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1898-1918 Tatlers now on Internet Archive



The Pettus Archives in conjunction with PASCAL, the SC Digital Library and Lyrasis now has digitally available the Winthrop *Tatler* from 1898 to 1918 on Internet Archive.. To look at these yearbooks, follow this link: [Internet Archive](#) or simply enter Internet Archive into your search engine. We hope to have other Tatler issues online when funds become available. For further information please contact the Archives at (803) 323-2334 or e-mail at archives@winthrop.edu.

Extended Hours for Archives

Last Fall, the Pettus Archives instituted extended hours to better serve our researchers. The hours are Monday 8:00-7:30 (when classes are in session); Tuesday-Thursday 8:00-5:00; Friday 8:00-12:00; research is by appointment only on Friday afternoons from 12:00-5:00. We are also open one Saturday per month. The next Saturday we will be open is April 5, 2014 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

For further information on the Archives holdings, exhibits or hours please call (803) 323-2334 or e-mail at archives@winthrop.edu.

Quote of the Quarter



“Winthrop College has always stood for a liberal, cultural, vocational and professional education, for an education that would fit young women for the duties of life, for unselfish service in the homes, in the communities and in the State, and under Divine guidance Winthrop College will stand for that kind of an education for the years to come whether I be here to guide and to lead or not. . . . The devotion and spirit of Winthrop’s 7000 daughters have made possible in the greatest measure the

Winthrop of the present and will make possible the greater Winthrop of tomorrow . . .”

President D. B. Johnson in his speech on Winthrop’s First Founder’s Day on January 10, 1922

For more information concerning the *Quote of the Quarter* please contact Gina White at (803) 323-2334 or whitegp@winthrop.edu.

Photographs of the Quarter

By Brittany Pigford



Snowball fight ca 1914

The interests and pastimes of Winthrop's students have vastly changed since our beginning in 1886. However, there is one thing that has brought great merriment and delight for the Winthrop Student no matter the year. Snow! Building snowmen, sledding, a great snowball fight, or taking pictures of Tillman's frozen fountain is something that you can find proof that Winthrop students

have enjoyed doing throughout our great history. For more photographs of Winthrop's past, check out our postings on the Dacus Library blog at [History Through the Lens](#).



Winthrop Fountain 1958



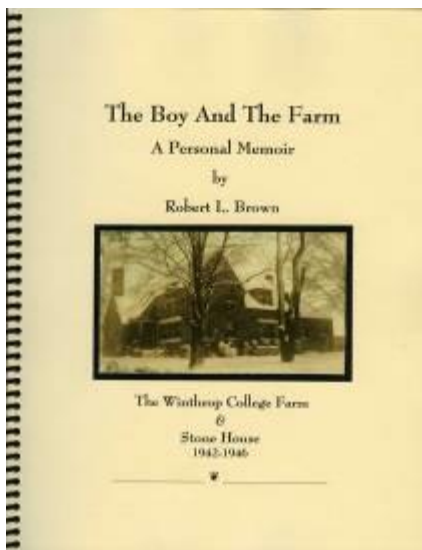
Snowman 1966



Sledding on Campus 2014

Manuscript Collection Spotlight

By Kaitlin Burdette



Recently added to our Manuscript Collection, *The Boy and the Farm: A Personal Memoir* paints the picture of Robert L. Brown's experiences as a young boy living in the Olde Stone House on Winthrop Farm. Brown recounts the memories of his youth, his family, and his return to the beloved home he had shared with his mother and grandparents. The author describes his memoir as the story of his grandparents through the eyes of a child.

The following is an excerpt:

"The solid grey Stone House looms large in memory. It was the center piece of the Winthrop College Farm and my home when I was a boy. I was four years old when my mother and I came here in the summer of 1942 to live with my maternal grandparents, the Lindlers, who ran the College Farm. The country was at war, and my mother wanted to be close to her parents when my

father joined the massively expanding Army Air Corps and went off to train as a pilot. I was too young to appreciate all this and how it would affect me personally, but the few years that I lived in the Stone House at the Farm would have a deep, lasting effect on my early development and sense of self.” (Pg. 2)

For more manuscript collection highlights, visit our postings on the Dacus Library blog at [Archives Spotlight](#). You can also find out more about the [Manuscript Collection](#) or the [Digitized Manuscript Collection](#) by going to these pages on our website.

Through the Casement—Window on Winthrop’s Past

By Charlene Drummond



Will Rogers, noted American humorist, appeared at Winthrop in 1926 before he reached the great fame he achieved a few years later. Apparently, Rogers and President Johnson became good friends as indicated in this article from the *Johnsonian* dated March 10, 1928.

Will Rogers Spies Dr. Johnson in His Audience

President and Mrs. Johnson were in Charlotte to hear Will Rogers, who was appearing there under the auspices of the American Legion. Mr. Rogers and President Johnson are great friends—and Mr. Rogers, spying the president in the audience called for him to come forward and even climbed over seven rows of seats to get to the president for the president to shake hands with him and to tell him how delighted he was to see him in the audience, saying “President Johnson, you didn’t come all the way up here just to hear me?” “Yes,” the president assured him—whereupon Mr. Rogers told the audience how he had been to Winthrop College and played before President Johnson’s 1,800 girls last year. He spoke of their uniform, how well the girls look in it, and also told the audience that he nearly killed himself doing his rope stunt when at Winthrop, thinking because the girls applauded so vigorously, that they were crazy about the stunt. Later he found that President Johnson put his girls to bed at 9 o’clock every evening, and they were just working him to keep from having to go to bed.

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

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