

Lindley Butler Collection

Repository:	Rockingham Co. Historical Collections Gerald B. James Library Rockingham Community College P. O. Box 38 Wentworth, NC 27375
Title:	Lindley Butler Collection
Accession No.:	00-004
Extent:	9 boxes
Provenance:	Donated by Dr. Lindley S. Butler, Professor Emeritus at Rockingham Community College
Inclusive Dates:	1968-1996
Subject Headings:	Butler, Lindley S. Rockingham County (N. C.) – History Wright Tavern
Items Separated:	Photographs in the Photo Archives-Private Collection filed under “Lindley Butler Collection”
Related Collections:	
Preferred Citation:	<i>Lindley Butler Collection. 00-004. Rockingham Co. Historical Collections, Gerald B. James Library, Rockingham Community College.</i>
Descriptive Note:	This collection is comprised of an assortment of materials. Included are papers, correspondence, bibliographies, maps, newspapers clippings and photographs that highlight people and places of Rockingham County and surrounding areas. There is a special emphasis on the Wright Tavern (see Box 8). Much of this collection is material that Dr. Butler would have used in the classroom when he was a history professor at Rockingham Community College.
Contents:	<u>BOX 1:</u>

3 original bags, Leaksville Milling

10 Rockingham County Bicentennial posters

Assorted maps

3 Federal Population Censuses dated 1910, 1900 and 1790-1890

1 sprinkler head from one of Spray Mills

1 copy Field Medical Services at the Battle of Manassas

1 envelope addressed to Mrs. Cate from Pipkin containing correspondence and one cassette tape

1 small manila envelope containing two cassette tapes and one class paper on William J. Gordon

Chautauqua programs, various dates

1 Self Study Report of Rockingham County Senior High School, 1977

1 Program of The Inaugural Ceremonies, January 2-3, 1969, Raleigh, North Carolina

1 Historical Map of Henry County Virginia

2 copies The Land of Eden drama/play

2 large envelopes North Carolina history materials

1 manila envelope containing War Ration Books and small Pay Roll envelopes

3 War Ration Books

1 letter in envelope dated December 25, 1918

1 envelope Merchant's Advertising Token/Change – 2 coins

1 bumper sticker "VOTE Yes RCC"

File folders labeled:

Special Collections – Current (Butler)

Iron Works/High Rock Project

3 Merchant's Letters, Leaksville from June W. Craig

Rockingham County History by Mrs. Treva S. Nunnally

Ruffin Methodist Church

Rockingham County Historical Society
Capt. John H. Dillard
Garrett Tobacco Factory
Reid House
Cultural Life
N. C. Rockingham County History (A bibliography by Lindley S.
Butler, 1974)
J. C. Chandler Collection – contains correspondence and two
photographs

2 unlabeled file folders containing typewritten papers, financial
statements, newspaper articles

1 file folder labeled MISC containing correspondence, articles, Boone
family history, Smith family history, and more

PHOTOGRAPHS:

1 small black and white of Wright Tavern

1 manila envelope of map negatives – notation on envelope
“Lindley Butler – Masters – N. C. History”

1 file folder Rockingham County History Photographs –
contains 2 small envelopes of color photographs

1 file folder Sauratown Plantation Photographs,
Harbor’s/Morehead – contains a letter and color photos

1 file folder Spray Cotton Mills photos

1 file folder Mayo River photos

1 file folder labeled L. Butler’s Neg. and slide duplicates

1 sleeve miscellaneous black and white photographs

BOX 2:

1 framed Governor’s Ball invitation for Saturday July 3, 1976

File folders labeled:

Journal Copyright
Journal Invoices
Journal Distribution
Journal Correspondence Mailing
Leaksville
Wagon Road Project

RCHS Wright Tavern Book Publications
C-McCollum Cemetery
Cemeteries Rockingham County
B – Lowe’s Cemetery
Lick Fork P.B.C. Cemetery of Rockingham County 1977 and
Leasburg Cemetery, Caswell County
Guilford County Deed Abstracts
Granville Grants – R.C.
Butler – contains newspaper articles

