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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Virginia Dolan was an educator who spent 38 years of her 42-year teaching career in the Indianapolis Public School (IPS) system's elementary schools. It appears that she taught at George B. Loomis School #85 (at 338 S. Arlington Avenue) from 1947–1953; at Robert Browning School #73 (at 4101 East 30th Street) from 1953–1968; and at George Washington Carver School #87 (at 2411 Indianapolis Avenue) from 1968–1985.

Virginia "Ginny" Grace Dolan was born 16 March 1921 in Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois, to John Harvey Dolan (1891–1952) and Vianna Grace Bracken Dolan (1894–1997). She grew up on her father's farm in the Jonathan Creek township of Moultrie County with an older sister, Betty, and a younger brother, Gerald.

Virginia graduated from the Two Mile School and Sullivan High School in Illinois before earning a bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Illinois State Teacher's College in Charleston in 1943. She earned her master's degree from Teachers College of Columbia University in New York. She began her teaching career at Webber School in Saginaw, Michigan.

She was an active member of the Third Christian Church in Indianapolis, serving as an elder, department chairperson, and president of the Christian Women's Fellowship. She was actively involved in many organizations, and served as president for Delta Kappa Gamma Society - Beta Chapter (honor society for women educators) and the Meridian Toastmistress Club, as well as state president of Toastmistress Clubs.

Miss Dolan died 18 September 2001 in Indianapolis and was buried in Greenhill Cemetery in Sullivan, Illinois.

Sources:

Items in the collection


SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of formal portraits (individual and group) and snapshots of students, faculty, and school staff taken during Virginia Dolan's 38-year career as an elementary teacher in the Indianapolis Public School (IPS) system. The particular schools included are: George B. Loomis School #85 from 1947–1953; Robert Browning School #73 from 1953–1968; and George Washington Carver School #87 from 1968–1985.

The collection is arranged in six series:

**Series 1, Faculty Group Photographs:** includes three black-and-white and twelve color photographs of teachers from 1947–1983 at the three schools where Virginia Dolan taught. Most are identified.

**Series 2, School Staff Photographs:** contains five black-and-white and six color photographs of Virginia Dolan, custodians, an aide, and a clerk. They are all identified. There are also photos of Mary Kathryn Owsley, principal of school #87, including snapshots of her retirement gathering in June 1979.

**Series 3, Group Photographs of Miss Dolan's Classes:** is composed of twelve black-and-white and five color group portraits of Virginia Dolan's classes at schools #73 and #87. Only sixteen of her classes are represented from 1954–55 through 1984–85. Most students are identified by their names written on the backs of the photos.

**Series 4, Snapshots of Students:** consists of ten black-and-white photos of groups of students from 1947–1951; only four photos from 1951 have students identified by name. There are also fifty color photos from 1969–83 of groups of students, displays, and events at school #87; many of the students are identified.

**Series 5, Individual Student Portraits Grouped by Years:** is composed of 296 black-and-white and seven color school portraits; most are identified. These portraits are from school years 1952–53 through 1981–82.

**Series 6, Individual Student Portraits -- Alphabetically by Last Name:** includes 158 black-and-white and three color portraits identified by name as well as 39 black-and-white and one color unidentified portraits.

Researchers looking for photos of particular people should do a keyword search for the name in this collection guide to find all of the pictures of an individual. Some of the students have more than one portrait in more than one school year. Some of the handwritten names were difficult to read or possibly misspelled, so separate searches for last name only and first name only may yield results if first searching for the first and last names together does not. Some names of the same people are spelled differently on the backs of different photos. Also look at the group portraits and unidentified portraits.
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Series 1: Faculty Group Photographs

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Snapshot of Miss Gorman, Ruth Graham, Mrs. Carlisle, Virginia Dolan, and Betty Bagby, school #85, spring 1947.

