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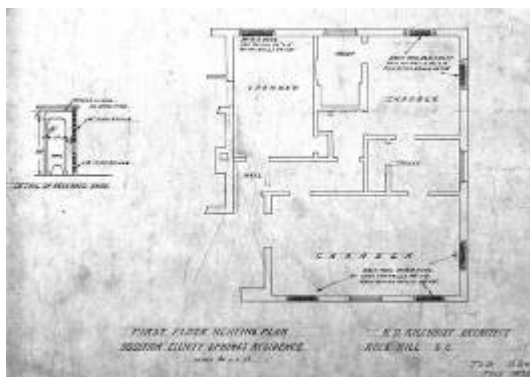
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Gilchrist Architectural Drawings Finding Aid Online



Heating Plan Elliott Springs Residence, Fort Mill, 1925

The Alfred Gilchrist Architectural Drawings finding aid has been put online. This is the latest development in our efforts to make the Archives collections more accessible to our researchers. Alfred Gilchrist was an architect who practiced his profession in Rock Hill from about 1912 to the early 1940s. He designed homes, schools, churches, jails, courthouses, and other structures. Homes and buildings that he designed are found primarily in York, Chester, Lancaster, and Fairfield counties in South Carolina.

The approximately 1250 drawings in our collection cover these counties as well as Darlington, Dillon, Cherokee, Kershaw, and Marion counties in South Carolina and Burke, Cleveland, and Forsyth counties in North Carolina. The collection is arranged by type of building (*i.e.*, Offices, Businesses, and Industrial; Public Buildings; and Private Homes and Residences) and location (*i.e.*, Chester, S.C., Clover, S.C., Rock Hill, S.C.). The finding aid is a PDF file which can be searched by key word. We have added a few images of the drawings to the online catalogue as well. Most of the drawings measure 30 inches by 24 inches or larger so we have only digitized some of the smaller drawings. We hope you will take a look at this [finding aid](#) as well as our other [digitized collections](#) through our [homepage](#).

Digitized Collections



Mary Hall Leonard,
Winthrop's first teacher

The digitized collection is growing by leaps and bounds. Since April we have added fifteen new photograph collections: Shelton Phelps; Early Uniforms, 1896-1903; Henry Radcliffe Sims; Carnegie Library/Rutledge Hall; Peabody Gymnasium; Withers/W.T.S. Building; Winthrop Catalogue Photographs and Illustrations, 1896-1923; Catawba Hall; Mary Hall Leonard; Crawford Infirmary; Johnson Hall; McBryde Hall; Presidents House; Fountain; and McLaurin Hall. We plan to add more [digitized collections](#) during the Fall semester so visit our Web site often to note the additions.



October is South Carolina Archives Month

This October will be the first-ever celebration of Archives month in the Palmetto State. It will recognize the documentary riches in our more than one hundred repositories, from historical societies, museums, and local governments to public libraries and colleges and universities. The Louise Pettus Archives is preparing an exhibit and will possibly have some other events. We are currently in the planning stages of those events and will post updates on our Web site.

Through the Casement—Window on Winthrop's Past



Grace Dell James
Winthrop Class of 1907

The Archives has a number of letters from students to their families describing life at Winthrop during many different decades. One interesting collection is the James Sisters Papers. There were five James sisters from Lee County, S.C. who attended Winthrop between 1903 and 1919. The eldest, Grace Dell, graduated in 1907. She was a prolific correspondent and our collection contains 34 surviving letters. With all of the extremely hot weather lately, a letter from Grace Dell to her sister Oline offers a refreshing description of a fall morning in 1904.

Sunday morning
Nov. 13, 1904

My dear Oline,

...I wonder what kind of weather you are having now. I will proceed to tell you how it is up here. It threatened rain all yesterday, and last night it rained, and was still raining in a slow drizzle this morning. No one was allowed to go to Church. Edna, Mary, Annie Lee, Bertie, and myself went to the library after breakfast to read some. I got me a paper and got in a nice corner by the radiator and by the window. Once when I looked out what was my surprise to see something like snowflakes coming down. They began to come thicker and faster and sure enough 'twas snow. Of course, it melted as soon as it fell on the ground, as everything was so wet. It has kept up heavy for the last two hours and now the tin roofs and the patches of grass are nearly white. It is pretty cold too. I hope it will be firm enough to play in tomorrow but I have not a speck of time to go out in it either...

Your loving sister,
Gracie Dell James

For information on the Archives' collections and holdings, how to donate historical material, or how you can help, contact:

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