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Crawford C. Pratt

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PRATT MOTOR COMPANY RECORDS

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PRATT MOTOR COMPANY RECORDS

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Provenance: The Pratt Motor Company Records was donated to the Winthrop University Archives and Special Collections by John T. Misskelly in March 2017.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 1.00
Approximate number of pieces: 2,000

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Scope and Content Note: **The collection consists of Log books of payments made to the Pratt Motor Company based in Rock Hill, S.C. and founded by Crawford C. Pratt (1910-1957) with client information, payment dates, addresses, and the make, model and year of vehicle sold. Information also includes serial numbers and motor numbers of vehicles. Some motor vehicle registrations are present, as well as a title.**

Related Collection:

- Rock Hill City Directory, Accession 89
- Iva Larou Sherer Papers, Accession 311
- Carolina Shearers-Sherers, Accession 715 #4

Additional Comments: The collection was located in a stone house on HWY 72 in a garage.

II

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

PRATT MOTOR COMPANY

- 1910, March 17 Crawford C. Pratt born
- 1933-1934 Crawford C. Pratt was employed at the Standard Filling Station at 423 E. White St. [Rock Hill City Directory 1933-1934]
- 1938 Crawford C. Pratt was employed at the Oakland Texaco Service Station on Oakland Ave. Pratt Motor Company. [Rock Hill City Directory 1938]
- 1940 Crawford C. Pratt establishes Pratt Mtr. Co. at 730 Edgemond Rd. [Rock Hill City Directory 1940]
- 1942 Company named changed to Pratt Used Car Exchange and was located at Saluda Rd. [Rock Hill City Directory 1942]
- 1946 Company name changed to Crawford C. Pratt/ Chas H. Ratterree Used Cars and was located at 155 E. White St. [Rock Hill City Directory 1946]
- 1949 Company named changed to Pratt-Ratterree Motor Co. and was located at 701 E. Main St. [Rock Hill City Directory 1949]
- 1953 Company name changed to Pratt Motor Co. and was located at 626 Saluda Rd. [Rock Hill City Directory 1953]
- 1955 Company name changed to Pratt Motor Company Autos 626 Saluda Rd. [Rock Hill City Directory 1955]
- 1957 Crawford C. Pratt died 13 November 1957, buried at Laurelwood Cemetery, Rock Hill, York County, South Carolina, USA. Mrs. Jane N. Pratt (Wife) took over running of the company until 1958.
- 1958 Last year Pratt Motor Co. was listed in the Rock Hill City Directory under (Mrs. Jane N. Pratt). [Rock Hill City Directory 1958]

III

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1	Partial Stencil from Volume 1 found in "YZ" section. Stencil reads: "NIGHT OF GL..."	ca1955
1	2	DMV Title for Blanch E. Montgomery	1941
Bd. Vol. 1		PRATT MOTOR COMPANY LEDGER BOOK Front cover has evidence of water damage, possible mildew. Beginning in January of 1955, it includes client names separated alphabetically at the beginning of the book. Annotations of payment dates, remaining balances, types of payment (monthly, weekly), repossessions, car make, model, and year along with Mtr #s and Srl #s. NOTE: Volume 1 is 1 to 145, and 270 to 272.	1955
Bd. Vol. 2		PRATT MOTOR COMPANY LEDGER BOOK Client payment records. Found on page 36; Motor Vehicle Registration dated 27 October, 1965 for Quinn Franklin. Note: Volume 2 is page 1 to 88.	1956-1965
Bd. Vol. 3		PRATT MOTOR COMPANY LEDGER BOOK Volume 3 begins with client names in alphabetical section. Inside front cover, Client name and dates listed as well. Book 3 includes client names, addresses, payment information, remaining balances, car make, model and year, Mtr #s and Srl #s. Pages 134 to 137 are more payments, some excluding client names, NOTE: Volume 3 is page 1 to 73, 134 to 137.	1957
Bd. Vol. 4		RECIPT BOOK FOR PRATT MOTOR COMPANY Volume 4 includes signed receipts to payees. List of signatures includes: Jim Farrell, Mrs. C.C. Pratt, Mrs. Pratt, C.C. Pratt, CCP, and Pratt Mtr CO.	1953
Bd. Vol. 5		PRATT MOTOR COMPANY LEDGER BOOK Payments starting 1951. Found on Page 13: 1951-1952 Vehicle Registration card (South Carolina) for Buddy Pittman or Catawba, York Co., South Carolina. Found on page 55: 1951-52 Vehicle Registration card (South Carolina) for Simpson McCollough of 547 Locust St., Rock Hill, York Co., South Carolina.	1951-1952

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<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
Bd. Vol. 6		PRATT MOTOR COMPANY LEDGER BOOK Volume 6 includes payments starting 1956, Ending 1959, vehicle year, make, and model, and some client names. Note: Volume 6 is page 1 to 73.	1956-1959
Bd. Vol. 7		PRATT MOTOR COMPANY LEDGER BOOK Volume 7 includes client names starting in alphabetical section with page numbers, client addresses, year, make, and model of vehicle, payment dates as well as type of payment (weekly, monthly), balance due, repossessions, and trades. Note: Volume 7 is page 1 to 94, and page 136.	1956