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Preliminary Descriptive Inventory

Unit: _Home Economics, School of_  
Sub-Group: _Department of Home Demonstration_  
Series: _Historical and Related Records_  
Record Group no: _W423.4_  
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Description of series and its contents:

This series consists of brief historical sketches compiled in 1930 and 1939 by members of the Home Demonstration staff outlining the origins and early development of the home demonstration program. The Program was aimed at improving rural farm life standards. The related records include two updated reports composed of selected correspondence between Winthrop’s President D.B. Johnson, Clemson’s President Riggs, officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and other Home Demonstration personnel providing a synopsis of the Working arrangement between Winthrop, Clemson, and the Department of Agriculture from its beginning in 1914 to 1921. This series while offering an overview of the initial home demonstration department is especially related to series 5, a more extensive account of the early and later stages in home demonstration work, and to series 3 in which one annual report includes a history of the program before 1914 and to 1951. There are also related records in the alumnae record group (W427). The records are in general chronological order.

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