

**Culture & Heritage Commission
Board of Commissioners Meeting
September 24, 2024
6:00 PM
Museum of York County**

Person Presiding: Annie Laurie Wheat
Members Present: George Sheppard, Ed Stewart, Jeff Lyon, Margaret Parson-Willins, Annie Laurie Wheat, and Katherine Williams
Members Absent: David Duncan
Ex-Officio Members Present: Eddie Lee
Ex-Officio Members Absent: Katie Rutland
Staff Present: Richard Campbell, Dabney Scholler, and Nancy Sambets
Others: Michelle Totherow, Braxton Townsend, Ann Townsend, Bryan Townsend, Kaisa Love, Judy Love, and Laura Rutledge

Call to Order

- Annie Laurie Wheat called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
- Annie Laurie Wheat presented the minutes from the August 27, 2024 meeting
 - George Sheppard made a motion to approve the minutes
 - Annie Laurie Wheat seconded the motion and asked for changes or corrections.
 - No corrections to be made, minutes are accepted as written.

Calendar Review

- October- Institutional Plan

Reports and Presentations

- Director's Report
 - *Presented by Richard Campbell*
 - Visitation
 - CHM site-wide visitation for the month of August totaled five thousand, one hundred and eighty-three. Year-to-date visitation totaled fourteen thousand, four hundred and four.
 - School Groups
 - For the month of August school group visitation totaled sixty-four and year-to-date visitation totaled one thousand, two hundred and ninety-four. School groups are lower than the previous year due to schools starting earlier and the scheduling of field trips. There is an adjustment period, much like the social studies standards adaptation for 3rd and 4th grade.
 - Membership

- Membership has increased by ninety memberships with a total revenue of \$7,520. Year-to-date memberships total two hundred and thirteen with a revenue of \$17,255. The CHM overall memberships are at one thousand, three hundred and eighty-six.
- Past Events
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 - On August 31st, National South Carolina Day was celebrated by the Main Street Children’s Museum with a variety of interactive activities for young visitors. There were eight visitors in attendance for this event.
 - Nature at Your Door
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 - By the Sweat of Our Brows
 - This annual event took place at Historic Brattonsville on September 14th celebrating the legacy of the enslaved community through the involvement of their descendants. Two hundred and ten attendees enjoyed various demonstrations and activities, ranging from foodways blacksmithing, and sewing to tours of the Brick House and a panel discussion with Bratton descendants. A hydration station and concessions were available for visitors.
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 - Every October, Historic Brattonsville hosts the annual, month-long event Harvest on the Homestead, taking place each Saturday to highlight the historic harvest seasons of the 18th and 19th centuries. Each weekend will focus on a different theme: Farm Work, Apples, Cotton, and Pumpkins and Spice. Visitors will experience hands-on demonstrations, guided tours, and cooking demonstrations. Light concessions will be available through the Historic Brattonsville Gift Shop.
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o CHM Project Updates

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- The contractor's proposed design change for the breaker has been rejected by the project engineer for the Fluid Preservation Room. Darrell Watts, the project engineer, has worked with the contractor to properly install the panel. The breaker installation took place, successfully, on September 16th and the additional electrical work was completed on September 20th.
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- Watt Cemetery
 - John Fisher has submitted an updated map with corrected GPS coordinates and is finalizing a map, which is expected by the end of this week. The total marker count remains at 488. The final report is due by October 31. The fencing is complete, with locks and "No Trespassing" signs installed. The parking area was successfully installed on July 17 and 18. York County IT is working on extending internet connectivity and Wi-Fi coverage to the cemetery. Details are still being finalized. CHM Project Staff, York County IT, York Electric Cooperative (YEC), and Comporium are coordinating to establish internet and power in the area. This will involve boring under Brattonsville Road and running a Cat 6 cable to a boost station. Total cost estimates are pending. All markers have been fabricated and are ready for installation. A trial installation on July 28 confirmed an efficient process, pending verification against finalized maps for exact placement. CHM Exhibits is finalizing two wayside panels, updating the map and adding the cemetery name. The stands are on-site, and printing will begin once the name is confirmed. Discussions with Brattonsville descendants are ongoing regarding the cemetery's name. A subcommittee of African American descendants, led by Margaret Parson- Willins and Wali Cathcart, will propose acceptable naming options to the larger group. The trail route into the

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 - The Fort Mill Fire Department has requested repairs and repainting of a historical marker installed by the CHM in 1982. Since it is the responsibility of the sponsoring organization to maintain these markers, we will proceed with this request. This will be the second marker we address this fiscal year, following our ongoing work on the Jefferson High School marker in York.

[Note: A full copy of the Director's Report is attached to these minutes as Addendum A]

Committee Reports

- Collections Committee
 - *Presented by Nancy Sambets*
- Internal Transfer
 - .001- "Morning Pride" Firefighter coat with yellow reflecting stripes; "PBI TWILL" on back
 - .002- "Morning Pride" Firefighter pants with red reflecting stripes
 - .003- Dark green short sleeved shirt
 - .004- Khaki jumpsuit
 - .005- Jar of PBI Polymer
 - .006- Jar of PBI Staple Fiber
 - Donor Name: MYCO Planetarium
- TC436
 - Collection of church minute books, bibles, postcards, art prints, commemorative plates and spoons, rulers, and other items once belonging to the Byers family. Detailed list attached.
 - Donor Name: Mary Jane Shuler

- TC444
 - - Black and white reproduction photograph of the donor's mother, Lois Dean McLaughlin (1907-1987) and father, Dr. Theophilus Mills Taylor (1909-1989) on their wedding day in India
 - Black and white reproduction photograph of five bridesmaids all wearing hats and holding bouquets of flowers
 - Newspaper clipping about the wedding from Saturday, April 25, 1936 issue of *The Herald*
 - Donor Name: Jessica Ann Parker
- TC445
 - .001- Large (4.25'x5.5") black and white "Glen the Frog has a posse" sticker
 - .002- Large (4.25'x5.5") black and white "Glen the Frog has a posse" sticker
 - .003- Small (2.25'x2.75") black and white "Glen the Frog has a posse" sticker
 - .004- Small (2.25'x2.75") black and white "Glen the Frog has a posse" sticker
 - .005- Black and white "GLEN" sticker
 - .006- Black and gold sticker with an alien face and a frog face
 - .007- Blue and black sticker of Glen the Frog in a TV
 - Donor Name: Unknown
- TC446
 - *Archives*: Documents related to the Yorkville Historical Society Walking Tours, Cannon Mills, Class Reunion events, newspaper clippings and scrapbook of photographs and newspaper articles
 - *History*: 20 pieces of young children's clothing belonging to the Jones family
 - Detailed list attached
 - Donor Name: Jan Ramsey
- TC447
 - Scanned images of 5 Jefferson High School Annuals: 1959, 1960, 1965, 1966, 1967
 - Scanned images of Jefferson High School 2004 Reunion Program
 - Donor Name: James Gwinn
- TC448
 - Scanned images of Gwinn Family Papers, see attached full inventory
 - Donor Name: James Gwinn
- Annie Laurie Wheat asked about copyright laws for "Glen the Frog" - TC445. George Sheppard and Eddie Lee both asked about the legality of the use of "Glen the Frog" image
 - Nancy Sambets did not know if "Glen the Frog" was making money off of these marketing items, that would be a question for Jillian Bingham. Nancy Sambets will get clarification from her.
 - The Commission will exclude TC445 from the motion to accept until clarification is issued.
- Annie Laurie Wheat entertained a motion to approve all of the items presented, with the exception of TC445, as we need more information about anonymously donation.
 - George Sheppard asked how do we determine temporary custody ID when it says N/A when we make a motion.