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Teachers at school #73, 1953–54, identified by surnames written on back: Finney, Gralia, Hunter, Morrison, Stranahan, Johnston, Abel, Donaldson, Miss Gorman, Ruski, Dellinger, Clodfelter, [Virginia] Dolan, Ayer, Hollingsworth, Hicks [some not identified]. [color has faded]

Color Photographs Box 1, Folder 1

Faculty at school #73, 1955–56, identified by surnames written on back: Donaldson, Morrison, Phinney, Able, Johnston, Stranahan, Sieger, Dorman, Hicks, Foster, Parnas, Delinger, Ayers, [Virginia] Dolan, Ruski, Hunter, Smith, Inman, Clodfelter, Palmer, Gralia, Ferris, Douglas. [color has faded]

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Faculty at school #73, June 1957, identified by surnames written on back: Graham, Dorman, Lunsford, Mack, Delinger, [Virginia] Dolan, Clodfelter, Hunter, Ruski, Remle [?], Hicks, Sasser, Ayers, Farrington, Appleman, Stranahan, Able, Palmer, Gralia, Johnston, Murphy. [color has faded]

Color Photographs Box 1, Folder 1


Box 1, Folder 1
Faculty at school #73, 1961–62, identified by surnames written on back: Hunter, Johnston, Abel, Morrison, Stranahan, Snepp, [Virginia] Dolan, Hicks, Ashcraft, Ayers, Sizemore, Ruske, Hume, Robbins, Greenburg, Cross, Minor, Delinger, Donaldson, Bird, Baldwin, Davis, Mack, Atwell, Dorman, Foist. [color has faded]

Group photo of faculty in gym, school #87, 1968–69, most identified: Virginia Dolan, Ruth Egleston, Grace Goodman, Mrs. Lepp, Mrs. Sanders, Pat Martin, Mrs. McCain, Mrs. Mae [?], Mrs. Singley, Mrs. Whiteside, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Hays, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Hamra, Mr. Stacks, Mr. DuValle, Mr. McClure, Miss Helms, Miss Schricker, Mrs. [Mary Kathryn] Owsley, Mrs. Banks, Mr. Smith.

Group photo of faculty and staff in gym, school #87, 1972–73, most identified: Reginald DuValle, Leo Stopa, Terry Haisley, Bernard Brewer, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Black, Debbie Patton, Ruth Eagleston, Virginia Dolan, Katherine Maye, Mary Moore, Miss Helms, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Williamson, Sarah Martin, Verna Banks, Mrs. Watson, Maple Sanders, Mary Knoth, Sasse, Helen Arcuri, Mrs. Huffman, Randy Kelly, Miss Jeffries, Mrs. Galston, Mrs. Winters, Mosby, Mrs. [Mary Kathryn] Owsley, Mrs. League, Pauline Shappard.

Dr. Palmer's party, school #73, teachers and families, 7 June 1973 [snapshot of unidentified people].

Dr. Palmer's picnic for school #73 faculty and alumni, 6 June 1974 [snapshot of unidentified people].

Group photo of faculty in gym, some identified [appears to be school #87, probably in the 1970s]: Ruth Raftery, Betty Mann, Pauline Shappard, Mary Owsley, Mary Jane Knoth, Laura Helm, Watson, Sarah Martin, Banks, Helen Arcuri, Galston, Anita Holmes, Bernie Brewer, Kay Champion, Mr. Vaulx, Clark Hendricks, Louise, Jackie Coleman, Glascoe, Flynt, Debra Patton, Leo Sopa, Mrs. Short, Virginia Dolan.
Group photo of faculty and staff in gym, school #87, 1978–79, most identified: Debra Patton, Kay Champion, Mrs. Short, Mrs. Flynn, Mr. Brinkley, Mrs. Lee Ard, Krese, Harper, Ard, Eagleson, Bloom, Bernie Brewer, Mrs. Watson, Ann Morrison, Mrs. Vaulx, Virginia Dolan, Mrs. Mann, Liz Mark [or Liz Mack?], Anita Holmes, Jackie Coleman, Ruth Raftery, Helen Arcuri, Pat Haynes, Mrs. Farrow, Mary Jane Knoth, Mary Owsley, Mrs. League.


Group photo of faculty and staff in gym, school #87, 1982–83, most identified: Mr. Brinkley, James Harding, David Harakas, Ken Oxfourth, Pat Miller, Cheryl Jackson, Naomi Ervin, Jeannie Watkins, Merideth Leek, Luthenne Harvey, Debbie Broderick, Virginia Dolan, Mrs. Shorts, Mary Jane Knoth, Sarah Martin, Delores Darden, Helen Bosley, Betty Mann, Betty Howard, Thelma Hawkins, Charlene Williams, Liz Atkins, Adrienne Kantor, Leslie Nemec, Linda Godan, Madeline Sweatman, Linda Zeigler.

