

Berta King Ray Collection

Repository:	Rockingham Co. Historical Collections Gerald B. James Library Rockingham Community College P. O. Box 38 Wentworth, NC 27375
Title:	Berta King Ray Collection
Accession No.:	04-027
Extent:	2 boxes
Provenance:	Donated by Rachel Ray Wright in 2004
Inclusive Dates:	1846-1992
Subject Headings:	Dan River Fields, John Early Grogan, Robert P. Leaksville Mercantile Co. Ray, Berta King Ray, Fred C. Ray, Joe Ray, Rachel Hunter Ray, Rufus P. Rockingham County (N. C.) -- Genealogy Spray Baptist Church Union Carbide Corp. Wright, Ann Cort Wright, Bayard Alvin Wright, Richard Cort
Items Separated:	Photos separated and filed in the private photograph collection
Related Collections:	Bessie C. Ray Collection 98-001
Preferred Citation:	<i>Berta King Ray Collection. 04-027. Rockingham Co. Historical Collections, Gerald B. James Library, Rockingham Community College.</i>

Descriptive Note:

Diaries, notes, poems, deeds, receipts, genealogy, photographs relating to the family of Berta King Ray.

Contents:

Box 1:

Day by Day: 1900-1938 Poems by Berta King Ray (4 copies)

As Falls the Leaf: 1900-1950 Poems by Berta King Ray

Selections of Poems – Favorites

101 Famous Poems With a Prose Supplement Owned by Mrs. R. P. Ray 1926

Poems by Mrs. R. P. Ray. Dated 1938 – 1941 Hand Written-
Vase of flowers on front.

Red Scrap Book with windmill on front. First page dated Jan 1931. Newspaper clippings; musings of author; and selected poems.

Journal in RoseByrd Composition Book 1939

A booklet of check stubs from Jan 11, 1944 –Dec 30 1944. On the back of each stub was written antidotes compiled as “People are funny” 1959-1960-1961

‘University Quiz Book’ with ‘Mrs. W. H. Ray’ written on front

The 100 Page Composition Book property of Joe Ray, 11th LHS

A booklet titled ‘Clippings’ with date 1920 and 1922 on first page.

Check Register with ‘Greensboro N. C. Daily News’ on front. Clippings of Christian related articles. 1938

December 28, 1938, journal containing musings of Mrs. R. P. Ray

Loose leaf notebook containing poetry

Composition book containing clippings of poems

Copy of pamphlets: Stories/Writings: Judge Cooke, *Plain Tales from the Country* (2 Copies); *Honeysuckles and Bramblebriars: Homspun Yarns* by Tom Henderson

Prize Poems of the New York World's Fair, 1939

Booklet of "The Story of The Methodist Church, Leaksville, North Carolina 1837–1957 120 Years of Progress and Service"

Program "Community Fellowship Meeting and Special Home Coming Service Thirty-Ninth Anniversary 1903-1942 Spray Baptist Church October twenty-fifth Nineteen Hundred Forty-two"

Program "Community Fellowship Meeting and Special Home Coming Service. Spray Baptist Church October 25, 1942"

Booklet "UCC Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation: Products and Processes"

Address book, covered in brown felt with embroidered flowers on front, 1967-1968

National Flower and Garden Calendar: 1958; 1961; 1962; 1966; 1967

Leaksville News dated March 28, 1957

News & Record dated November 18, 2001

The Covered Bridge 1847-1942 by B. K. Ray

Map of Eden from the Greater Eden Chamber of Commerce North Carolina

Year Book 1936

Three 5-year diaries: 1929-1930; one with addresses; one with notes and verses

Booklet entitled 'Ledger'

William and Mary College Quarterly, Vol. XVI., No. 2 October 1907

The Advisor, Vol. 14, No. 160. September 1960

One 8 1/2 X 11 Picture of mountains in the distance

The Mrs. Browning Birthday Book - Outside is a cream color with raised branch. Latch for the closure is gone. Contains Bible verses

Box 2:

Deed: C. A. Reynolds & wife C. W. Reynolds to James B. Ray: Washington & Hamilton St. and house back of Gordon which was moved. May 19 1884

Deed of Mortgage: L. J. Martin and M. C. Martin and D. F. King. Parcel of land lying in Leaksville, Rockingham County, NC, adjoining the lots of Ray Hotel and the storehouse of Smith Bros. known as the Bullard Store House and now occupied by said Martin as a confectionary and restaurant. March 29, 1890

