

Annie Wheelus Collection (MC 216)

Biographical Note

Annie B. Wheelus was born March 18, 1914 in Salem Alabama and died February 22, 2006 in Phenix City, Alabama at the age of 91. She is buried in Lakeview Memorial Gardens. Her parents were Byrd Love Wheelus and Annie Virginia Harris Wheelus. She had retired from Civil Service with 30 years of service. Ms. Wheelus was the State Official for the Alabama DAR, a founding member of the Coweta Town chapter of the DAR, a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the East Alabama Historical Society. She was a past member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Phenix City, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her sister Alice Virginia Wheelus and brothers J.T. Wheelus and Hugh Dorsey Wheelus. She also had two nieces, Joanna Wheelus and Ashley Wheelus.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of 5 boxes of materials divided by DAR material, Wheelus family material and an assorted box of miscellaneous historical items.

The collection could be divided into two main parts; that which pertains to the Coweta Town chapter of the DAR, of which Annie and Alice were regents, registrar, and treasurer; and that which pertains to the Wheelus and Harris families and genealogy of the Russell County, Alabama area families of DAR members

Boxes 1 and 2 pertain to the Coweta Town Chapter of the DAR. Boxes 3 and 5 contain letters, family history, scrapbooks, and notebooks belonging to the Wheelus family. Box 4 contains an assortment of family memorabilia 1732-2002 5 boxes (5 l.f.)

Provenance

The material in this collection was purchased from an Estate Sale at the former home of Annie Wheelus in Phenix City. Dean Callie McGinnis, the Director of the CSU Library, was instrumental in purchasing the contents of two filing cabinets.

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Box and Folder List

Box 1 - General Information on DAR

- Folder 1 - Alabama district meeting, 1985-1987
- Folder 2 - Alabama society DAR directory, 1989-1990
- Folder 3 - Alabama state conferences, 1981-1982
- Folder 4 - Alabama state officers, 1970-1971
- Folder 5 - Amendments to the bylaws of the NSDAR
- Folder 6 - Ancestor charts (blank) and family group sheets, family tree charts
- Folder 7 - Census time charts (blank)
- Folder 8 - Coweta Town Chapter, DAR application forms, 1982
- Folder 9 - Coweta Town Chapter, DAR, death of Miss Mary Claire Fuller, March 7, 1984
- Folder 10 - Coweta Town Chapter, DAR, death of Mrs. Eleanor Duncan Hobbs, February 14, 1982

- Folder 11 - Coweta Town Chapter, DAR, financial statements and information, 1987
- Folder 12 - Coweta Town Chapter, DAR, financial statements and information, 1988
- Folder 13 - Coweta Town Chapter, DAR, financial statements and information, 1989
- Folder 14 - Coweta Town Chapter, DAR, financial statements and information, 1990
- Folder 15 - Coweta Town Chapter, DAR, history folder #1
- Folder 16 - Coweta Town Chapter, DAR, history folder # 2
- Folder 17 - Coweta Town Chapter, DAR, instructions for treasurer
- Folder 18 - Coweta Town Chapter, DAR, membership rosters, 1971, 1988-1990
- Folder 19 - Coweta Town Chapter, material turned over to Mrs. Faye Kirtland on August 8, 1988 and July 11, 1988
- Folder 20 - Coweta Town Chapter, NSDAR meetings, 1988, 1989, 1990,199
- Folder 21 - Coweta Town Chapter officers, 1985
- Folder 22 - Coweta Town Chapter, photographs of Constitution Week celebration, September 17-23, 1975 and1982
- Folder 23 - Coweta Town Chapter, regent's report, questionnaire, 1984-1985
- Folder 24 - Coweta Town Chapter, tea, invitations and addresses, July 29, 1984
- Folder 25 - Coweta Town Chapter, 251h anniversary party photographs, unlabeled, 1995
- Folder 26 - Coweta Town Chapter, yearbook 1972-1973,1981-1982,1982-1983,1988-1989
- Folder 27 - Coweta Town Chapter, yearbook 1991-1992,1992-1993,1995-1996,1999-2000
- Folder 28 - "DAR in Action", a short history of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
- Folder 29 - DAR application papers instructions
- Folder 30 - DAR magazine instructions, reports
- Folder 31 - Documenting recent generations, suggested sources
- Folder 32 - Friends of the Library committee
- Folder 33 - Good citizenship award and guidelines, 1982-1983
- Folder 34 - Guide for Chapter Treasurers and Chapter Registrars, 1997
- Folder 35 - Helping aids with genealogy/lineage research
- Folder 36 - Instructions for copying source records and their preparation for library use
- Folder 37 - Lineage kit, 1993
- Folder 38 - Lineage mini kit, 1993
- Folder 39 - Lineage research kit, 1986
- Folder 40 - Listing of Alabama chapters
- Folder 41 - Membership change forms (blank)
- Folder 42 - Membership forms (blank)
- Folder 43 - National DAR candidates for president general, 1982, 1983, 1986, and 1989
- Folder 44 - National Archives and Records Service form NATF 80 (blank)
- Folder 45 - National bylaws and handbook, 1981
- Folder 46 - National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Fact Book, 1987
- Folder 47 - U.S. federal census form for 1900, 1910, 1920 (blank)
- Folder 48 - Fact sheet, 1982
- Folder 49 - Prospective member forms (blank)
- Folder 50 - Request forms for DAR records
- Folder 51 - DAR newspaper clippings
- Folder 52 - "Come Sing His Praise", hymns, devotions, DAR, 1978

