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PHILLIPS BUSINESS COLLEGE

Phillips Business College was founded in 1929 as Phillips Secretarial School by the late Marjorie Green Phillips. From its modest beginning in the Wall Building, the school experienced steady and continued growth in the 1930s.

In 1933, the College moved to the Medical Arts Building, now known as the Young Building. In 1939, the move was made to the building at 1000 Church Street and the school became known as Phillips Business College. In 1959, an additional floor of the building was occupied, providing three floors for educational use and making the College the exclusive occupant of the building.

The College was incorporated in 1939 as Phillips Business College, Incorporated. In 1954, Virginia Commercial College, established in 1909 in Lynchburg, was purchased and merged with Phillips Business College. The student records of the Virginia Commercial College were maintained for use of its former students.

In 1958, the corporate name was changed to Virginia Business Colleges, Incorporated, with Phillips Business College continuing as the primary division.

On January 1, 1964, the College moved into expanded quarters through the purchase of a building at 1112 Church Street. With declining enrollment, the College moved into smaller quarters on Memorial Avenue in 1986. The college continued to operate in that location until 1998 when, through a change in ownership, it became a member of the Miller-Motte family of colleges. The Lynchburg campus of Miller-Motte was closed in 2017.

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The collection consists primarily of photographs of events, students, student activities, and faculty for the period 1931-1998. Also included are several catalogs, programs, newsletters, scrapbooks, brochures and miscellaneous correspondence for the same period.

- BOX 1** Commencement exercises, catalogs, programs, miscellaneous brochures.
- BOX 2** Scrapbooks, newsletters
- BOX 3** Events photographs
- BOX 4** Correspondence, applications, 35th anniversary programs and photographs
- BOX 5** May Court photographs
- BOX 6** Photographs (1960-1998)
- BOX 7** Group photographs, faculty photographs (1930-1978)
- BOX 8** Individual photographs (some named and dated), miscellaneous photographs of Miller-Motte students, photograph negatives