

COLLECTIONS IN THE MARTIN-WALL HISTORY ROOM OF THE DAVIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Over the years the Martin-Wall History Room has been the recipient of family papers and materials that are of such significant importance that they are kept together rather than incorporated with other materials.

BOONE, Howell – Mr. Boone retired to Davie County about 1978. He was a descendant of John Boone, a cousin of Daniel Boone. Howell collected Boone memorabilia, lived in Davie County about ten years and after his death the family gave all his material to the library.

EIDSON, Alice Holton – Mrs. Eidson did extensive research for many years in the United States, as well as in Ireland, Scotland and England. Her particular interest was the McCulloh family. The McCulloh family has several spellings for members of the same family. In gathering information on the McCulloh family, she included findings of allied families. This sizeable collection is the newest addition to the history room.

MOHNEY, Kirk – Mr. Mohney coordinated photographs of houses of historic importance that also featured each structure's family history.

MC GUIRE, Jane - Miss McGuire in her will left to the library many family artifacts plus materials she had saved from her father, James McGuire, Jr., and her grandfather, Dr. James McGuire. Dr. McGuire was a surgeon during the Civil War.

RAYNOR, George – Mr. Raynor was editor of The Salisbury Post for many years and collected a great deal of information relative to the history of this area. He requested that after his death this material be preserved in the Davie County Public Library.

SHEEK, Julia Marmaduke – “Duke” worked for The Davie Record and later for the Davie County Enterprise-Record for a total of forty-four years. She kept scrapbooks, collected Indian arrowheads and had many interests. Her Indian artifacts have been incorporated into a permanent display. Some of her scrapbooks dealt with World War II servicemen who were mentioned in the newspapers.

TATUM, Elizabeth Pink – Miss Tatum wrote a genealogy volume about the Benjamin Eaton family. She also compiled many notes and charts. Some of her material is in the Rowan County Public Library and some of it is here.

UTLEY, Louise Eaton – Mrs. Utley corresponded with many genealogy researchers and her collection is unique in that it mentions many different families in each letter. Nancy Murphy, a library volunteer, has indexed this collection so that it can be useful to those persons doing research.

ZACHARY, Christine Tatum - Mrs. Zachary, a sister of Pink Tatum, did much family research and after her death her son presented her materials to the library. The Tatum sisters grew up in the Cooleemee area, with Pink being the first child born there after the planned community was established.