Various bulletins and booklets

Book Rockingham County School Survey Report 1980-81

Town of Madison 150th year book

J.R. Reynolds 100th Anniversary magazine

Lowe’s United Methodist Church bulletin with note from Mr. Howard Underwood

Rockingham County Historical Society 25th Anniversary bulletins – 9

1 RCC envelope with 3 metal pins inside

1 newspaper/magazine printed by First National Bank of Bassett, c. 1975

Front page Reidsville Review October 20, 1980

2 copies RCHS, Inc. Newsletter October 1979

Paper written by Lindley S. Butler “Speedwell Furnace: The Ironworks on Troublesome Creek”

Article from The Messenger May 27, 1981 “Gov. Scales Letter Is Found”

Photocopy of microfilmed letter dated December 28, 1785

Booklet Survey and Planning Grants 1980

Caswell County Historical Association, Incorporated Newsletter January 1980

Program for 5th Annual Recognition Dinner for Past Governors from Rockingham County October 12, 1970

1 file folder miscellaneous

BOX 3:

This box contains files labeled as such and containing:

Leadership Rockingham
Local History Correspondence
Rockingham County Maps
Haw River State Park Project
N.C. L&H Assoc.: Grant Proposal
Library Archives Proposal
RCC Misc. Information (2)
Correspondence Lindley Butler 85/86
Cunningham Correspondence
National Register Applications
Letters
Correspondence Lindley Butler 84/85
Penn House
Local History Project
Letters Recommendation
Summary Evaluations/1986
Comm. On Care Records – NCYM
Surry County Forum
NCHC N.C. Writer's Symposium
Vietnam Forum
Community College Social Science Quarterly
N.C. Lit and History Assoc.
Federation of N.C. Historical Societies
Society Preservation of Antiquities Historic Preservation Society of N.
C.
N.C. Genealogical Society
N.C. Humanities Symposium
Federation Advisory Committee
Joint Committee on the Status of History in Public Schools
TV-12 Revolution Project
N.C. Literary and Historical
Bishir – Architecture
MacLamroc Project
Rockingham County American Revolution Bicentennial
Misc. Historical Organizations
RCC History Proposal
Local History Text
Community College System Pres. Inaugural
N.C. L&A Assoc. Grant Proposal Background
N.C. Public School History Texts
College History
Butler Collection

Loose in this box are two items:

Photocopy Robert Martin will dated 1848

1994 Letter to Lindley S. Butler from Ruth Mitchell regarding Queen Marie and Mrs. Mebane

BOX 4:

This box contains files, photographs, newspapers/publications and 2 binders.

Files include:

James W. Reid – DNCB

HIS 101 Films

Wright Tavern Surface Coll. (Post Office Service Trench)

Wright Tavern '95 Diagrams Duplicates

Wright Tavern Photographs

Tavern History Late Nineteenth

Wright Tavern Museum Exhibit (NC Museum)

Tavern – Antebellum Wrights

Rockingham County Historical Society

Wright Tavern Historical Society Correspondence

Frank L. Reid (BDNC)

Galloway – DNCB

R.C. Historical Society Stationery Gift Loan Forms

Art and Antiques

Rockingham County Historical Society

Wright Family

Rock Co. Historical Society – Constitution

Rockingham County Historical Society (Newsletters)

Historical Society

Wright Tavern Archaeology & Miscellaneous

Civil War

Rockingham County Historic Survey

Secession to Bull Run (contains some photographs)

Civil War Virginia (contains some photographs)

Rockingham County Pre-History (all photographs)

Dan River Course

Rock Co Historic Preservation Information and Outline

Rock Co Biography outline

Rockingham County History Transportation and Industry

North Carolina Notes and References (contains newspaper

clippings)

Historic Preservation in Rock. Co. Sites/Military

Historic Sites in Rock. Co.