Box 2 - Applications for DAR Membership and family genealogy

- Folder 1 - Ballard, Gwendolyn McConnell, descendant of Abraham and Marshall Martin
- Folder 2 - Barfield, Brenda Claire Robinson, descendant of Garrett Gray
- Folder 3 - Batchelder, Ozella Olivia Caroline Smith, descendent of William Garret
- Folder 4 - Beck, Joann Ware, descendant of Edward Turner
- Folder 5 - Blair, Brenda Elaine, Descendant of John Whelchel
- Folder 6 - Blair, Dorothy Jennie Hancock, descendant of John Whelchel
- Folder 7 - Brownlow, Sandra, descendant of Levi Bush
- Folder 8 - Christiansen, Evelyn Grimes, descendant of Daniel Booth

- Folder 9 - Cole, Doris Warr, descendant of Drury Cade
- Folder 10 - Conway, Myrtle Mae, descendant of Daniel Booth
- Folder 11 - Downing, Lemuel Tyler Jr. SAR application, descendant of Daniel Downing
- Folder 1 - Freeman, Irene Sturdiviant, descendant of Basil Smith
- Folder 13 - Gullatt, Mary Jane, descendant of Nelson Harris
- Folder 14 - Higgins, Ruby Bradshaw, descendant of Jonas Bradshaw
- Folder 15 - Howard, Doris Bee Wood, descendant of John Wheelchel
- Folder 16 - Howard, Doris Bee Wood, UDC application, descendant of James Copland
- Folder 17 - Johnson, Dorothy Hillyer, descendant of John Wheelchel
- Folder 18 - Kirkland, Jennie Adina, descendant of George Christian
- Folder 19 - Lamb, Frances Elizabeth, descendant of John Stroud
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- Folder 21 - Lamb, Mary Jo Deason Seymour, descendant of William Davis and Clement Billingsley
- Folder 22 - Lenoir, Debra Kay Grizzle, descendant of George Pointer
- Folder 23 - Locklar, Barbara Hilyer, descendant of James Hilyer Jr.
- Folder 24 - Mackey, Debra Ann Lee, descendant of James Hilyer Jr.
- Folder 25 - Maddox, Jessica Forrest, descendant of Jeremiah Lumsden
- Folder 26 - Nichols, Helen and Friday, Laurin, descendants of Godfrey Dreher Jr.
- Folder 27 - Smith, Phyllis Sandefur, descendant of John and Matthew French
- Folder 28 - Stewart, Jennie Henninger, descendant of Samuel Knox
- Folder 29 - Sulzmann, Dona Kirkland, descendant of George Christian
- Folder 30 - Sulzmann, Jaime Leigh, descendant of George Christian
- Folder 31 - Wheelus, Annie Byrd, descendant of David Sills
- Folder 32 - Wheelus, Annie Byrd, descendant of Moses Stephens
- Folder 33 - Wheelus, Annie Byrd, descendant of Isaac Rowell