- Nancy Sambets explained that the referenced item was an internal transfer and doesn't require a temporary custody number,
 - George Sheppard asked to create a number so that the item can be accepted into the Collection
 - Nancy Sambets explained that creating a number for it would disrupt the system put in place by the Collections and Archives Departments. She suggested that we accept the items with a temporary custody number be accepted under one motion and the internal transfer be accepted under a separate motion.
- Annie Laurie Wheat entertained a motion to approve all of the items presented, with the exception of TC445.
 - Ed Stewart seconded the motion
 - Annie Laurie Wheat called for a vote, vote was taken, and the motion passed
- Annie Laurie Wheat made a motion to accept the Internal Transfer to the Collection
 - George Sheppard seconded the motion
 - Annie Laurie Wheat called for a vote, vote was taken, and the motion passed

[Note: Copy of the above Recommendations for Accession are attached to these minutes as Addendum B]

- Finance Committee
 - *Presented by Margaret Parson-Willins*
 - Nothing to report, everything looks good
 - Richard Campbell stated that in October we will be performing a Budget Amendment, bringing Foundation for the Carolinas and other funds into this fiscal year.
- Governance Committee
 - *Presented by Annie Laurie Wheat*
 - Nothing to report

Executive Session

- No Executive Session required

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Commission Member New/Non-agenda Comments

- Due to a staff miscommunication, two young volunteers attended the meeting. Moving forward, we will address and communicate to all parties accordingly.

Adjourn

- - George Sheppard made a motion to adjourn.
 - Ed Stewart seconded the motion.
 - Annie Laurie Wheat called for a vote, vote was taken, and the motion passed.
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm

Prepared by: Dabney Schoffer
Submitted by: Margaret Parson-Willins,
Secretary/Treasurer

Culture and Heritage Museums Director's Report September 24, 2024

Mission: to communicate and preserve the natural and cultural histories of the Carolina Piedmont, inspiring a lifetime of learning.

Total Served – August 2024

- Total Served: 5,183 -2,733 or -34.52%
 - Museum of York County: 2,278
 - Historic Brattonsville: 500
 - Main Street Children's Museum: 2,376
 - Historical Center of York County: 29
- Total Served year-to-date: 14,404 -1,182 or -7.5%
 - Museum of York County: 7,470
 - Historic Brattonsville: 1,680
 - Main Street Children's Museum: 5,126
 - Historical Center of York County: 128

School Groups/Summer Programs – August 2024

- Total school group visitation: 64 -863 or -93.3%
 - Museum of York County: 64
 - Historic Brattonsville: 0
 - Main Street Children's Museum: 0
- Year-to-date: 1,294 students +367 or +39.6%
 - Museum of York County: 774
 - Historic Brattonsville: 30
 - Main Street Children's Museum: 85

Membership – August 2024

- New memberships: 90
- Membership revenue: \$7,520
- Year-to-date memberships: 213
- Year-to-date membership revenue: \$17,255
- Total Memberships: 1,386

Past Events

Nothing Finer than South Carolina (MSCM)

On August 31, the Main Street Children's Museum celebrated National South Carolina Day with a variety of interactive activities for young visitors. Children enjoyed playing with local animal puppets, embarking on a pretend voyage to Charleston, and making classroom flags. We had 8 in attendance.

Nature at Your Door (MYCO)

On September 7, Dr. Sara A. Gagne, author of Nature at Your Door and Associate Professor of Landscape Ecology at the University of North Carolina Charlotte, facilitated a discussion about the natural world. Participants delved into our relationship with ecosystems, examined our effects on environmental cycles, and explored strategies to positively impact both local and wider landscapes.

York School District 1 Family Night at the Museum (MYCO)

The event took place on September 12 at MYCO, welcoming families from York School District 1 (YSD1), a Title 1 school to the museum. YSD1 coordinated the participation of various community resources and organizations, allowing families to explore valuable services that evening. They also brought their mobile early learner classroom for interactive learning experiences. Attendees enjoyed a dinner catered by Chick-fil-A, with 124 individuals representing 34 families in attendance. YSD1 noted that sports schedules may have affected turnout and has already requested a date in August 2025 to better accommodate families' fall activities.

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By the Sweat of Our Brows (HB)

On September 14, Brattonsville held its annual event, "*By the Sweat of Our Brows*," celebrating the legacy of the enslaved community through the involvement of their descendants. Attendees enjoyed demonstrations of African American foodways and trades, including blacksmithing and hand-sewing, and explored the Reconstruction Era at the recreated Brattonsville Store and our award-winning exhibit, *Liberty & Resistance*. The event also included a panel discussion with Bratton descendants, family-friendly activities, a historic cotton gin demonstration, guided site tours, and a presentation on preserving spaces once occupied by enslaved people. A hydration station and concessions were available for visitors. There were 210 attendees for the event.

Evening with Meredith Connelly (MYCO)

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Living History Saturday: "Harvest on the Homestead: Farm Work in the Harvest Season" (HB)

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- **October 5: Farm Work** – Blacksmithing, garden maintenance, 19th-century cooking, and a tour focusing on the life and labor of enslaved people on the Bratton Plantation.
- **October 12: Apples** – Apple-themed 18th-century cooking, natural dyeing, food preservation, and a tour on agricultural practices of the Carolina Piedmont.
- **October 19: Cotton** – Cotton gin demonstrations, blacksmithing, 18th-century cooking, and a tour of the 19th-century Bratton Plantation.
- **October 26: Pumpkins and Spice** – Pumpkin-themed 18th and 19th-century cooking, archery demonstrations, and a tour focusing on 18th and 19th-century agricultural practices.

Out of this World! Family Day (MYCO)

Out of This World! Family Day takes place on October 5 from 10am to 4pm at the Museum of York County, featuring an exciting array of space exploration activities. Visitors can participate in a space object guessing game, create spacecraft models, and make their own Pocket Solar System to take home. The event will debut new items in the planetarium's education collection and include a special appearance by Dr. Tatiana Niembro Hernandez, a solar weather expert from Harvard University and the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory.

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Parking Area: The parking area was successfully installed on July 17 and 18.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCESSION

Temporary Custody ID:	Collection Type:	Method of Acquisition:
N/A	Planetarium & History	Internal Transfer

Name of Donor:
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Description of Accession:

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Overall Condition: Excellent Good Fair Poor

General/Comparable Size of Collection

The firefighter jacket, pants, and jumpsuit will be hung on mobile clothes rack with other large and oversized textiles. The shirt will fit in an existing box with like materials.

The jars are about 3” diameter and 4” tall; they will fit in a box with other textile fibers and spools.

Significance/Ownership History Mission Rating: 5 (Scale of 1 – 5; 5 matches mission 100%)

All items were collected by MYCO Planetarium Manager, Carole Holmberg, and late CHM Historian Michael Scoggins during their 2014 trip to the PBI Performance Products, Inc. Factory in Rock Hill. From 2014 to July 2024, the items have been maintained by Planetarium Manager for use during programming. Given that the items were made in Rock Hill, they are better suited in the permanent collection while still being made available for all staff to use during special programming or exhibition.

History of PBI as researched by late CHM Historian Michael Scoggins:

Renowned scientist Dr. Carl S. Marvel is credited as the inventor of the polybenzimidazole molecule in the early 1960’s. Dr. Marvel’s research was sponsored by the Air Force Materials Laboratory, and he had been charged with discovering thermally stable high-performance polymers that could provide superior performance in key applications. Dr. Marvel reported that polybenzimidazole (or “Pbi”, as it is referred to today) showed great promise, as a polymer and a fiber with superior flame and chemical resistant properties.

Dr. Marvel’s invention found its first commercial application in 1967 with NASA. After the tragic fatal fire during the Apollo 1 rocket launch, NASA embarked on an effort to develop flame-resistant materials for use in the space program. They partnered with Celanese to develop a process to spin Pbi fibers and use them to make the astronauts’ space suits. This pilot project was successful, and Celanese patented the Pbi polymer production and fiber spinning technologies.

Over the next decade, Celanese saw significant growth in the demand for high performance polymers and fibers, and in the late 1970's the decision was made to build a commercial Pbi production facility at the Celriver site. Construction of the new Pbi plant was completed in 1982, and by 1983 the new plant was producing commercial quantities of Pbi polymer and fiber. The primary market for this new material would be the fabric in the outer shells of fire fighter's turnout gear, where Pbi provided the best protection of any product in that market.