Local History and Biographies Handouts

Local History C.E. Class Rolls

Rockingham County C.E. Outlines

Other:

Publication – “Rockingham County Gets it Together”
Report “Wright Tavern 37-71-00021-00 Completion Report:
Exterior Restoration”
Rockingham County Historical Society Well Restoration
Project by Michael Burnett
2 copies Carolina Comments September 1967

1 binder, green, Rockingham County Historical Society
Newsletters and other genealogical materials
1 binder, black, contains paper: “Local History Research: The
First Two Years A Partial Report” by Maurice R. Stirewalt
1 issue Preservation Spectator Spring 1974
Southern Antiques and Interiors
Winter 1974 Winter
Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall 1973
Spring, Summer, Fall 1972

BOX 5:

This box contains mostly file folders and several newspaper sections and clippings. Also included and unfiled are materials on compiling local history bibliographies, archival information, genealogical resources, and two copies of “A Bibliography of Genealogical Materials in the Madison Public Library A Branch of the Rockingham County Public Library” compiled by Joyce L. Hamm, 1980.

The file folders are labeled as follows:

Thomas Henderson – DNCB Other Local Figures
North Carolina History
Education - Eden Reidsville County
Southern Historical Misc.
Printed Documents Murphy Ruffin
Abraham Phillips Illustrations
Abraham Phillips
Abraham Phillips Article
Lanier Family
Thomas Settle
Thomas Settle III DNCB
Thomas Settle I DNCB
Robert Williams DNCB
John G. Brodnax – DNCB
T.J. Penn – DNCB C.A. Penn
Scales, A.M. ANB 750
R.P. Richardson
Richardson – DNCB
Robert M. Douglas DNCB
James Hunter

Daniel W. Courts DNCB
T.W. Keen – DNCB
William Bethel – DNCB
RC – Biography Moore Family
John M. Gallaway – DNCB
Francis L. Simpson
Robert Martin – DNCB
Elizabeth Strong (Alexander Martin's Mistress)
Alexander Martin DNCB
Thomas Person ANB
Polk, Thomas ANB
Williamson, Hugh ANB
Johnston, Samuel ANB
Caswell, Richard ANB
Nash, Abner ANB
Hogun, James ANB
Martin, Josiah ANB
Timothy Bloodworth ANB
Waddell, Hugh ANB
Sumner
John Butler DNCB
Archibald Lytle – DNCB
Local History and Biography Outlines and Materials
Rockingham County History Bibliography

BOX 6:

This box contains overhead transparencies Dr. Butler would have used as teaching materials while he was professor of history at Rockingham Community College. Most of the transparencies are matted. They include people and places, as well as arrowheads and other archaeological items, maps, handwritten documents, and local history memorabilia.

BOX 7:

3 small pins for the American Revolution Bicentennial 1776-1976
1 large safety pin with tag, no. 88
1 razor blade in case, "Blue Grass"
1 manila envelope containing numerous color slides from Smithsonian Institution Photographic Services of First Ladies' gowns. Also contains corresponding paperwork.
Church histories, some in booklet format, some typewritten papers
1 folder labeled Entertainment, containing several articles on Rockingham County Theaters
1 play entitled "The Land of Eden: A Pageant-Drama" by Edgar Garrett and Herman Middleton
Rockingham County historical information including maps,

typewritten papers, Bicentennial Celebration pamphlets, and other miscellaneous photocopies and correspondence
1 file folder labeled as such and containing papers, articles and correspondence regarding "High Rock Ford/House"
1 manila envelope Colonial Williamsburg/Williamsburg History
1 file folder photocopies of Court Minutes, Rockingham County, 1800s
3 copies of letter dated July 13, 1967 to Members and Friends of the Rockingham County Historical Society from Tempie Harris Prince, regarding preservation of the Old Wright Tavern
1 spiral bound notebook, green, containing handwritten notations including dates, names and descriptions of properties from 1700s

RCC Memorabilia:

1 newspaper article from The Reidsville Review
Brochure, Visiting Artist program
Program, Dedication of Wrenn Memorial Drive

Rockingham County School documents:

Handwritten on yellow paper "Rockingham County School Minutes"
Several photocopies of "Apportionment of School Taxes" for various years
1 photocopy of a program from 1888 for Leaksville Practical High School

1 file folder of miscellaneous

BOX 8:

This box contains files pertaining to the Wright Tavern. Included are both color and black and white photos of an archaeological dig at the Tavern, a handwritten, illustrated journal chronicling a dig, and two buttons. In addition there is a green binder belonging to Christian Martin that contains class notes, papers, etc... from a course from UVA Archaeological Field School dated 1987. Finally there are numerous file folders and other documents.