Family History of DAR Members

- Folder 1 - Allen family history, especially James A. Allen and Ann Martin Bedell Allen, Russell County, Alabama
- Folder 2 - Baker family history, Richard Preston Baker 1827-1890
- Folder 3 - Bush-Brownlow family history, Frederick Bush, Russell County, Alabama, 1780-1880
- Folder 4 - Driskill family history, Greenberry Driskill (born c. 1828), lived in Lee County, Alabama. Includes "A Sketch of the Early Driskills of DeKalb County, Alabama"
- Folder 5 - Eiland family, Absalom Bunk Eiland (1827-1896), and Eiland E. Eiland (1865-1939); lived in Lee County, Alabama. Includes photo
- Folder 6 - Fitzpatrick family history, Benjamin Fitzpatrick (1802-1869), Alabama governor 1841-1845
- Folder 7 - Harris genealogy James M. Harris, Elizabeth Dorsey Wiggins and family
- Folder 8 - Harris family history and reunions
- Folder 9 - Harris family history, Charles H. Harris born 1835, son of Peter Coffee Harris and Narcissa Ann Hooks
- Folder 10 - Harris family history, James Thomas Harris (1847-1936), Russell County, Alabama
- Folder 11 - Harris family history, James M. Harris (1810-1890), Lee County, Alabama
- Folder 12 - Harris family history, poll tax receipts for T. E. and J. S. Harris, 1917-1918, Lee County, Alabama
- Folder 13 - Holloway family history
- Folder 14 - Jeter family history, Russell and Chambers County, Alabama
- Folder 15 - Kindred family history, Russell County, Alabama
- Folder 16 - Rhames family history, Ransom Hope Rhames, Butler County, Alabama
- Folder 17 - Rowell family history
- Folder 18 - Stroud, Eli cemetery in Lee County, Alabama
- Folder 19 - Stephens and Wiggins family history, Moses Stephens, born 1750 in England and died ca. 1810 Greene County, Georgia
- Folder 20 - Strode family history, England-Pennsylvania-North Carolina-Georgia-Alabama
- Folder 21 - Terry family history, Russell County, Alabama
- Folder 22 - Vann family history, James Vann (1780-1865), Russell County, Alabama

- Folder 23 - Whitlow, Patricia Gail, pedigree charts
- Folder 24 - Wiggins family history
- Folder 25 - Copland family history, Russell County, Alabama

Box 3 - Letters to Annie Wheelus, Harris Family and Wheelus family history

- Folder 1 - Letters from Byron Driskill Jr, Ft. Payne, Alabama, to Mama and Papa, Mr. & Mrs. Harris, asking permission to marry daughter Willie, with Willie's note to parents enclosed, April 1919
- Folder 2 - Letters from Byron Driskill Jr, Cocoa Beach, Florida, to Hortense Harris, Phenix City, Alabama, 1968-1973
- Folder 3 -- Letters from Byron Driskill Jr., Cocoa Beach, Florida, to Hortense Harris, Phenix City, Alabama, 1974
- Folder 4 - Letters from Byron Driskill Jr., Cocoa Beach, Florida, to Hortense Harris, Phenix City, Alabama, 1975
- Folder 5 - Letters from Mrs. Albert Fisher, Ann, Decatur, Georgia to Hortense Harris, 1970
- Folder 6 - Letters from James T. Harris to Annie and Alice Wheelus, 1960's and 1970's; "Hi Cousin" letters about Harris family and reunion at Flat Rock Park, Columbus, Ga.
- Folder 7 - Letters and cards from Ashley V. Wheelus to Aunt Annie Wheelus, 2001-2002
- Folder 8 - Letters and cards from Ellen Rodgers, Columbus, Miss. to Annie Wheelus, 1992-2001
- Folder 9 - Letters to Hortense Harris from various people, 1960's to 1970's
- Folder 10 - Letters to Annie and Alice Wheelus, 1962-1974
- Folder 11 - Letters to Annie and Alice Wheelus, 1982-1983
- Folder 12 - Letters to Annie Wheelus, 1984-1985
- Folder 13 - Letters to Annie Wheelus, 1986-1988
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- Folder 24 - Wheelus family history, letters from Pamela Gore, 1991
- Folder 25 - Wheelus family history, Abner Wheelus (1766-1846) Meriwether County, Georgia
- Folder 26 - Wheelus-Pearson family history, James Gray Wheelus (1845-1907) and Mary Catherine Pearson (1851-1932)
- Folder 27 - Wheelus family history, Hugh Dorsey Wheelus (1916-1999)
- Folder 28 - Wheelus family history, letters to Annie Wheelus, 1970's-1980's