Deed: D. F. King and Wife (Eliza) to R. P. Ray: Parcel of land lying and being in the town of Leaksville in the County of Rockingham NC, adjoining the lots of the Ray Hotel and the storehouse formerly Smith Bros, now J. M. Galloway and known as the Bullard Store House and formerly occupied by L. J. Martin as a confectionary and Restaurant, said lot fronting on Washington St. October 29, 1895

Deed: Martha Mangum and her husband W. P. Mangum to T. W. Dunn of Rockingham Co. and State of North Carolina parcel of land lying in the Co. of Henry and State of Virginia adjoining the lands of Sam Hairston, Andy Newman, Mrs. Mary Martin and others. Track of land known as the Nat Murphy land which was bought from Major William Terry by Elizabeth Murphy, wife of Nat Murphy, and on which Nat Murphy now lives. Bounded on the South by the state lines between the states of Virginia and North Carolina at the point where the land of Mrs. Mary Martin widow of W. D. Martin deceased touched said state line on the North Carolina side. 100 acres more or less. The graveyard on said land is hereby reserved. June 21, 1904

Warranty Deed: Mary Kirkpatrick Wade and Drew Wade of Lincoln County and State of Tennessee to Rufus Paterson Ray of Rockingham County and State of North Carolina for \$1.00 and considerations a certain tract or parcel of land in Rockingham County, State of North Carolina adjoining the lands of Doctor S. L. Martin lying on Washington and Hamilton Streets (The Dineen house was moved from back behind the present property and Dr. Martin lived there until he came in possession of the Col. Dillard home where his widow lives at present-1952): June 5, 1906

Warranty Deed: R. P. Ray and wife Berta King Ray in consideration of twenty five and zero dollars to ? paid by Jno B. Ray, Mayor of the Town of Leaksville NC and his successor in office a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, State of North Carolina adjoining the lands of Mrs. Berta King Ray containing 8300 sq feet. (Dr. Ray's residence on Washington Street, flower garden) July 1906

1894 – 1898 Receipts showing State and County Tax payment for Leaksville Mercantile Co., Spray, and North Carolina.

1899 – 1921 Receipts showing State and County Tax payments for Spray Mercantile Co., Spray, North Carolina.

Map of Canal Place, Spray, NC

Joseph M. Morehead on the Life and Times of James Hunter, "General" of the Regulators

Article, *Billy Strong Recalls Early Days in Leaksville History* by Daisy King Barker

"Businesses in Leaksville, Spray, and Draper Rockingham County, North Carolina." Sources: R. G. Dun, September 1903, Vol. 142; Bradstreet's, March, 1909, Vol. 165.

Letter to Dr. Leigh Hammond, Commissioner from Robert A. Matuia, Financial Analyst. Subject: Letter of Inquiry from Mrs. Frank H. Walker, dated January 18, 1982

Letter of Robert P. Grogan dated 15 August 1846 to Jese H. Grogan. Outside of letter has on left side Leaksville, NC August 19; on right side Jese H. Grogan, Kanawha County Salines Virginia

Letter containing genealogy of Bayard Alvin Wright and Ann Mabel Cort Wright

James Hamilton Thomas Last Confederate Survivor in Rockingham County

Article: "*Discovery and Identification of Calcium Carbide in the United States*" by William R. Kenan, Jr.

Article: Handwritten sheets about Stalline Carbide

Photocopy (made 5/5/1975 by Fred C. Ray) of Kings Mill on Matrimony Creek. The original was taken in 1884

Article, *Memories of The Civil War*, by Mrs. Martha Ann Stone

An Address, *James Turner Morehead, Pioneer in American Industry*, delivered by The Honorable John Motley Morehead before the International Acetylene Association, Chicago, Illinois, October 27, 1922.

Copy of the marriage of Rachel Hunter Ray to Richard Cort Wright, daughter of Samuel Philip Ray

Note card to Mrs. Ray from Sally Brodnax

Article: *The Wheels of Progress, 1728 – 1900*, by Berta King Ray

Large post card with ad for Spray Mercantile Company, Spray, NC

Letter from John M. Morehead to Mrs. Rufus Ray, postmarked New York, NY, May 11, 1949

Writing, *The Poetry of Seed Catalogues*, Berta K. Ray, Jan 1934, Garden Club (not copied)

Writing, *Romance of Flowers in Poetry – Music & Art*, Berta King Ray, Dec., 11, 1936
Not copied

Article: *The Covered Bridge: 1847 – 1942*, by B. K. Ray

Article: *The Morehead-Mebane Mansion*, by Allan D. Ivie, Jr.