Series 2: School Staff Photographs

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Mr. Haddock [custodian, n.d.]  
Mrs. Lawrence [aide, n.d.]  
Mr. Moore [custodian, 1947–48]  
Snapshot of Mrs. Owsley [Mary Kathryn Owsley], principal, school #87, fall 1973.

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Snapshot of Debbie Patton, clerk, school #87, 1973–74.

Mary Owsley [principal], school #87, 1975–76.

Three snapshots of a program partido for Mrs. Owsley [Mary Kathryn Owsley] upon her retirement as principal of school #87, June 1979. Shown on stage with Mrs. Owsley are Carl Kalp (superintendent of schools) and Mayor William Hudnut.

**Series 3: Group Photographs of Miss Dolan’s Classes**

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Robert Browning School #73, grade 3, 1963–64, names written on back: Dr. Palmer, Marcia Squire, Virginia Dolan, Dana Block, Dorothy Anne Young, Lynn Wright, Paula Carr, Eddie Wood, Denise Turentine, Roy Settles, Ann Bippus, Steven Sims, Genneil Skaggs, Joe Wickers, Dianna Ray, Maurene Hill, Gary Lucas, Nancy Holden, Don Neal, Margaret Hoover, James O'Hara, Beverly McFarland, Don Thompson, Barbara Perry, Shelton Green, Kevin Hillman, David Hite, Darrel Jones, Connie Collins, Delbert Lakes, Diane Land, Don Stover, Becky McGowin, Leavelt Davis [?], Harold Connerley, Don Cox, Rufus Eaves, Mitchell Campbell, Jesse Brummett, Jerry Buckner.

Robert Browning School #73, grade 3, 1964–65, students not identified.


Robert Browning School #73, grade 3, 1967–68, only a few students identified: Timmy Bozon[?], Chris Layton, Marla Ward.


George Washington Carver School #87, grade 3, 1980–81, names written on back: Mrs. Sweatman, Virginia Dolan, Kendra Anderson, Stanley Zabicki, Brian Livingston, Alecia Hale [? or Alicia Hale], Dean Stout, Sheila Gill, Nancy Pruett, Michael Jackson, Lisa Jones, Cornelia Donaldson, Mary Supple, Steven Pruett, Linda Sanders, LaMont Rhem, Cynthia Sloan.


**Series 4: Snapshots of Students**

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Group of 16 girls from school #85, spring 1947. Box 1, Folder 4

Group of 4 girls and 3 boys, grade 3B, spring 1947 [school #85]. Box 1, Folder 4

Group of 11 boys and 11 girls, grade 3A, spring 1948 [school #85]. Box 1, Folder 4

Group of 16 girls [including 2 sets of twins], school #85, spring 1950. Box 1, Folder 4

Group of 22 boys, spring 1950 [school #85]. Box 1, Folder 4

Twins in Miss Dolan's class at school #85, spring 1950 [5 girls and 1 boy]. Box 1, Folder 4

Twelve boys, all identified, in Miss Dolan's class, spring 1951 [school #85]. Box 1, Folder 4

Seven boys, all but one identified, in Miss Dolan's class, spring 1951 [school #85]. Box 1, Folder 4

Eight girls, identified, in Miss Dolan's class, spring 1951 [school #85]. Box 1, Folder 4

Four girls, identified, in Miss Dolan's class, spring 1951 [school #85]. Box 1, Folder 4

Thirteen black-and-white photos of groups of school children with no identification, except one is identified only as "School #85 kids," n.d. Box 1, Folder 5
Group of 10 identified third graders, school #87, 1969–70.

Group of 17 identified fourth graders, school #87, 1969–70.

Three photos of groups of unidentified students at school #87, 1969–70. Also, two photos of Water Cycle display at school #87, 1969–70.

Group of unidentified students, 3rd and 4th grade, school #87, 1970–71.

Three photos of groups of students, some identified, school #87, fall 1973.

Fifth graders at school #87, 1973 [not identified and heads cut off in photo].

Four photos of groups of fifth graders, some identified, school #87, 1974–75. One photo of spring bulletin board, school #87, 1975.

Candy Madden and kids in school #87 schoolyard, 1975.