Most of the staffing for the new Pbi plant came from the employees of the main Celriver Plant. This trend continued over the next 23 years, during which time most staff and hourly openings at Pbi were filled by Celriver employees. In many cases, Celriver plant employees were able to continue and extend their careers by making the move to Pbi, especially when the Celriver Plant began shutting down.

The Pbi plant continued to operate as a separate but integral part of the Celriver plant until 2005, when the business was sold to The InterTech Group, an investment company located in North Charleston. This sale took place during the same time period that the Celriver plant was being shut down. Celanese and The InterTech Group worked together to build the utility systems and infrastructure necessary to allow the Pbi plant to continue to operate after the Celriver shutdown.

Today, Pbi Performance Products, Inc. continues to operate and grow as part of The InterTech portfolio of companies. In addition to the servicing our core business, the global fire service market, Pbi polymer and fiber products are now being used in many other markets and applications, including semi-conductor chip manufacturing, automotive and aircraft applications, offshore oil drilling operations, and in the space program.

Potential Uses: Research Exhibition Loan

All items are great candidates for research, exhibition, and/or loan on topics related to the textile industry in York County, Celriver Plant, firefighters and other first responders, safety and first aid, and space travel/NASA

Restrictions:


N/A

Unusual Costs:

N/A


Staff Recommendation (Signature & Title):

Date:

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Executive Director Signature:

Date:

Rebecca Campbell

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RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCESSION

Table with 3 columns: Temporary Custody ID, Collection Type, Method of Acquisition. Values: TC436, Archives, History, Art, Gift.

Name of Donor: Mary Jane Schuler

Description of Accession: Collection of church minute books, bibles, postcards, art prints, commemorative plates and spoons, rulers, and other items once belonging to the Byers family. **Itemized inventory starts on page 5 of this document**

Overall Condition: [] Excellent [X] Good [] Fair [] Poor

General/Comparable Size of Collection

The archival material can fit into a single document box or be added to existing collections of similar items. The prints are 30" x 20". The framed prints can fit into art cubbies while the unframed artwork will go into an existing box with other similar prints. All other items can be stored in existing boxes with like items.

Significance/Ownership History Mission Rating: 4-5 (Scale of 1 - 5; 5 matches mission 100%)

The donor acquired the items and archival material through various family members including her sister and mother.

Family of Mary Jane Schuler:

Reverend John Pinkney Byars (July 25, 1876- January 22, 1944): Byars was born in Rutherford County, North Carolina but moved to South Carolina as a young boy. He worked on his father's farm until he gained an interest in music. He moved to Dayton, VA to gain an education in music. He then taught music at two schools in Western NC from 1914-1915. He also focused on evangelical work. He then taught at Weslyn College in SC for two years. In 1918 he became the pastor at Limestone Street Church in Gaffney. After a year, he moved to Union to serve at Unity-Sardis Church. In 1921, he moved to Anderson and served at two churches, Orville and Gluck. Byars also served as a pastor in Rock Hill at West Main Street Methodist Church. Byars married Harriet Ruth Stevick (August 20, 1887-April 30, 1976) on December 24, 1913. They had three children Elizabeth Byars (Hackett), Jamison P. Byars, and Stanley Cook Byars. John P. Byars died January 22, 1944 in Spartanburg, SC where he was a pastor at Clifton and Converse Methodist Churches.

Stanley Cook Byars (October 18, 1921-January 5, 2014): Byars was born in Union, SC to Rev. John Pinkney Byars and Harriet Ruth Stevick Byars. He married Mildred Sharpton (December 8, 1922-) and they had two daughters, Harriet Byars (Peoples) and Mary Jane Byars (Schuler). Byars worked in the maintenance department of St. Phillips Hospital, in quality control during the construction of Bowater

Plant, and at Marshall Oil and Marshall Tire Companies. He was a craftsman of furniture construction and antique construction. During World War II, Stanley and Mildred Byars lived in Abbeville, SC. In 1950 they lived at 1133 Charlotte Avenue, Rock Hill and in 1970 they lived at 349 Plantation Road, Rock Hill.

Photo with Stanley Cook Byars in it is possibly of the April 1929 **Rock Hill Children's Festival Toy Symphony Orchestra** consisting of around 100 first, second, and third grade boys.

Mary Jane Byars and Donald Schuler (son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Glenn Schuler) were married May 29, 1971 at Saint John's United Methodist Church. Mary Jane attended Winthrop College and became a teacher. Donald attended Wofford College then attended the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Maude Smith Baber (May 8, 1888-September 23, 1951): Carrie Maude Smith was the daughter of Robert Latham Abernathy Smith and Mary Elizabeth Wilkerson Smith. She was a saleslady at McConnell's Dry Goods store for 25 years. She was active in civic and religious activities at **Trinity Methodist Church**. She was a Sunday School teacher and a member of multiple woman's societies and circles. She married Luther Greer Baber (November 5, 1883-October 3, 1973) around 1924 but they had no children.

Trinity Methodist Church: The church was organized in 1824 as Methodist Episcopal Church, Trinity by Reverend William Gassaway. The first church building was built in 1826 and the existing sanctuary was built in 1890. Trinity began Sunday school classes in 1829, one of the oldest Sunday school organizations in the state.

Main Street Methodist Church was built in 1896 after the land was donated by Capt. A.B. Holler. Holler served as the contractor for the church's construction at its original location of 236 W. Main Street, Rock Hill. The church had several names over the course of its history including Laurel Street Methodist Church and West Main Street Methodist Church. "West" was changed to "United" in 1972 when the church finally integrated. In the mid-1990s, the congregation had outgrown the church so they relocated to their current location on Heckle Boulevard and changed the name, again, to Cornerstone Methodist Church. Upon their relocation, the Main Street building was sold to Pilgrim's Inn so they could expand their homeless assistance programs. In February 2007 a devastating fire broke out following a performance of *David Copperfield* by the Palmetto Teen Drama Group. Though no injuries were reported, the church was destroyed beyond repair. Today, the land serves as a parking lot for Pilgrim's Inn.

St. John's United Methodist Church claims to be the first organized church in Rock Hill being founded in 1856 by a small congregation of six people. Their name and locations changed many times over the years. They have been located in their current location at the corner of Oakland and White Streets since 1925.

Peoples National Bank was originally located in Downtown Rock Hill at 133 E Main Street. They merged with Citizens and Southern National Bank of South Carolina in 1964 and moved out of their downtown location in 1972. In 2010, Main Street Children's Museum opened in their original Main Street location with the original vault being used as dedicated play area for children.

Jack Van Buren Bolin (1933-2022) was born on June 22, 1933 to Robert. Gaines Bolin and Frances Blackwell Bolin in Rock Hill, where he also grew up and graduated from Rock Hill High School in 1967. Though he was untrained, Bolin was a lifelong landscape and wildlife artist. Jack married Betty Lou Sexton (1935-2012) of York in August 1954 and they had three children.

The Rock Hill Depot and Main Street, Rock Hill have similar histories due to the large role the railroad played in the creation of Rock Hill. In 1846, the Charlotte & South Carolina Railroad was organized to run from Charlotte, NC to Columbia, SC running through Fort Mill, over the Catawba River at the Nation Ford, through Ebenezer and Chesterville before continuing on to Columbia. The people of Ebenezer opposed the railroad running through their community so the railroad route was altered. In October 1851, local land owner Alexander Templeton Black granted the railroad to build a depot near a “rocky hill” on his land with the depot being called “Rock Hill”. The following month, Black had created plans for a main street and 23 lots for a new town that he envisioned would grow around the depot.

Tillman Hall located on the campus of Winthrop University was constructed in 1894 in the Richardsonian Romanesque style consisting of three stories, an attic, a basement, and a large clock tower. and went by the name of “The Main Building.” In 1862, the building was renamed to Tillman Hall as a way to “honor” former SC Senator and Governor Benjamin Tillman (1847-1918) who was a divisive man known for creating the groundwork for the state’s Jim Crow Laws following the Civil War. The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. In 2020, Winthrop’s Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution asking state legislators to consider amending the Heritage Act of 2000 to “allow Winthrop to restore Tillman Hall to its original name of Main Building.” As of 2024, the name of the building is still Tillman Hall.