Newspaper article: "*Prof. B. W. Ray Demonstrates First Coal Fire Ever Seen Here*" by Mrs. Berta King Ray

History of the Wright Family

Cut out from Fieldcrest Mill Whistle: '*Old Photograph Shows Spray Nearly a Century Ago*'

Two copies of 'Report of the Chief of Engineers: Survey of Dan River Between Danbury, North Carolina, And Danville, Virginia. United States Engineer Office, Washington, D. C. July 15, 1879' Notes of Berta King Ray on Dan River Basin

Two Rockingham County, North Carolina placemat maps showing points of interest; tours (Industrial and Cultural); Recreation; Tobacco Sales Warehouses

Personal note from Berta King Ray to Rachel (Ray Wright) dated Jan. 2, 1998

Letter from Norm (Slenker, husband of Berta) to Capt Fred C. Ray

Copy of email from Martha Mullenbach to Martie Mullenbach: Virginia Dare – Boling, Barnett of Indiana file; and research on Wm. David Aker and Mary Jackson

Copy of excerpt from *How Green Was My Valley* – by Richard Llewellyn

Leaksville High School Invitation to Commencement Exercises, June 5th. No Year (1923)

Note to "Dear Ones" 1967 regarding Christmas

Copy of newspaper article (Greensboro Daily News): '*Charles Bruce: A Friend of Liberty*' by Miss Katherine Hoskins

Sketch of Dan River & Creeks and list of families on each from Nancy Woodburn Watkins, Madison, NC, December 1943 (Showing work done to June 30, 1887)

Article from Greensboro Daily News on Sunday, August 22, 1948: *Old Patrick Springs College Offered Freedom From Follies of City Life*

Article from March of Progress Edition, *The Leaksville News*, Thursday, April 1, 1948: *Rockingham County Has Sent Five Sons to Governorship of North Carolina*. Missing conclusion of article on Page 6

Article by Maude Reynolds on Rockingham County, N. C. (No title)

Notes on John Early Fields, son of D. E. Field

Genealogy of the Bullard Family

Copy from Branson's North Carolina Business Directory:

Rockingham County – Leaksville – Generalities

Rockingham County – Leaksville – Merchants

Rockingham County – Leaksville – Mills

Rockingham County – Leaksville – Manufactories

Rockingham County – Leaksville – Schools

Rockingham County – Leaksville Township – Farmers

Folder: It Happened in Winchester, Va., given by Chamber of Commerce in Winchester, Va.

List of students in G. F. C., during the year 1895-96-97

Poem titled '*March*'

Governor Luther Hartwell Hodges: Facts of Record

Newspaper: "Mr. And Mrs. Fred Ray Honored on Anniversary"

Newspaper: Wedding of Miss Bessie Reine Clark and Dr. Samuel Philip Ray of Pa.

Salem May Day with Miss Bessie Clark

Leaksville High School, June 5th, 1923 Commencement

Letter to Miss Berta from Jos. Ray, dated 1-11-1900, Spray, NC

Diary: January 1, 1947 – December 31, 1947

Note to 'Dear Princess' from 'Daisy'

Drafts of 'Wheels of Progress' 1959

Genealogy of

Bullard	Brooks
Clark	Cooke
Corbett	Esten
Hill	Holbrook
Martin	Mason
Millerd (Millard, Miller)	Pidge
Rocket – Rockwood	Rogers
Russell	Sabin
Smith	White

Genealogy of the King Family

Photos:

Copy of a picture of Confederate Veterans at a picnic hosted by Chalimer Glenn Chapter at the home of Mrs. Mae Heiner on Bridge St.

Doctor Franklin King

Benj King (Killed in the Civil War)

Mr. Rufus P. Ray and his sons: Fred, Reid, Philip, Joe, and William.
Two poses.

Group of men

Mr. Rufus P. Ray and a child in frame

Mr. & Mrs. Rufus P. Ray (color photograph)

Mattie Vivian Clark and Anna Hall Snead, April 1958

Lucie Lane, Berta King Ray and Rachel Hunter

Two young children beside a tree

Merry Christmas, Lucie Lane

Bessie 73 yrs, Xmas '78

Bessie, two poses. One dated Mar '92 with child. One sitting on bench beside street

Three pictures of three women in tropical area

Four pictures of lady in red dress

Four pictures of groups

Hunter Wright

Picture of child

Family group dated Dec 24, 1949

Four men

Two men, one with pipe

One soldier in uniform

Nantucket Cotton Mill, Cotton House and Mercantile Store

School picture taken by W. F. Jackson, Reidsville, NC

Processed by Rita N. Gantt
2005

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