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Rosa Baskin Strait Guess

Strait Family

Wylie Family

Addison Family

Dunlap Family

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ROSA B. GUESS PAPERS

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The Rosa B. Guess Papers were deposited in the Winthrop University Archives on January 19, 1981 by Mrs. Rosa B. Guess via Risher Fairey.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: .25
Approximate number of pieces: 500

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Scope and Content Note: **The collection contains papers relating to members of the Addison, Dunlap, Gaston, Gill, McCollough, McDowell, Strait and Wylie families as well as various other families. Included in the papers are correspondence, military orders, court orders, deeds, wills, notices, financial records, government appointments, contracts of employment, documents relating to land transactions, tax forms, and a petition of guardianship, an application for Confederate Roll of Honour, a statement of births and deaths, a list of taxable property in Chester, a deposition, an affidavit, and an editorial column. The collection is made up entirely of positive photocopies of original documents. The collection may assist in genealogical research of the above named families. Rosa Baskin Strait Guess (1892-1988) was a Winthrop graduate of the Class of 1911, was a longtime music teacher at Rock Hill High School, author, and a genealogist descended from some of the earliest families in Chester, SC including revolutionary leader Justice John Gaston (1700-1782).**

Related Collections:

- [Interview with Rosa B. Guess and W. W. Fennell](#) – OH-52

II

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Obituary (*Rock Hill Herald*, 1988)

Mrs. Rosa Baskin Strait Guess, 95, of 326 Oakland Ave., widow of Algernon Protho Guess, died Wednesday.

Born in York County, she was a daughter of the late Dr. William Francis Strait and Mrs. Rosa Perry Gaston. She was descended from one of the oldest families of Chester County and the Revolutionary leader Justice John Gaston. She was an honor graduate of Winthrop College in 1911. She taught public school in Denmark and later returned to Rock Hill to teach. She was a pioneer in adult education in the state.

In 1936 she was named choral director of Rock Hill High School, apposition she held until she retired in 1964. She was known statewide for the excellence of her choral music program. The Rock Hill High School chorus was the largest in South Carolina and won praise from Dr. John Finley Williamson, judge of the state music festival and president of Westminster Choir College.

She was choir director from 1940 to 1960 of the First Presbyterian Church of Rock Hill, where she was a member. She was a member and former president of the Entre Nous Club, the Saturday Afternoon Club, and the Rock Hill Music Club.

From 1944-1945 she was national president of the Winthrop College Alumnae Association. She a featured speaker at the Golden Anniversary Convocation of Winthrop College in 1945.

She was a life member and the oldest person admitted to the Huguenot Society of Winthrop College in 1945.

She was the author of two books. One contained South Carolina recipes, and the other was a genealogical reminiscence of the Strait-Gaston family, which counts 37 physicians among its descendants.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Rosanne G. James of Rock Hill; a son, William F. Guess of Baltimore; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Gravesite services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Denmark Cemetery in Denmark. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill.

Memorials may be made to the Huguenot Society of South Carolina at Charleston, First Presbyterian Church of Rock Hill or to a charity of one's choice.

Bass Funeral Homme is in Charge.



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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Years</u>
1	1	STRAIT FAMILY PAPERS Consists of correspondence, military orders, court orders, deeds, notices, financial records, and a petition of guardianship, government appointment, and contract of employment relating to members of the Strait family. In chronological order.	1810-1871, nd
1	2	WYLIE FAMILY PAPERS Consists of a subpoena tribute of respect, will, election notice, directive and deeds, financial records, and correspondence relating to members of the Wylie family. For related papers please see the series titled, "Gaston Family Papers." In chronological order.	1791, 1794, 1814, 1821-1824, 1833- 1834, 1841-1873, nd
1	3	ADDISON FAMILY PAPERS Consists of a receipt, release form and deeds relating to members of the Addison family. For related papers please see the series entitled, "Dunlap Family Papers," and the series titled, "Gaston Family Papers." In chronological order.	1775, 1779, nd
1	4	DUNLAP FAMILY PAPERS Consists of a letter, deed, and personal financial account relating to members of the Dunlap family. For related papers please see the series titled, "Addison Family Papers." In chronological order.	1804, 1824, 1842- 1844
1	5	GASTON FAMILY PAPERS Consists of a letter, poem, receipt, application for Confederate Roll of Honour, will and claim dispute, record of births and deaths, and tax forms relating to members of the Gaston family. For related papers please see the series titled, "Wylie Family Papers" and the series titled, "Addison Family Papers." In chronological order.	1810-1846, 1862- 1865, 1914, nd
1	6	GILL FAMILY PAPERS Consists of a contract of employment, deed, and record of deed exchange relating to members of the Gill family. In chronological order.	1808-1809, 1868
1	7	McCOLLOUGH FAMILY PAPERS Consists of a letter, release document, record of births, deeds, and receipts relating to members of the McCollough family. For related papers please see the series titled, "Dunlap Family Papers," and the series titled, "Gill Family Papers." In chronological order.	1772, 1774-1776, 1813-1814, 1846, 1870, nd

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

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1	8	McDOWELL FAMILY PAPERS Consists of a will, personal account, receipt power of attorney, notes of an attorney, and a document of U.S. citizenship relating to members of the McDowell family. In chronological order.	1807, 1832, 1836-1840, nd
1	9	VARIOUS PAPERS Consists of a list of taxable property in Chester, deposition, affidavit, copy of an article, editorial column, government appointment, personal financial account, and deeds, wills, and correspondence all relating to various families. See appendix #1. In chronological order.	1777, 1779, 1791, 1806, 1823, 1831, 1836-1837, 1846, 1848, 1852-1854, 1869, 1887, nd

APPENDIX #1

An Alphabetical List of Family Names

<u>FAMILY NAME</u>	<u>BOX NUMBER</u>	<u>FOLDER NUMBER</u>
Addison	1	3
Agnew	1	9
Boyd	1	9
Breeny	1	9
Brown	1	9
Dunlap	1	4
Elliot	1	9
Evans	1	9
Gaston	1	5
Gill	1	6
Johnston	1	9
McClure	1	9
McCollough	1	7
McCormick	1	9
McDowell	1	8
McEachern	1	9
McMillen	1	9
Mobley	1	9
Pagan	1	9
Sharp	1	9
Strait	1	1
Underwood	1	9
Wylie	1	2