Box 4 - Miscellaneous

- Folder 1 - "Aida", text of an opera in four acts
- Folder 2 - Berry College, 50th school anniversary booklet of 1936 class, June 13-15, 1986
- Folder 3 - Blind Tom newspaper clippings 1939, 1942, 1941, 1959
- Folder 4 - "British Blab" newsletter about tea with the DAR, November 1982
- Folder 5 - Calendar from F. S. Royster Guano Co. Norfolk, Va, 1917-1918.
- Folder 6 - Carter, Kit III, text of speech made at Columbus, Mississippi, "The Confederate Army, a Justifiable Legend", April 25, 1974
- Folder 7 - Certificate of church membership in the Universalist Church, 1902 for Miss Annie Virginia Harris
- Folder 8 - Driskill, Willie Harris poems; "A Quilt Top", "The Bluebirds' Nest", "The Ragged Goat"
- Folder 9 - "Family Roots", genealogy column from the **Phenix Citizen** newspaper, January-April 1983
- Folder 10 - "Family Roots", genealogy column from the **Phenix Citizen** newspaper, written by Alice and Annie Wheelus, May-August, 1983
- Folder 11 - "Family Roots" genealogy column from the **Phenix Citizen** newspaper, September-December, 1983
- Folder 12 - Florida Motor Lines Exhaust newsletter; WWII Service news, , August and October 1945

