

Gloria T. Best Chinqua-Penn Plantation Collection

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| Title: | Gloria T. Best Chinqua-Penn Plantation Collection |
| Accession No.: | 00-054 |
| Extent: | 1 box |
| Provenance: | Donated by Gloria T. Best |
| Inclusive Dates: | 1923-1990s |
| Subject Headings: | Chinqua-Penn Plantation (Reidsville, N. C.) |
| Items Separated: | |
| Related Collections: | |
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| Descriptive Note: | <p>This collection is a history of Chinqua-Penn Plantation in Reidsville, NC. The plantations was the home of Beatrice Schoellkoph Penn and Thomas Jefferson Penn from 1923-1965. Betsy and Jeff were world travelers and their home reflected architecture and decorative styles from around the world. Upon Mrs. Penn's death (Mr. Penn preceded her in death) in 1965, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro assumed control of a large portion of the estate, per her request. It was her wish that any and all who wanted to enjoy the plantation's quiet and charm be allowed to do so. This collection is the story of how Chinqua-Penn came to be. It is a celebration of its beauty and splendor. The collection also documents the struggles the plantation faced in the late 1980s and 1990s.</p> |

Contents:

1 scrapbook consisting mainly of newspaper articles, photocopies and originals, from the 1990s

1 scrapbook, compiled by Deborah Baker which chronicles the history of Chinqua-Penn (appears to be a class project, complete with paper, photos and copies of deeds and wills of the Penns)

21 "Voice Picture" cassette tapes