Ebenezer Presbyterian Church is one of the oldest in York County, having been founded in c. 1785 in what was then called Ebenezer (now part of Rock Hill), and sits at the same location it was founded, 2132 Ebenezer Road, though in a much newer building. There are four buildings on the church property with the Academy Building, often called “The Athens of York”, was the location of the first post office (1822) and it also at the National Register of Historic Places.

Gene “Genie” Marshall Wilder (1933-2018) was born at Fennell Infirmary in Rock Hill to Arnold Friedheim Marshall and Harriet Moore Marshall, owners of Marshall Oil Company. She attended Winthrop Training School before graduating from Converse College in 1956. She married Donny Wilder of Clinton, SC in 1954. At her 40th reunion in 1996, Genie was awarded the Career Achievement Award for her accomplishments in art and public service. She won numerous other awards for her watercolor and oil paintings. In 1986, Home Federal Savings Bank of South Carolina commissioned Genie Wilder to create a set of three watercolor prints that would be given out as incentives for those who invested in a CD with the bank. The prints are of: The Homestead House of Historic Brattonville, The White Home in Rock Hill, and the McCosh House in Rock Hill. The donor’s parents, Stanley and Mildred Byars were customers of Home Federal and most likely acquired these prints by investing in a CD. Stanley made the prints’ frames himself with heart pine wood.

The White Home was built by one of Rock Hill's pioneering families: George Pendleton White (1801-1849) and his wife Anne Hutchison White (1805-1880) who were married in 1837. By 1840, they had started construction the home that still stands today at 258 E White Street, Rock Hill. Following the death of George, Anne managed the property on her own, eventually selling portions of her land to be used as income since her husband was no longer alive. 5 generations of Whites lived in the house through 2005 when it was sold to Historic Rock Hill. Former HB Director Wade Fairey served as the first Executive Director and helped manage a major restoration project from 2005 through 2010. The home briefly served as a historic house museum but today operates as a private rental venue for weddings and other events.

The McCosh Home located at 228 E. Black Street, Rock Hill was built in 1872 for another one of Rock Hill's founding families: Captain R.H. McCosh and his wife Jane. The house is unique in design with it being one of the first all brick structures built in Rock Hill. The McCosh family only lived in the house for 8 years with Mrs. McCosh moving to Chester upon her husband's death in 1880. In 1884, John Gary Anderson (of the Anderson Motor Company) and his new bride, Alice L. Holler (Daughter of A.D. Holler of Rock Hill Buggy Company) moved into the home as newlyweds. In 1972, on the 100th anniversary of the house's construction, Judge Samuel Mendenhall spearheaded a restoration project of the historic home. The house saw another major restoration project in 1993 when Forest and Totty Wilkerson renovated the house to serve as a law office. Today, the building is used as the offices for a travel agency.

Black Trucking Co. and Black Enterprises, Inc are businesses owned by the Black Family of York that can trace their origins in York County back to 1715 when William and Eleanor Maitland Black moved from Scotland. Robert Black (1832-1894) can be credited for starting the family's grist mill and farm by planting cotton and corn. In 1923, Arthur Lindsey "A.L." Black (1876-1941) started growing peaches on the Black family farm, becoming one of the first peach farmers in the county. In addition to farming peaches, A.L. served in local politics and started a general store called Black's Store. Upon A.L.'s passing in 1941, his son Edward Clack "Punk" Black took over the peach business but also took an interest in trucking, eventually starting Black Trucking Company. E.C. was also heavily involved in local politics, serving on York County government on their Board of Directors and County Council from 1960-1980. Upon E.C.'s passing in 1985, his three sons, E.C. Black Jr. (1945-2000), John Robert Black (1951-present), and Arthur Quinn Black, took over the family businesses. Eddie and John merged the general store and trucking companies together to create Black Enterprises Inc. Black of York following the passing of their father E.C. Black (1920-1985). The retail store of *Black's Peaches* continues to be in business today operating in their original location off of Highway 5.

Potential Uses: Research Exhibition Loan

All items can be used for research, exhibition, and/or loan on a variety of topics including but not limited to York County churches, founding families of Rock Hill, York County businesses, farming, and York County artists.

Restrictions:

N/A

Unusual Costs:

N/A

Staff Recommendation (Signature & Title):

Date:

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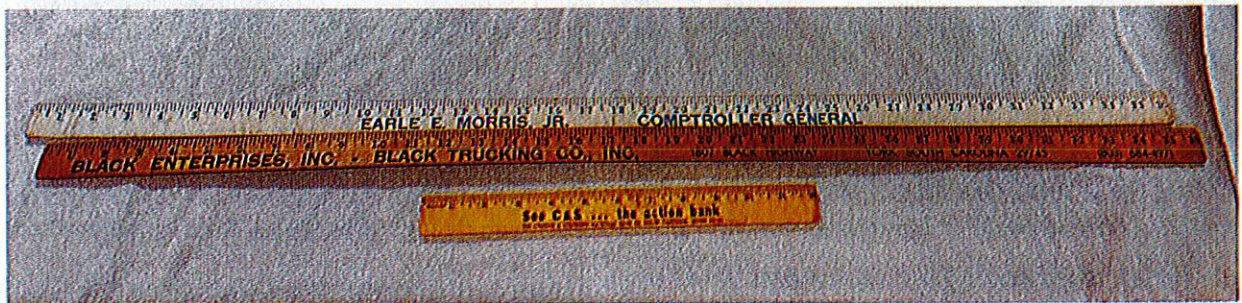
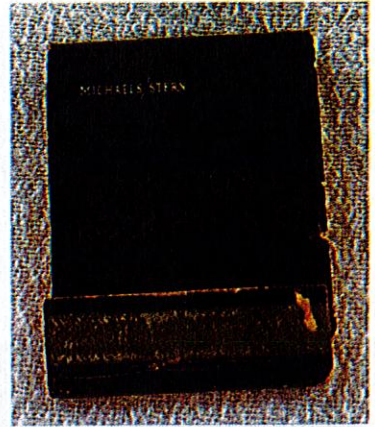
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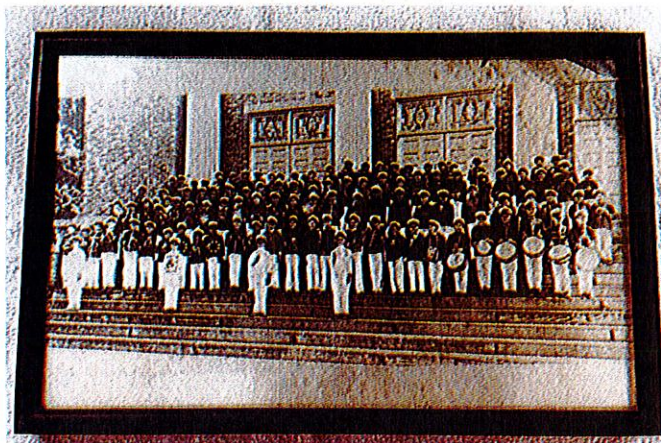
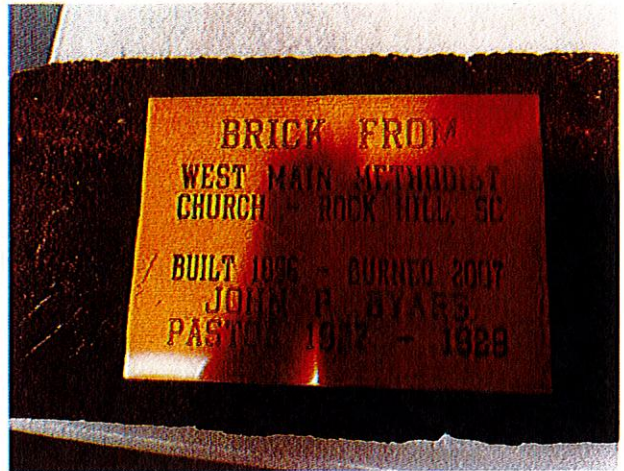
- Framed photo of a 1920s Toy Band on the steps of First Baptist Church in Rock Hill, Stanley Byars in photo
- "Minutes of the Ninetieth Session of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South" December 15-20, 1875
- 1921-1935 Ladies Aide Society of Trinity ME Church minute book
- 1936-1938 Business Woman's Circle of Trinity ME Church minute book
- 1932-1935 Business Women's Circle of Trinity ME Church minute book
- 1932-1934 Ladies Missionary Society of Trinity ME Church minute book
- 1935-1937 Woman's Missionary Society of Trinity ME Church minute book
- 1938-1940 Women's Missionary Society of Trinity M. E. Church minute book
- 1941-1942 Business Woman's Circle of Trinity Methodist Church minute book
- Blank post card with red Benjamin Franklin stamp
- Blank post card with green Thomas Jefferson stamp
- Main Street, Rock Hill, S. C. post card
- Pocket illustrated New Testament Bible, "To Louise Ramsey from your S. S. Teacher Mrs. Luther G. Baber, Dec-25-21" written inside
- New Indexed Bible, "Property of Mrs. L. G. Baber's S. S. Class 1926" written in front

