960
1	11	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Apr. 8-10, 1961
1	12	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Apr. 16, 1962
1	13	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Apr. 8, 1963
1	14	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute

		Fall Meeting, Board of Trustees, Oct. 13, 1963
1	15	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Spring Meeting, Board of Trustees, Mar. 20, 1964
1	16	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Fall/Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Oct. 23, 1964
1	17	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Spring Meeting, Board of Trustees, Apr. 12, 1965
1	18	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Fall Meeting, Board of Trustees, Oct. 27, 1965

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2	1	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Spring Meeting, Board of Trustees, Apr. 4, 1966
2	2	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Fall Meeting, Board of Trustees, Oct. 26, 1966
2	3	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Spring Meeting, Board of Trustees, March 20, 1967
2	4	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Fall Meeting, Board of Trustees, Oct. 25, 1967
2	5	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Spring Meeting, Board of Trustees, Apr. 18, 1968
2	6	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Fall Meeting, Board of Trustees, Oct. 23, 1968
2	7	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Spring Meeting, Board of Trustees, March 31, 1969
2	8	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Fall Meeting, Board of Trustees, Oct. 31, 1969
2	9	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Spring Meeting, Board of Trustees, Mar. 23, 1970
2	10	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Fall Meeting, Board of Trustees, Oct. 30, 1970

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3	1	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Spring Meeting, Board of Trustees, Mar. 14, 1971
3	2	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Fall Meeting, Board of Trustees, Oct. 23, 1971
3	3	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Spring Meeting, Board of Trustees, Apr. 22, 1972
3	4	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Fall Meeting, Board of Trustees, Oct. 24, 1972
3	5	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Spring Meeting, Board of Trustees, March 25, 1973
3	6	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute

		Fall Meeting. Board of Trustees, Oct. 26, 1973
3	7	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Mar. 3, 1974
3	8	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Fall Meeting. Board of Trustees, Oct. 25, 1974
3	9	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Mar. 2, 1975
3	10	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Fall Meeting. Board of Trustees, Oct. 17, 1975
3	11	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Mar. 28, 1976
3	12	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Fall Meeting. Board of Trustees, Nov. 19, 1976

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4	1	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Apr. 23-24, 1977
4	2	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Fall Meeting. Board of Trustees, Oct. 20-21, 1977
4	3	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, March 31-April 1, 1978
4	4	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Fall Meeting. Board of Trustees, Oct. 20-21, 1978
4	5	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Mar.30-31, 1979
4	6	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Fall Meeting. Board of Trustees, Oct. 12-13, 1979
4	7	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Spring Meeting, Board of Trustees, Apr. 18-19, 1980
4	8	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Fall Meeting. Board of Trustees, Oct. 24-25, 1980
4	9	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Apr. 3-4, 1981
4	10	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Fall Meeting. Board of Trustees, Oct. 9-10, 1981
4	11	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Mar. 26-27, 1982
4	12	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Fall Meeting. Board of Trustees, Oct. 9-10, 1982
4	13	Carver Research Foundation, Tuskegee Institute Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees, Mar. 18-19, 1983

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24613|a Finding Aid – Guide to the Records of the Carver Research Foundation Board of Trustees, Board Meeting Reports and Agendas Series.

260__ |a Tuskegee, Ala.: |b National Center of Bioethics, Archives and Museums, Tuskegee University.

351__ |b Organized into one series: (1) Carver Research Foundation Board of Trustees Annual, Spring and Fall Board Meetings – Reports and Agendas – 1951-1983

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60010 |a Carver, George Washington

60010 |a Brown, Russell Wilfrid

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