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**ACCESSION 1789**

**MARY PITTS PERRY PAPERS**

1899-2007

2 Boxes, 4 Folders, and  
20 Bound Volumes

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Provenance: The Mary Pitts Perry Papers were donated by Mary Pitts Perry on October 21, 2021.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: .50  
Approximate number of pieces: 1000 pieces, 20 bound volumes.

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

Literary Rights: For information concerning literary rights please contact the Louise Pettus Archives & Special Collections at Winthrop University.

Scope and Content Note: **The papers of Mary Pitts Perry consists of material collected by 1962 Winthrop Training School graduate, Mary Celeste Pitts Perry (b. 1943). Mary had several family members that attended Winthrop Training School and the family had many ties to Winthrop College as well. The collection consists of material related to the history of Winthrop College, the Winthrop Training School, Rock Hill, SC, and her family history. The collection includes several books, bulletins, newspaper articles, newsletters, a land purchase letter, a Winthrop Training School print, Winthrop Training School ornament, and a wooden box containing materials related to the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) and the Freemasons.**

II

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

| <u>Box(es)</u> | <u>Folder(s)</u> | <u>Series</u>   | <u>Year(s)</u> |
|----------------|------------------|---|----------------|
| 1              | 1                | <p>WINTHROP UNIVERSITY &amp; TRAINING SCHOOL</p> <p>This series consists of material relating to Winthrop University and the Winthrop Training School. You will find printed internet pages describing the history of Winthrop Training School, names of graduates from 1913-1965, Winthrop Training School trivia puzzles, a 1986 reunion agenda, newspaper clippings featuring Winthrop Training School, photographs of graduates from 1961 and 1962, printed photographs of students from Winthrop Training School, an invitation to the Senior prom of 1962, printed class rolls appendix ranging from 1912-1962, <i>The Winthrop Journal</i> (May, 1936 and December 1935), a Winthrop Commencement from June 1, 1936, a letter from Winthrop President Dr. Bancroft Johnson to Mr. Laurens Dorrah Pitts regarding the purchase of land owned by Mr. Pitts at the corner of Sumter Ave and College Ave near what is now Dinkins Hall from December 24, 1918, and a Winthrop College Bulletin book Vol. V from June 1912. At the top of the box you will find a small ornament of Winthrop Training School. Not dated.</p>  | 1912-2007      |
| 1              | 2                | <p>ROCK HILL / CATAWBA REGION</p> <p>-This folder contains material relating to the city of Rock Hill and the Catawba region. Within the folder is a newspaper clipping ca. 1950-1960 featuring young boys killing snakes off the Catawba river. The article is accompanied with printed photos. You will also find a May, 1952 book titled: <i>100 Years Of Progress, Rock Hill SC, a Good Town</i>, and another book titled <i>Rock Hill, 150 Years of History</i>. Ca. 2000. There is a small book titled: <i>The Day of the Catawba</i> which is advertising a celebration for the dawn of a new era for the Catawba Indian nation which took place November 27, 1993. Another small book titled: <i>The Day of the Catawba</i> can be found at the top of the folder, but it is not dated. Another book titled: <i>The Catawba River Companion</i> from 2003 can be found in this folder. There is also a book titled: <i>Rock Hill South Carolina, Gateway to the New South</i> from 1999 There is also a newspaper article titled: <i>Historian reminds of good ol' days</i>. Which was found within the binding of book: <i>A City Without Cobwebs</i>. Published 1953 stored outside folder and contains personal notations inside.</p> <p>- Also included in Box 1 are two larger books. One titled <i>Cloud over Catawba</i> which was published in 1949 and <i>The Good Town Does Well</i> published in 2002.</p> | 1949-2000      |

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| 2              | 3                | <p><i>THE JOHNSONIAN</i></p> <p>This folder contains ten articles from Winthrop College's student newspaper, <i>The Johnsonian</i> ranging from September 28, 1934 through May 1, 1936.</p>   | 1934-1936      |
| 2              | 4                | <p>MISCELLANEOUS</p> <p>Within the miscellaneous folder you will find: <i>Sears Roebuck and Co. Cheapest Supply House</i>. The Fall 1909 edition. <i>History of the American Revolution</i>, printed 1972, A printed pamphlet for Lando, South Carolina titled <i>The Old Mill Stream</i>. Printed June 1976, <i>Decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, The Way We Were</i>. Published in 2000.</p> <p>There are personal notations, photographs, and printed articles that were found within the binding of <i>Water Under the Bridge</i>, printed 1997 and also contains more personal notations within the book which has been moved outside the folder.</p> <p>- Outside the folder are more bound volumes. <i>American Government Revised Edition</i> printed 1921. <i>History Stories and Legends of South Carolina</i>, printed 1927. <i>Time for Glory</i>, printed 1968, <i>Battleground of Freedom</i>, printed 1970, <i>Night Season</i>, printed 1970, <i>A Faraway Drummer</i>, printed 1970, and <i>Laughter in Darkness</i>, printed 1974.</p> <p>There is also what looks to be a wooden cigar box with the word HAITI etched on the lid. Within the cigar box contained three small leather bound books ca. 1899-1912. These small books were ritualistic books for Freemason members of their respective state lodges. These books are written in code and shorthand. Each state lodge had their own variance of the code used. These three small booklets can be found at the top of Box 2 inside phase boxes. Also within the cigar box was a 1916 handbook for the Ku Klux Klan which is inside folder 4 within its own phase box. A framed sketch drawing from 2001 of Winthrop Training School has also <i>been moved to oversized</i>.</p> | 1899-2001      |