Collections:

- .001 – Reproduction print by Genie Wilder titled *The White Home, Rock Hill*, signed in pencil by artist, number 4 of 300
- .002 – Reproduction print by Genie Wilder titled *The McCosh Home, Rock Hill*, signed in pencil by artist, number 4 of 300
- .003 – Reproduction print by Genie Wilder titled *Dr. John S. Bratton Homestead, Brattonsville*, signed in pencil by artist, number 4 of 300
- .004 – Reproduction print by Jack Bolin titled *Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Academy, Cemetery, circa 1882*, signed in pencil by artist, copyright 1976
- .005 – Reproduction print by Jack Bolin depicting Main Street in Rock Hill, copyright 1975
- .006 – Reproduction print by Jack Bolin depicting the Rock Hill Depot
- .007 – Reproduction print by Jack Bolin depicting Winthrop University's Tillman Hall
- .008 – Commemorative plate featuring image of St. Johns Church in Rock Hill, 1856-1976
- .009 – Commemorative plate featuring image of the Depot of the Southern Railway System in Rock Hill, 1912-1973
- .010 – fired clay brick from West Main Methodist Church in Rock Hill with commemorative brass plaque, 1 of 2
- .011 – fired clay brick from West Main Methodist Church in Rock Hill with commemorative brass plaque, 2 of 2
- .012 – South Carolina Bicentennial commemorative spoon
- .013 – Metal coin bank from Peoples National Bank in Rock Hill
- .014 – Match book from Langston's in Rock Hill
- .015 – set of brown plastic hair curlers (quantity?)
- .016 – Natural wood yard stick from Black Enterprises, Inc. – Black Trucking Co., Inc.
- .017 – Yellow painted ruler from the Citizens & Southern Bank of South Carolina
- .018 – George Washington Bicentennial 1732-1932 commemorative spoon, 1 of 8
- .019 – George Washington Bicentennial 1732-1932 commemorative spoon, 2 of 8
- .020 – George Washington Bicentennial 1732-1932 commemorative spoon, 3 of 8
- .021 – George Washington Bicentennial 1732-1932 commemorative spoon, 4 of 8







RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCESSION

Temporary Custody ID:	Collection Type:	Method of Acquisition:
TC444	Archives	Gift

Name of Donor:

Jessica Ann Parker

Description of Accession:

-Black and white reproduction photograph of the donor's mother, Lois Dean McLaughlin (1907-1987) and father, Dr. Theophilus Mills Taylor (1909-1989) on their wedding day in India
 -Black and white reproduction photograph of five bridesmaids all wearing hats and holding bouquets of flowers.
 -Newspaper clipping about the wedding from Saturday, April 25, 1936 issue of *The Herald*

Overall Condition: Excellent Good Fair Poor

General/Comparable Size of Collection

The photographs and newspaper clipping will go in boxes with other archival items from the donor.

Significance/Ownership History Mission Rating: 5 (Scale of 1 – 5; 5 matches mission 100%)

The photographs and clipping are about the donor's parents' wedding in April 1936. It complements the 1936 wedding dress and other items previously donated by the donor in August 2023 (2023.033).

The donor and her mother, Lois Dean McLaughlin are direct descendants of the Fewell family, "one of York County's pioneer families." They share a common ancestor, Alexander Fewell (1769-1845), with Vernon Grant's wife Elizabeth "Libby" Fewell Grant. The donor and Louis are also direct descendants to Mecklenburg County's prominent McLaughlin family through her grandfather (Dr. Alexander R. McLaughlin).

Lois Dean McLaughlin (1907-1987) was born in Charlotte but grew up in Rock Hill. Lois graduated from Winthrop College in 1929 before heading to India in 1932, where she taught until 1938. She married **Dr. Theophilus Mills Taylor (1909-1989)** of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in April 1936 after meeting him in India where they were both teaching at Woodstock School, a missionary school located in the Indian foothills of the Himalayas. The dress worn by Lois in the photograph was purchased and shipped to India by her mother, Jessie, for the wedding. Lois and Theophilus' first daughter, Martha Renwick Taylor, was born in India. Upon their return from India to the United States, the young family lived in New York. Together, Lois and Theophilus had a total of four children, three daughters and a son.

Potential Uses: Research Exhibition Loan

All items are in great condition and would be great candidates for research, exhibition, or loan on topics related to weddings, international travel, York County teachers abroad, Missionaries, twentieth century clothing



Restrictions:

None

Unusual Costs:

None

Staff Recommendation (Signature & Title):

Date:

Nancy Sambets Director of Archives 9-16-2024

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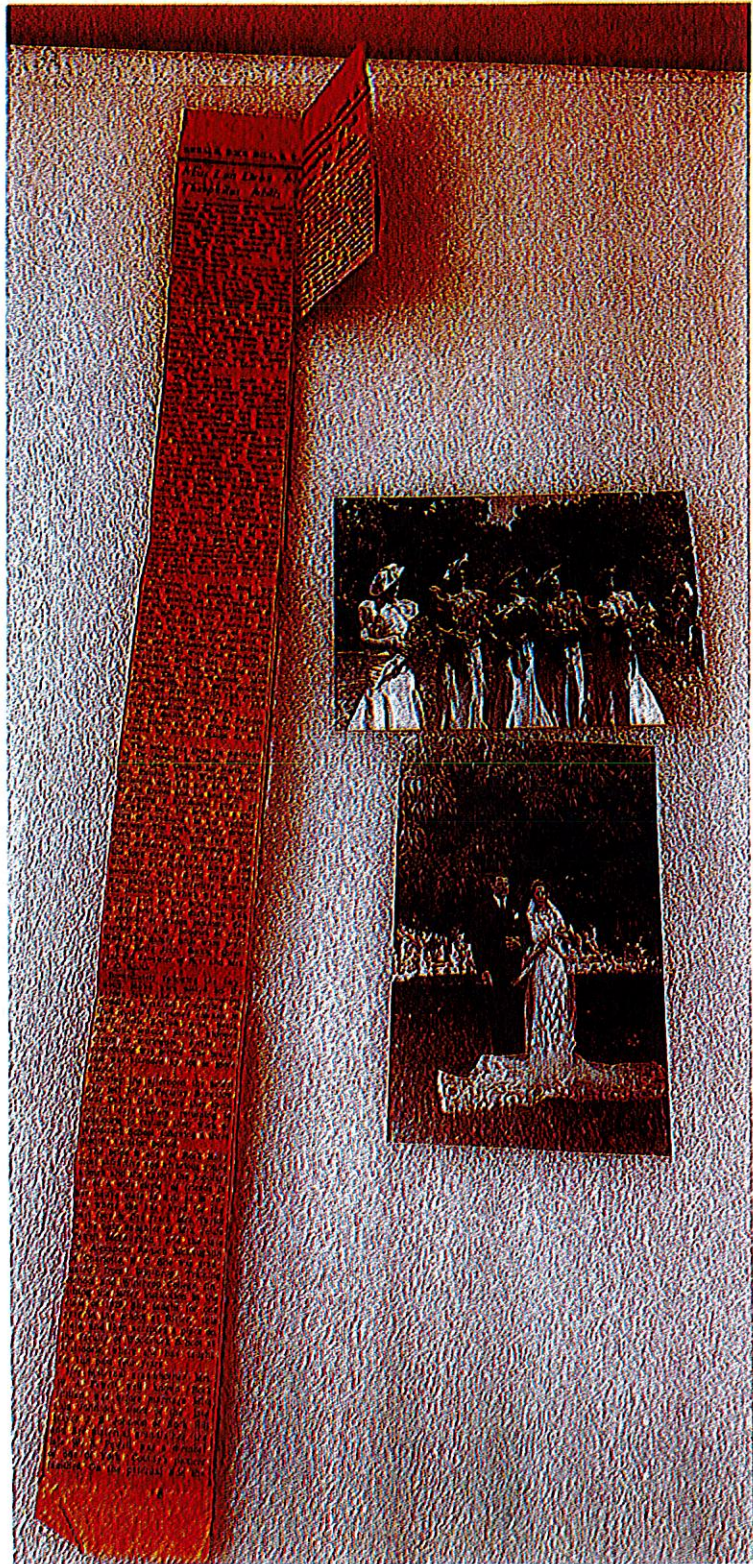
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Date:

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RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCESSION

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Name of Donor: Jan Ramsey

Description of Accession: Archives: Documents related to the Yorkville Historical Society Walking Tours... History: 20 pieces of young children's clothing belonging to the Jones family

Overall Condition: [] Excellent [X] Good [] Fair [] Poor

General/Comparable Size of Collection: Archival material will fit in an existing box with similar items. The baby clothing will fit in a single textile box

Significance/Ownership History Mission Rating: 4-5 (Scale of 1 - 5; 5 matches mission 100%) The donor was friends with Betty Jean Jones and acquired these items after her passing. Joseph Brice Jones (1907-1995) was born in York County, SC to Joseph D. Jones and Maurine L. Jones. Betty Jean Jones (1930-2024) was the daughter of Joseph Brice Jones and Lola Hudson Jones. Cannon Mills - York's first textile factory, York Cotton Mill, was built in 1897 on the northeastern edge of the city limits.



The mill village created in 1897 and expanded later included single family houses, churches, and schools to retain workers. The textile industry remained the single largest employer in York for most of the twentieth century but by the 1980s all of York's textile mills closed. Fieldcrest Cannon Plant 3 permanently halted operations in April 1993. The original plant facility was constructed in the 1890s. After a land auction in 1913, a neighborhood was constructed around the plant and it began operations in 1916. The mill village was known as Cannon Mills and had its own water system, community church, and community school. In 1960, the average cost of rent in Cannon Mills was 75 cents per room per week. In 1975 the original plant building was torn down and a new plant 3 facility was constructed.

The Yorkville Historical Society was founded in 1978 to "foster and promote historical preservation and restoration in the city of York and its environs". They do annual events through the City of York. YHS also partners with The Historical Center of York County to conduct their research while also sharing copies for CHM's education files.

Potential Uses: X Research X Exhibition X Loan

The donation items can all be used for research, exhibition, and/or loan on themes related to the textile industry, City of York, Yorkville's Historic District, children's clothing, and York High School.

Restrictions:

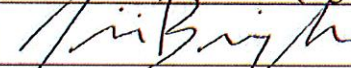
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Unusual Costs:

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Staff Recommendation (Signature & Title):

Date:

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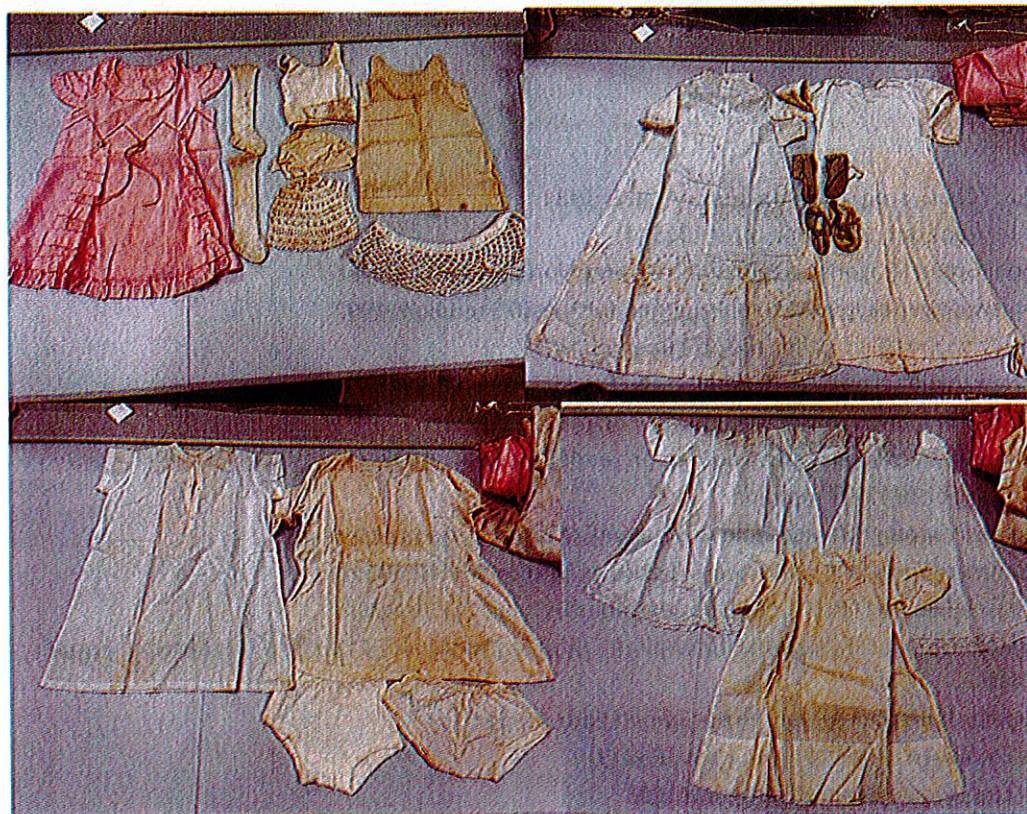
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Archives:

- Battle of King's Mountain Sesqui-Centennial Celebration booklet, October 7, 1930
- Ledger, J. Brice Jones, January 1952 (note says J. W. Cooper brought old York Mills in 1913)
- 1987-1988 Directory of the First Presbyterian Church
- 1952 program for the Trinity Methodist Church
- 1988 History of the Church of the Good Shepherd with descriptions of stained glass windows and other architecture
- York High School Green Dragons decal, no date
- York County Court House Historical Marker Ceremony booklet
- The Brandon House: Historic Guest House and Fine Shops, booklet
- "Christmas in Olde York" Tour Guide booklets
 - No date, after 1991 (black)
 - No date, after 1988 (2) (green)
 - December 1983
 - 1985
 - 1988
 - Write up regarding the Lee House (202 West Madison Street) 1996
- YHS Walking Tour Books
 - 1987
 - 1991
 - 1996 (2)
 - 2002
 - No date "Charleston of the Upcountry" after 1984
 - No date, folds out, sometime after 1985 (2)
- York High School Green Dragons Class of 1947 50th Reunion program booklet
- Class of 1942 Newspaper clipping with photograph for the 50th reunion, 1992
- Class of 1947 Newspaper Clipping for the 30th Reunion, 1977
- Class of 1952 Newspaper clipping with photograph for 40th reunion, 1992
- Class of 1947 letter invitation for 45th Reunion
- Class of 1947 newspaper clipping with photograph for 45th reunion, 1992
- Photograph of Class of 1947 45th reunion
- Copy of newspaper clipping "Services Held for Walter E. Morton Monday Morning"
- Copy of newspaper clipping "W. E. Morton to Retire as Cannon Mill Head July 1"
- Copy of Newspaper Clipping "Reid T. Williams Assumes Duties at Central Mill"
- Copy of newspaper clipping "Rites Today for Walter E. Morton, Ex-Mayor of York / W. E. Morton, Former York Mayor, Dies"
- Newspaper clipping with photograph "Ross-Cannon Club Supper"
- "Cannon Mills Employees' Banquet" program 1958 (2)
- "Cannon Mills Employees' Banquet" program 1953
- "Cannon Mills Employees' Banquet" program 1957
- Photograph of "Cloth Room, Cannon Mills, 1932"