- Folder 13 - Genealogy books, information about ordering, 1980-1989
- Folder 14 - Harris, Hortense, 2 short stories; "The Yellow Kitten", "The Third Generation"
- Folder 15 - Harris, J. S. and Hortense, certificates and insurance, 1908, 1912, 1922, 1937
- Folder 16 - Harris, J.T. financial papers, oil-gas lease, 1921, 1913, 1922, 1924
- Folder 17 - Harris, T. E., membership cards from AF & AM grand lodge, 1945, 1947, 1949, 1952, 1962, 1965
- Folder 18 - Letter from the American Insurance Company, Newark, N.J., to Mrs. Manerva C. Harris, Salem, Alabama
- Folder 19 - Historic preservation in Phenix City, Alabama
- Folder 20 - Honorable discharge from the U.S. Army for Paul Case, May 21, 1919
- Folder 21 - Jordan High School 1965, 35th reunion program, November 10-11, 2000
- Folder 22 - **Magazine of Virginia Genealogy**, vol. 27, 1989, index vol. 28, Feb 1990
- Folder 23 - Miscellaneous folder # 1
- Folder 24 - Miscellaneous folder # 2
- Folder 25 - Money order form #6001 (blank), 1911 edition
- Folder 26 - Muscogee Genealogy Society for Annie B. Wheelus
- Folder 27 - Newspaper articles, various subjects
- Folder 28 - Democratic primary information, Lee County, Alabama, 1916
- Folder 29 - Order book, 1909-1914, ledger of credit extended from a grocery store (unknown location). Names mentioned; Will Lamb, J.T. Harris, Frank Flakes
- Folder 30 - Phenix City street and traffic guide and map, 1957-1958
- Folder 31 - Phillips, Joanna Phi Theta Kappa 1967, University of Georgia 1969
- Folder 32 - Photographs with names on back
- Folder 33 - Photographs (no names on back)
- Folder 34 - Postcard from U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington D.C., to box holder, cotton farmer (no date)
- Folder 35 - Postcard from War Manpower Commission to U.S. Employment Service, Americus, Georgia
- Folder 36 - Richland Church, (historic) Twiggs County, Georgia, anniversary programs, 1983, 1984, 1986
- Folder 37 - ROTC Award Day program with DAR presentation
- Folder 38 - School laws, enacted by the Legislature of Alabama, 1915
- Folder 39 - "Selected Songs" used in Reconstruction classes at Blue Ridge, N.C., Training School, January-May 1919
- Folder 40 - Silver C Society, Columbus State University, inaugural induction, April 12, 1997
- Folder 41 - **The Rebellion**, newspaper of Bowsher High School, Toledo, Ohio, December 2001
- Folder 42 - **The Trinity Methodist Messenger**, from Trinity Methodist Church, Phenix City, Alabama, August 1959-September 1960
- Folder 43 - **Trails in History**, newspaper of the Lee County Alabama Historical Society. Of especial interest are Creek War 1813-1814, Creek Treaties, 1790-1832, and The Indians in South-East History, March 1988-April 2004 (some issues missing).
- Folder 44 - **Twiggs County New Era**, October 15, 1986
- Folder 45 - UDC certificate for Alice V. Wheelus and Annie B. Wheelus, March 15, 1966
- Folder 46 - UDC identification certificate for Mrs. J. T. Harris, twenty-ninth annual reunion, October 7-10, 1919
- Folder 47 - Universalist literature, 1896-1907
- Folder 48 - University of Georgia commencement program, June 7, 1965
- Folder 49 - U.S. Post Office request for location information on Villula, Russell County, Alabama, Yongsboro, Russell County, Alabama, Umland, Russell County, Alabama, Wenica, Russell County, Alabama
- Folder 50 - Wheelus, Annie, certificate commissioning her as a member of the Troy State University Sound of the South "Pipe and Drum Corps", March 16, 1988
- Folder 51 - Wheelus, Alice, diploma from Alabama Polytechnic Institute, April 13, 1934
- Folder 52 - Wheelus, Ashley
- Folder 53 - Wheelus, Joanna P., Mrs. Hugh Wheelus, mother of Ashley
- Folder 54 - Index to deeds of Brunswick Co, Virginia and Greenville Co 1732-1881

Box 5

Books, Scrapbooks, Notebooks

- Item 1 - **Abbott's Webster's Vest Pocket Dictionary** (no date)
- Item 2 - Book, **Domestic Animals; History and Description**, 1849
- Item 3 - Book, **Some Birds, Game, and Fish of Alabama**, 1925
- Item 4 - Book, (Re-located in the Archives Local History collection), **A Genealogical Synopsis of Russell County, Alabama, 1850**
- Item 5 - **A Wheelless Genealogy**
- Item 6 - Fertilizer note Book
- Item 7 - Washington "Dee-Cee" brand Work Shirts; JD Harris, TE Harris, notebook
- Item 8 - "Insure with the New Hampshire Fire Insurance Company", empty notebook
- Item 9 - Folder on Harris genealogy, by Hortense Harris.
- Item 10 - Plaque from Chattahoochee Valley Community College to Annie B. Wheelus in recognition of her devotion to the community, 1993
- Item 11 - Plaque from Russell County Historical Commission to Annie Wheelus for historical preservation of old cemeteries, May 8, 1999
- Item 12 - Plaque from Phenix City Adult Education to Annie Wheelus for volunteer service, 1989-1990
- Item 13 - DAR account book, 1979-1989
- Item 14 - DAR scrapbook, Coweta Town Chapter, 1978-1984
- Item 15 - Girard Cemetery records by Delores Hill Autry