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News from the Winthrop University Archives and Special Collections

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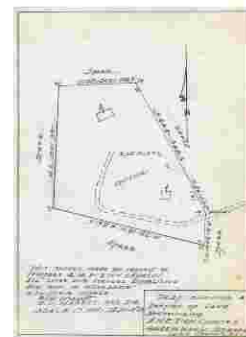
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## The Robert Marett Papers

Robert H. Marett (1919-1994) was a local land surveyor who operated from the end of World War II through the early nineties. The Robert Marett Papers were donated to the Winthrop University Archives in 1999 and have since proven to be one of our most frequently requested collections. Recently, the inventory for the Marett Papers was completed, making it more accessible to the public. The papers consist of survey plats (as well as copies of plats from previous surveyors), maps, architectural drawings, field notes, correspondence, copies of deeds, and appointment ledgers, all of which, are available for researchers and surveyors to peruse. The collection consists of 28,532 pieces and 124 bound volumes that span from the late 1800s to 1992. The Inventory consists of 318 pages and individual plats are now searchable online by **Property Owner** as well as by the **Date of the Survey**.

<http://www.winthrop.edu/dacus/About/Archives/robertmarett.htm>



## Winthrop's History Through Fads, Fashion, and Facts

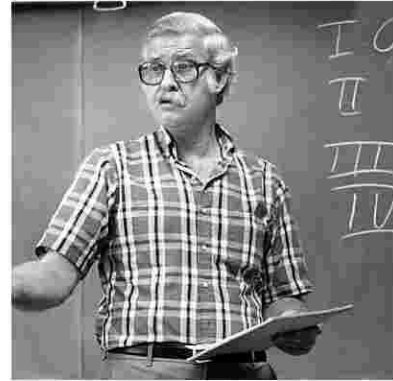
In April of this year, the Winthrop Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (WINAFACS) and faculty advisor Beth Peters along with the Winthrop University Archives collaborated to bring an approved cultural event fashion show and history presentation to the Winthrop Community. Student members of WINAFACS modeled period clothing and Winthrop uniforms from the Archives' holdings. While the students moved across the stage exhibiting fashions from the late-1800s to the present-day, with a lighthearted look into future fashion, Gina White, Director of Archives and Special Collections, discussed Winthrop's history and showed slides of historic photographs.

## The Jack Weaver Papers

Dr. Jack Weaver was a professor of English at Winthrop University from 1967 until his retirement in 2003. Dr. Weaver was born in 1932 in Damascus, VA. After graduating with a B.A. from Berea College in 1954, he received his M.A. in 1959 and seven years later obtained his PhD in English from UNC, Chapel Hill.

On a trip to Ireland, Dr. Weaver began a lifelong interest in Irish Studies. Throughout his years at Winthrop, he spent much of his free time researching and espousing the contributions of Irish Culture to the realm of literature and to history as well. Dr. Weaver published a manuscript and archival guide entitled *Immigrants from Great Britain and Ireland: a Guide to Archival and Manuscript Sources in North America* in 1986, and hosted two Scotch-Irish festivals at Winthrop University.

The Jack Weaver Papers were recently processed and are now more accessible to the public. The 8,000 piece collection consists of letters, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and other papers, relating to Weaver's personal life, as well as, to his career as a professor at Winthrop University. Also included are letters, correspondence, genealogical studies, articles and publications, newsletters, newspapers, and other papers relating to Dr. Weaver's interests in Irish Studies.



### Collections Now Available for Research

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| • President Charles Vail's Papers<br>Charles Vail's Report to the Board of Trustees | 500 Pieces  | 1975-1977             |
| • President Charles Vail's Papers<br>Charles Vail's Executive Cabinet Records       | 250 Pieces  | 1974-1977             |
| • Board of Trustees Records<br>Board of Trustees Committee Records                  | 500 Pieces  | 1974, 1976            |
| • Student Organization Papers<br>Phi Upsilon Omicron Scrapbooks                     | 1000 Pieces | 1945-1984             |
| • Photograph Collection<br>Winthrop Related Photographs                             | 635 Pieces  | Late 1940s-Late 1960s |

For information on the Archives' collections and holdings, how to donate historical material, or how you can help, contact:

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