- Newspaper Clipping "Little Charles Hudson"
- Newspaper Clipping "Miss Ellen Hudson Died Last Tuesday"
- Newspaper Clipping, Rock Hill Chronicle 1967 "House of the Week has More than Adequate Space for Large Family"
- Newspaper section, The State Magazine, October 1958 "York: The Charleston of the Up Country"
- Yorkville Enquirer magazine: Summerfest 91
- Yorkville Enquirer Tricentennial Section 1970 (4)
- Yorkville Enquirer 1977
- Newspaper clipping, 1997 "Porches rekindle favorite memories"
- Newspaper clipping "National Historic Preservation" 1995
- Newspaper clipping, the Charlotte Observer 1997 "Rediscovering the Porch"
- Scrapbook, c. 1940s, newspaper clippings, school programs, World War II, birth, death and marriage announcements

Collections:

- .001 - Pink Child's dress
- .002 - Child's white nightgown with embroidered flowers
- .003 - Child's white nightgown with embroidered flowers and lace around neck and sleeves
- .004 - Child's white nightgown with no sleeves and lace around neck, sleeves and bottom
- .005 - Child's white nightgown with 3 buttons down middle
- .006 - Child's white nightgown with pink threading around collar
- .007 - Child's white nightgown with 3 buttons down middle
- .008 - Child's white sleep sack
- .009A-B - Pair of socks
- .010A-B - Pair of socks
- .011A-B - Green baby booties
- .012A-B - White baby booties
- .013 - Child's white underwear
- .014 - Child's white underwear
- .015 - Child's white bonnet
- .016 - Child's white crocheted cap
- .017 - Child's white sleeveless top
- .018 - Child's white sleeveless top
- .019 - Child's sleeveless wrap top
- .020 - Needlework collar

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCESSION

Temporary Custody ID:	Collection Type:	Method of Acquisition:
TC447	Archives – Digital Media	Donation

Name of Donor:
James Gwinn

Description of Accession:
Scanned images of 5 Jefferson High School Annuals: 1959, 1960, 1965, 1966, 1967
Scanned images of Jefferson School 2004 Reunion Program

Overall Condition: Excellent Good Fair Poor

General/Comparable Size of Collection
Will be saved on Archives external hard drive as well as on the county's server for the Historical Center's M:Drive

Significance/Ownership History Mission Rating: 5 (Scale of 1 – 5; 5 matches mission 100%)

The donor, James Gwinn, graduated from Jefferson School and is a member of Jefferson Remembered alumni group. He provided annuals from family members and other alumni to be scanned by Archives staff.

Jefferson Graded School – Jefferson High School
African American education was organized in the city of York, South Carolina as early as 1867. Jefferson Graded School was erected on West Jefferson Street in 1903. It served as a segregated school for the city's African American students. The school was relocated in 1924 to a newly constructed brick Rosenwald building on Pinckney Street. By 1947, the campus consisted of three buildings: Jefferson Graded School, the Jefferson Industrial School, and a 2-room frame building for 12th grade students. A lunchroom was added in 1949 and the following year a new gymnasium/auditorium was constructed. In 1953, plans to equalize school facilities in York Consolidated District No. 1 were set in place. Because of equalization efforts, a new elementary school (Jefferson Elementary School) was built across the street in 1955. After construction of the elementary school, grades 1-6 attended it and Jefferson Graded School became Jefferson High School for grades 7-12.

The following year, two new buildings were completed on Jefferson High School's campus to house home economics, science labs, classrooms, and a commercial department. By 1969 the campus consisted of four acres and six buildings including a gym, lunchroom, education service center, two classroom buildings, and a vocational/agricultural building. Full integration occurred in the 1970-1971 school year. Jefferson Elementary School and Jefferson High School were combined to serve grades 5-8, becoming York Middle School One. York Middle School One used both campuses until 1976-1977 school year. In September of 1979 the original 1924 Rosenwald building and 1950 gymnasium were demolished. Today, the remaining buildings are still utilized by York School District One as service

and technology departments.

2004 Jefferson School Reunion

The Jefferson School Reunion was held Friday through Sunday, September 3-5, 2004 with a meet and greet at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rock Hill on Friday evening. The theme "Remembering the Past: Embracing the Future" featured an opening ceremony, a picnic at the old Jefferson field, and a guided bus tour of York County and Historic Brattonsville. The event closed with a Jefferson Memorial Banquet at 6pm on Sunday, September 5 at Union Baptist Church Family Life Center in Newport. It was the first gathering in nearly three decades.

Potential Uses: Research Exhibition Loan

School annuals are useful to genealogists, family historians, and patrons researching the history of education, Jefferson School, students, student activities, teachers, business ads, clothing, and even pop culture.

Restrictions:

None

Unusual Costs:

None

Staff Recommendation (Signature & Title):

Date:

<i>Nancy Sambets</i> Director of Archives	9-16-2024
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RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCESSION

Temporary Custody ID:	Collection Type:	Method of Acquisition:
TC448	Archives – Digital Media	Donation

Name of Donor:
James Gwinn

Description of Accession:
Scanned images of Gwinn Family Papers, see attached full inventory.

Overall Condition: Excellent Good Fair Poor

General/Comparable Size of Collection
Will be saved on Archives external hard drive as well as on the county's server for the Historical Center's M:Drive

Significance/Ownership History **Mission Rating: 5 (Scale of 1 – 5; 5 matches mission 100%)**

The donor, James Gwinn, is the son of William Luther Gwinn and Purla Gwinn. He provided family papers to be scanned by Archives staff.

William Luther Gwinn (1916-1986) married **Purla Cornelia Good Gwinn (1919-2007)** in 1946 and they had four children. He was a member, trustee, treasurer, and superintendent of the Sunday school at Wilson Chapel AME Zion Church. He was a member of the Hoodtown Masonic Lodge No. 433 and St. Luke AP&B Society. He served in the army during World War II. He retired from the SC Highway Department. He and his wife are buried at Wilson Chapel AME Zion Church Cemetery in Sharon, SC.

Purla Cornelia Good Gwinn (1919-2007) was a daughter of Hosley Bishop and Emma Belle Nichols Good. In 1946 she married **William Luther Gwinn (1916-1986)** and they had four children. At Mt. Zion AME Zion Church in Hickory Grove she was a treasure and teacher for the Sunday school, president if the Usher Board, a member of the hymn and adult choir, a deaconess, and a member of the Missionary Society. She was also a member of the AP&B Society and the Eastern Stars. She is buried with her husband at Wilson Chapel AME Zion Church Cemetery in Sharon, SC.

George McKnight (1887-1959) was the stepfather of William Luther Gwinn. McKnight married Gwinn's mother, Marie Sherer McKnight (1896-1972), on November 8, 1928. The August 22, 1950 edition of *The Herald* describes Gwinn and McKnight as having "adjoining farms." Both he and Marie are buried at Wilson Chapel AME Zion Church in Sharon, SC.

John S. Rainey Cotton Gin

John L. Rainey first operated the business, which was later taken over by his son, John S. Rainey, and then his grandson, Joseph Hunter Rainey. The gin house, office, and entire ginnery was destroyed by fire in September 1943. The cotton gin, seedhouse, and office located at 3713 York Street in Sharon, SC were rebuilt in 1944.

Hill & Co.

William Lawrence Hill (1866-1953), was born in the Blairsville area of York County and was the son of Nathaniel Hill and Jane Minter Hill. He married Mary McMurray (1886-1963), the daughter of Sallie Scott McMurray (1854-1907) and Rev. John A. McMurray (1843-1908), the pastor of Woodlawn Presbyterian Church. They had two sons and two daughters. He came to Sharon, S.C. in 1899 and opened a store that expanded to a three-story brick building in 1913. He also operated Hill Motor Sales, multiple farms, and South Carolina state warehouses No. 11 and No. 11B.