File Folders:

Wright Tavern 1995
Wright Tavern Field School – accordion file
Introduction to Archaeology (Class Notes)
Wright Tavern – by Rhonda Hooker (a class paper, in a purple cover)

1 Folder of transparencies
N.C. Indians
Wright Tavern Arch Grid 5/87
Wright Tavern Master Plan
Wright Tavern Site Plan
Wright Tavern Documentation - accordion file
Wright Tavern Archaeology – accordion file

Wright Tavern Post Office 1994 – accordion file
Arch Course Information
Friends of Archaeology
Arch – Original Forms
Rock Co Arch Council
Arch – Survey Form
Archaeology – Pre-Historic
Wright Tavern: Old Photographs
Wright Tavern: Archaeological Features
Gravelly Archaeology Articles
Siouan Project Field Guide
Dan River Ware Description
N.C. Piedmont Projectile Points - Dan River Ware
Arch – Roanoke River Basin
Archaeology Materials
Arch: Equip and Supplies Requisitions
Artifact Sorting Form
Archaeology Class Roles
Poplar Grove Plantation – accordion file
Folder - Sauratown Plantation Dig 1986, Dr. Butler's Class
Reid House Account & Inventory Book 1883 (photocopies of a
book in a blue folder)
Restorations Master Plans
Manila envelope – Wright Tavern Masonry
Tavern – Inactive
Tavern Restoration – Non-Current Co. Petition – Legislature –
Correspondence – Report
Restoration – 1967-1973

Other Documents:

3 photocopies of papers by Lindley S. Butler "Wright Tavern:
A Brief History"

Photocopy of "Wright Tavern, 31 RK 105 (May, 1993-1994)
Old Post Office/Hotel Lobby Excavation Report" by Lindley S.
Butler

4 maps, 1 large, 3 small: Plan of Excavations at Wright Tavern,
Wentworth, North Carolina, RK-1

Folder – paper written by Lindley S. Butler "Wright Tavern: A
Nineteenth Century Courthouse Inn"

BOX 9:

This box contains many folders, manila envelopes and publications:
Binder, white – Rockingham County, N.C. It's All Here
Rockingham County, North Carolina publication, Where

Opportunity Begins

Leadership Rockingham paper – Rockingham County Facts and Trends March 17, 1993

Manila envelope Eden Police History

John Motley Morehead 100th birthday celebration – blue folder

Population Distribution Map North Carolina 1970

Resource-full Rockingham County – tan folder

2 pages black and white photos on blue paper

The North Carolina Sheriff Magazine December 1992

Map of the United States

List of files “Rockingham County File” in the LRC

Paper – “Speedwell Presbyterian Churchyard Graves in Old Section” December 2, 1973

Several miscellaneous bulletins, magazines, brochures

It also contains file folders labeled:

Charlie Poole Marker

Williamsburg School (State Historical Marker)

Black – contains information about Lonnie Leon Irving

Militia – Military Mex. War

Rockingham County History

Rock. Co. Courthouse – 1792 Guilford County Court Minutes

Rock. Co. Artists

William Blount

Rockingham Co. History

Reidsville

Rockingham Co. Bicentennial Address

American Revolution in Rockingham County

Civil War/Rock. Co.

Martin-Taylor House

Rockingham County Boundaries

Leaksville

Post Offices

Bethesda Presbyterian Cemetery

Rockingham County Scottish Connection

Railroads

McLungeons

Rockingham County History Misc.

Industrial Development

Newspapers

Ironworks (2)

Co. History

Towns – Settlement, Formation

Stoneville and Price

Reconstruction

Archaeology Speedwell Furnace

Archaeology Publicity

Tavern – Courthouse Research (contains photographs of an archaeological dig)

Wright Tavern 1989-1991

Wright Tavern Field School May 1991

Rock Co History Courses, General

Slave Trade – Anselom Reed Papers

Rockingham Co. History

Alamance

Civil War Newspapers

Current Correspondence

General Correspondence

Misc

Nine Gal Tavern Illinois

Wilmington

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