Three photos of groups of boys and three photos of groups of girls, most identified, school #87, 1975–76.

Two photos: one shows student Brenda Graves entering room with other students standing by; other photo shows Brenda Graves with sign and cake that say "Congratulations Brenda." Taken at school #87, 1975–76.

Students going into building, school #87, 1975–76.

Christmas program, 1976, school #87: shows five identified third graders on stage.

Four photos of groups of identified third graders, school #87, fall 1977.

Three photos of groups of unidentified students, school #87, spring 1979.
Group of identified students, school #87, 1980–81. Color Photographs Box 1, Folder 6

Ten photos of third graders (a few are identified), school #87, 1982–83. [One photo has "83–84" written on back but appears to be from the same day as the other nine photos marked as being from 1982–83.] Color Photographs Box 1, Folder 6

Four photos of unidentified groups of students and some adults outdoors, school #87, spring 1983. Color Photographs Box 1, Folder 6

**Series 5: Individual Student Portraits Grouped by Years**

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1952–53 [?] Students [names faded and difficult to read, so may not be accurate]: Darlene Brown, David Coffman, Jimmy Cullings, Susan Demarle, Geraldine DeMott, Ronald Es__, Ronald Gibson, Stephen Johnson, Christy Jacks, Martha Kendricks, Dennis Knauss, Judy Ling, Carl Matlock[?], Stephen Pollack, Paul Rice, Robert Scudder, [Jerrilyn] Sherrard, Kathy Shimer, Jackie Skomp, Tommy Tiedemann, Marcus Thompson, Larry Vorhies, one unreadable. Box 2, Folder 1


1954–55 Students [these individual portraits were identified from the composite group photo]: Marilyn Allen, Mark Babb, Ronald Below, Gloria Brott, Ricky Bryan, Linda Burns, Tommy Camden, Bob Cole, Gayle Geisler, Mike Gillespie, Larry Hiner, Dannie Kelley, Clarence Kirkman, Patricia Lambert, Carman Lewis, Larry Lev [or Larry Ley?], Goldie Loy. 


1955–56 Students (continued): Carol Morford, Ellen McGowin, Lowell McNeal, George Moore, Sandra Neal, Delbert Powell, Shirley Ryan (Fall 1955) [2 copies], Marjorie Scalf, Vickie Settle, Keith Shadday, Douglas Shelton, April Smoot, Pamela Stellhorn, Cheryl Tabb, Tommy Walters, Libby Wand, Mike White, Mike Williams.

1957–58 Students: Bradley Connerley, Kay Corbin, Ronald Cole, Evelyn Fannin, Linda Flannery, Phil Hargis, Kenneth Heady, Gary King, Steven Manning, Donald Marcrum, Gary O'Neal, Steven Port, Stephany Skiles, Steven Skiles, Alfanso Swanigan, Paulette Turentine, Tommy Walters.

1957–58 Students (continued): Billy [no last name; freckle-nosed boy in Cub Scout uniform], Dale [boy with no last name specified], Dianne [no last name; light-haired girl in Brownie uniform], Ronald [no last name], six unidentified boys, ten unidentified girls.

1962–63 (school #73): Kurt Baker

1968–69 (3rd grade): Ricardo Modlin
1970–71 (3rd grade): Michelle Walker

1972–73: Connie Gibson


1976 (8th grader, school #87): Kim Howard

1976–77 (3rd grade): Herbert Patton

1977–78: Cathy [no last name], TaWanna Smith (3rd grade[possibly 1978–79?])

1979: Debbie Eade "nearly 10", Jim Eade "13 1/2"

1979–80: Dave Bailey, Rachelle Bales, Donald Bennett, Sarah Cherry, Tiwanna Clemmons, Demarcus Collins, Andrea DeBenneta, Kristal Elkins, Theresa Elzy, William Harris, Judy Jones, Morgan Keller, Derek Lawrence, David McGrath, Michael McIntosh, Darrien Montgomery, Jerry Montgomery, Kerry Morse, Kathy Neal, Loretta Rexroat, LaMarcus Rhem, Joey Slaley, Angela Sloan, Tammy Sparks, Joey Staley, Randy Stamps, Danny Stovall, Eddie Wilkins, Anthony Willoughby, Rose Zabicki.