The First National Bank of Sharon

Chartered on May 11, 1909, the First National Bank of Sharon opened with the completion of its building in 1910. The first officers were Joseph H. Saye as president, John L. Rainey as vice president, and A.M. Haddon as cashier. When the Bank of Hickory Grove and Planters Bank in W.L. Hill's store closed in the 1930s due to the Great Depression, First National became the only bank in western York County. It was purchased in 1986 by First Citizens Bank.

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee

The United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) oversaw farming projects relating to crop allotment, price support programs, financial aid for rural families, farm improvements, conservation grants, and so on. States had administrative offices that provided oversight and support, but most of the services were directed by county offices and committees. The ASCS was consolidated with other departments in 1994 to form the Farm Service Agency.

Potential Uses: Research Exhibition Loan

These items are useful for researching family history, farming, and provides insight into the daily life of an African American family from the 1950s and 1960s.

Restrictions:

none

Unusual Costs:

None

Staff Recommendation (Signature & Title):

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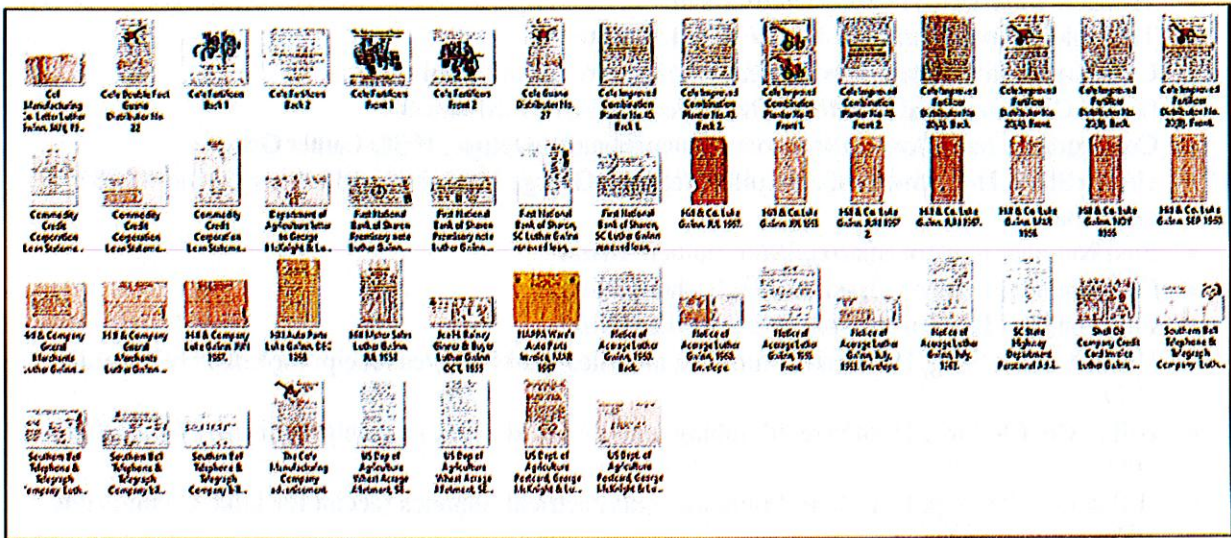
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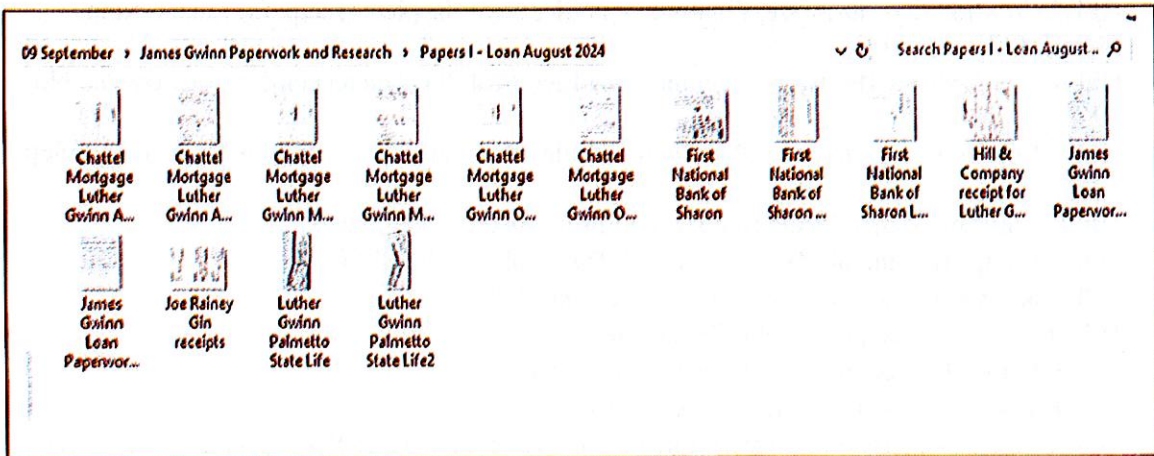
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These materials were scanned and returned to the donor.





Scanned images of Gwinn family papers:

- **Chattel Mortgage April 1958, Luther Gwinn**
- **Chattel Mortgage May 1958, Luther Gwinn**
- **Chattel Mortgage October 1964, Luther Gwinn**
- **First National Bank of Sharon, April 1958, Luther Gwinn**
- **First National Bank of Sharon, October 1964, attached Palmetto State Life, Luther Gwinn**
- **First National Bank of Sharon, October 1967, Luther Gwinn**
- **Hill & Company receipt 1968, Luther Gwinn**
- **3 Joe Rainey Gin receipts October 1963, November 1963, and 1 undated, Luther Gwinn**
- **Cole Manufacturing Co. envelope 1954**
- **Cole Double Foot Guano Distributor No. 22 advertisement**
- **The Cole Improved Tractor advertisement**
- **The Cole Guano Distributor No. 27 advertisement**
- **Cole Improved Combination Planter No. 40 & No. 41 advertisement**
- **(2)The Cole Improved Fertilizer Distributor No. 20 advertisement**
- **Commodity Credit Corporation Loan statement and envelope, 1958, Luther Gwinn**
- **United States Department of agriculture letter to George McKnight and Luther Gwinn, 1958 and envelope**
- **First National Bank of Sharon, 1966, Luther Gwinn**
- **First National Bank of Sharon, 1958, Luther Gwinn**
- **First National Bank of Sharon, 1965, Luther Gwinn**
- **Hill & Co. Clothing, Hardware, Plumbing and Electrical Supplies receipt for Luke Gwinn, July 1967**
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- **Hill & Co. Clothing, Hardware, Plumbing and Electrical Supplies receipt for Luke Gwinn, March 1966**
- **Hill & Co. Clothing, Hardware, Plumbing and Electrical Supplies receipt for Luke Gwinn, Nov 1966**
- **Hill & Co. Clothing, Hardware, Plumbing and Electrical Supplies receipt for Luke Gwinn, Sep 1960**
- **Hill & Company General Merchants receipt from Luke Gwinn, 1966**
- **Hill & Company General Merchants receipt from Luke Gwinn, 1967**
- **Hill Auto Parts receipt for Luke Gwinn, December 1966**
- **Hill Motor Sales receipt for Luke Gwinn, July 1958**
- **Joe H. Rainey Ginner & Buyer, Luther Gwinn, Oct 1955**
- **NAPPA Ware's Auto Parts invoice, Mar 1967**
- **United States Department of Agriculture Commodity Stabilization Service, Notice of Acreage, Cotton for Luther Gwinn, letter and envelope, 1960**

- **United States Department of Agriculture Commodity Stabilization Service, Notice of Acreage, Cotton for Luther Gwinn, 1963**
- **South Carolina State Highway Department Personnel Advice to William L. Gwinn, 1962**
- **Shell Oil Company Credit Card invoice Luther Gwinn 1962**
- **Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company bill and envelope, March 1958**
- **Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company bill and statement, May 1966**
- **The Cole Manufacturing Company advertisement**
- **United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, Farm Wheat Acreage Allotment, 1958**
- **United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation, postcard, 1959 to George McKnight and Luther Gwinn**

