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MARY EVA HITE PAPERS

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MARY EVA HITE PAPERS

I

The papers of Mary Eva Hite, educator and distinguished public servant, were received as a gift by the Archives from Mrs. Gertrude Hunt on May 9, 1978.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 3.25 linear feet
Approximate number of pieces: 6500 pieces

Restrictions: Open to researchers under the rules and regulations of the Louise Pettus Archives & Special Collections at Winthrop University.

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Notice was released to NUCMC on February 16, 1979. (See collection control file for any additional notices.)

Scope and content Note: **The collection consist of genealogical data, correspondence, speeches, newspaper clippings, photographs, awards, scrapbooks and other records relating to Mary Eva Hite's career as an education and prominent South Carolina public servant. The photograph file provides a visual record of S.C. elementary school life in the first half of the twentieth century. Correspondence relates to Dr. Hite's many career activities, including her 1970's correspondence highlighting her word with the aged, her travels abroad and acceptances for awards presented to her by educational and civic organizations. Newspaper clippings provide information concerning awards presented to Dr. Hite and chronicle the advices in education made by the state of South Carolina. Scrapbooks relate to college friends and Dr. Hite's work with Delta Kappa Gamma. There are also records relating to teacher retirement in South Carolina.**

Disposition of Items: **Plaques and framed awards placed in Archives storage. Periodicals found in the collection were transferred to Acquisitions storage. Periodicals found in the collection were transferred to Acquisitions Department. Diplomas, a photograph and Dr. Hite's 1953 Mary Mildred Sullivan Award were transferred to Oversize manuscripts file (See separation sheet). Government**

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MARY EVA HITE PAPERS (cont.)

Disposition of Items: (cont.)

Printing Office publications were transferred to Documents Department. *Plan of Organization of the Small Rural Schools, Richland County, South Carolina* by Mary Eva Hite and *Living and Learning in Small Elementary Schools* by John E. Brewton and Mary Eva Hite were transferred to Special Collections.

II

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

MARY EVA HITE

- 1888 Born February 12, in Batesburg, South Carolina.
- 1904 Graduated from Batesburg Institute.
- 1908 Received A.B. degree, Winthrop Normal and Industrial College
- 1908-1957 S.C. educator
- 1942-1957 Supervisor of Teacher Education for S.C.
- 1943 Received M.A. degree, University of South Carolina
- 1952 Awarded honorary Ph.D. from Bob Jones University
- 1953 Awarded Mary Mildred Sullivan Award for Outstanding Winthrop Alumnus.
- 1957 Mary Eva Hite biography included in *Who's Who of American Women*.
- 1957-1959 Editor of "the Digest"- state publication of Delta Kappa Gamma. Also served as founder, president and treasurer for the organization.
- 1960 Named Executive Secretary of the S.C. Legislative Committee on Aging.
- 1961 Elected State Division President (S.C.) of the American Association of University Women.
- 1961 Delegate to the White House Conference on Aging.
- 1963 Hite biography included in first edition of *South Carolina Lives*.
- 1977 Died on September 29.



III

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1	GENEALOGICAL FILE Includes early Hite history primarily and limited information concerning the Prater family lineage (Note: Dr. Hite's mother was Ella Prater Hite). In chronological order.	1976, nd
1	2-5	CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATED RECORDS Includes correspondence from former students, colleagues in the field of education and friends. Correspondence relating to Dr. Hite's career as an educator reflects the changing role of teachers and improvements in the public school system. Also included are letters acknowledging her contribution and role in getting a teacher's retirement bill passed S.C. Correspondence dated post-1957 includes many letters relating to Dr. Hite's work with the S.C. Council on Aging. In chronological order.	1900-1977, nd
2	6-8	SPEECHES Notes and drafts of speeches delivered at awards ceremonies, meetings of S.C. educators, senior citizens functions and community functions. Topics include Christmas, education, European travel, Delta Kappa Gamma, aging, religion, health care and life in general. In chronological order.	1940-1975, nd
3-4	9-15	NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS Most clippings relate to the work and awards of Dr. Hite. Many clippings concern the older population in the U.S. and the various national and state initiated programs designed to improve condition and the lifestyle of older Americans. In chronological order.	1924-1977, nd
5-7	16-24	PHOTOGRAPHS Includes many photographs relating to rural elementary education for white and Negro children in S.C. during the first half of the Twentieth century. Photographs depict classroom and social functions in elementary schools. Also included are photographs relating to Dr. Hite's college years and her family No fixed order.	nd

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
8	25	AWARDS The framed awards have been placed in Archives storage. Included are many public service awards, an honorary Ph.D. from Bob Jones University (1952) a diploma from Winthrop Normal and Industrial College (1908), the Mary Mildred Sullivan Award (1953), the S.C. Outstanding Citizen Award (1973), the S.C. Association of Teacher Educators – “Miss S.C. Teacher Education Award” (1975) and others. No fixed order.	1953-1974
8	26-27	TRAVEL LITERATURE Brochures and pamphlets relating to resort and historical sites—mostly in S.C., N.C. and Georgia. Dr. Hite was involved in the coordination of trips and tours for senior citizen groups and this literature relates to her work in that area. No fixed order.	nd
8	28	CARD FILE Includes many greeting cards and postcards. Some Winthrop related postcards have been transferred to the Archives postcard file (See W427.6). No fixed order.	1905-1973, nd
9	29-30	SCRAPBOOKS Includes an autograph book from Dr. Hite’s college days at Winthrop and a Delta Kappa Gamma record of a ceremony honoring Dr. Hite as an outstanding educator in S.C. In chronological order.	1906-1957, nd
9-13	31-45	VARIOUS RECORDS Includes outlines of teaching methods, teaching aids, articles relating to teachers and teacher education, records relating to Dr. Hite’s involvement with Delta Kappa Gamma and other educational organizations. The main body of these records include magazine articles, pamphlets and literature relating to “Aging” as a major issue and social concern in this country. In chronological order.	1905-1977, nd