1979–80: Larger, uncropped versions of all the portraits listed immediately above, plus one unidentified portrait. These photos were cut by IHS staff from one long roll of photographs, and each one has "Compliments of Your Photographer" printed below the portrait. Many of these photos have creases. [Dave Bailey's portrait was at the top of the roll of photos and has an extra caption above.] These photos were identified based on what was written on the backs of the cropped versions of these portraits.
1980–81 [3rd grade, school #87]: Kendra Anderson, Cornelia Donaldson, Sheila Gill, Alecia Hale, Michael Jackson, Lisa Jones, Brian Livingston, Steven Plummer, Nancy Pruett, LaMont Rhem, Linda Sanders, Cynthia Sloan, Dean Stout, Mary Supple, Roy Wilkins, Stanley Zabicki.

1981–82 Students [3rd grade, school #87]: Darryl Blanchard, Anthony Bradley, Adrian Chandler, Celeste Davidson, Carrie Ditchley, Larry Fox, Oscar Hall, Yolonda Hardy, Terron Imani, Catina Jordan, Salena McClendon, Regina Merritt, Robbie Pollitt, Michael Reams, Cathy Skaggs, Ellen Smith, Michael Smith, Margo Taylor, Donald Tener, Dannella Toney, Michelle Walker, Stacy Wallace, Roy Wilkins [on class composite photo in Color Photographs, Folder 3, he is listed as Roy Stoddard].

**Series 6: Individual Student Portraits -- Alphabetically by Last Name**

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**A:** Kim Adams, Martha Akers, Arnold Allen, Janet Allen (age 8), Marilyn Allen, Caroline Amelung, Shirley Atwood, Delores Avant.

Roger Atkinson (2nd grade, school #87)

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**B:** Joyce Beasley, Carl Bondy [2 different portraits], Kingston Bowen, Kirby Bowen, Sandra Bowen, Wanda Bowen, Gloria Brott, Mark Brott, Diane Brown, Sandra Brown, Saundra Brown, Diane Bunyard. Also, two different portraits of the same girl: one identified as Sue Ann Beecker and the other as Sue Carole Becker or Beeker.

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Box 2, Folder 18

**C:** Tommy Camden [possibly 1955–56], Gerald Cannon [? last name cut off at the end], Bobby Cole [possibly 1955–56], Michael Collins [2 different portraits, one dated 1947–48], Albert Connor, Joe Connor, Bobby Coomler, Patricia Cooper, Jeffrey Crockett, Jimmy Curry.

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E: David Ebert [2 different portraits], Gloria Edmonds, Bernard Egelhof, Donald Eldridge, Theresa Elzy, Joyce Eubank, Esther Evans.

F: Tommy Fischer, Jerry Fisher, Eugene Fowlkes, Anita Fross.


H: Stephen Hall, Claude Hardin, Judy Hartley Tracy Hearn, Albert Hendrickson, Lucille Hendrickson.

I: Elsie Ijames, Edward Imel, Donald Irwin.

J: Priscilla Jackson [2 different portraits], Toris Jackson, Rhonda James, Florine Jenkins, Carolyn Johnson, Reginald Johnson, Carolyn Jones, Karen Jones, Norman Jones.

K: Paul Keen, Jimmy King, Nathaniel King, Patricia Kinnick, Donald Kniep, Brenda Knox, Stanley Krasienko, Ronald Kroner.


Leonard McKinney, Martin Murray.

N–O: Conrad Neitezhenhouser [Conrad Neutzenhelzer], Jim Nipp, Robert O'Neil, Dana Osborne.
P–Q: Billy Parker, Dewayne Phelps, Beth Pierce, Lana Pursley.

R: Roberta Reede[?], Robert Rickenbaugh, Geraldine Ruedlinger[?], Ricia Rutland, Roger Rutledge.


T–V: Evelyn Taylor, Brian Terry, Jerry Thompson, Marion Thompson, Patricia Tomey, Paul Tucker, Vincent Vaughn.


Unidentified Boys: 17 portraits. One is identified as "Billy." Three are possibly from 1955–56 [possibly Mark Babb, Michael Shroyer, and Phillip Williams].

Unidentified Girls: 23 portraits. Six are possibly from 1955–56 [possibly Marilyn Allen, Linda Burns, Carman Lewis, and others].