Judge Allen H. Gwyn, Sr. Collection

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Title: Judge Allen H. Gwyn, Sr. Collection

Accession No.: 93-053

Extent: 37 boxes

Provenance: Donated by family in 1993

Inclusive Dates: 1937-1970

Subject Headings: Gwyn, Sr., Allen H., 1893-1969
Rockingham County (N. C.) – Politics and government
Tobacco farming – Rockingham County (N. C.)

Items Separated: Boxed separately and shelved with Oversized and 3-D Collections:
N. C. State Senate Session of 1933 – photo of senators and capitol building
National College of State Trial Judges, University of NC, 1968 – photo of faculty and advisors

Related Collections: Allen H. Gwyn Collection 10-011
Jule Gwyn – Family Estates Collection 05-070
Jule Gwyn – Chinqua Penn Collection 03-776

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Descriptive Note: Allen Gwyn, Sr. was a Superior Court judge from 1938 until his death in 1969. He was also elected to the state Senate in 1931 and 1933. A Caswell County native, the Reidsville based judge was also the author of Work, Earn, and Save, published in 1963 to highlight his uncommon practice of suspending sentences.
and requiring the violator to get a job and set aside money to be held by the court until probation was served. The money was then returned with interest. Judge Gwyn also farmed tobacco and raised cattle. His papers include extensive farm records.

Allen H. Gwyn, Sr. was married to Janie Johnston Gwyn. They had two sons, Allen H. Gwyn, Jr. and Julius J. “Jule” Gwyn, a prominent attorney and mayor of Reidsville, NC who wrote “Reidsville, NC: Establishing Civil Rights Without Chaos or Violence.” They also had a daughter, Anne Robertson.

Contents:
Correspondence
Case files
Farm records
Legal research

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