

L. W. Anderson Collection - Pine Hall Plantation

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| Provenance: | Descendants of the Hanes family gave the collection to Charles Rodenbough, who then donated it to the Rockingham County Historical Collections on May 19, 2005 |
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| Subject Headings: | Anderson, Leonard Wade, 1821-1902 Anderson, Martha Fontaine, 1822-1915 Chisman, Margaret Augusta Anderson, 1884-1906 Chisman, William McKenzie, 1853-1940 Grist mills – Stokes County (N. C.) Hanes, Eliza Pescud Chisman, 1884-1965 Hanes, John Lewis, 1879-1940 Pine Hall Plantation – Stokes County (N. C.) Sawmills – Stokes County (N. C.) Suttenfield, Raleigh |
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| Descriptive Note: | This collection of miscellaneous materials relates to Pine Hall Plantation, near the village of Ladd's Ford (later Pine Hall) in Stokes County, North Carolina which was built from 1853-1855. |

Included are materials relating to three different owners of the plantation over a period of nearly one hundred years, Leonard W. Anderson, William Chisman, and Dr. J. Lewis Hanes.

The collection includes several account books which contain records of Len W. Anderson's sawmill and lumber business 1873-1885, his flour mill and accounts with his tenants 1873-1912, and two record books for Dr. J. Lewis Hanes' patients' accounts 1912-1944 and an account book of the Raleigh Suttentfield estate 1923. Some of the account books also include totals of tobacco sales grown on Pine Hall Plantation 1929-1935.

A small collection of correspondence to William M. Chisman, dated 1929-1932 written by his granddaughter, other miscellaneous cards, and correspondence from the early 20th Century.

Farm related materials include letters from tobacco warehouses, division with the Pine Hall tenants (loose papers) and a large collection of tobacco warehouse sales bills from 1935.

Also included in the collection is an old check book of Len Anderson, a few financial records and other items including two (2) pairs of eye glasses, five (5) old ink blotters, two (2) samples of medicine, a leather patch, a letterhead of L. W. Anderson's saw and flour mills in the 1880's, a cutting of Mr. & Mrs. Anderson's hair and other miscellaneous items.

A group of seven (7) old memo booklets include one with accounts of bills with tenants 1885-1890, and one with totals of tobacco sales from Pine Hall plantation during the period 1890's-1901.

Family Sketches:

Anderson family:

Leonard Wade Anderson was born in Prince Edward County, Virginia on 10 April 1821. On 4 November 1841, he secured a marriage bond in Henry County, Virginia to wed Martha A. Fontaine, a great-granddaughter of Gov. Patrick Henry. She was born on 25 December 1822 and was the daughter of John Fontaine and Martha Henry Fontaine.

Leonard Anderson began to acquire land near Ladd's Ford on

Dan River in Stokes County in 1853 when he purchased 244-acre tract of land for the sum of \$9,000. In 1859 and 1862, he purchased additional acreage bringing his total ownership to 1,200 acres. The 1860 census shows that his plantation that he had named Pine Hall had a tax value of \$9,000. The same census reveals that he owned 30 slaves valued at \$27,200. In 1855 Wade began construction of a large two story brick house at Pine Hall and the building was completed by 1859. A frame wing was added to the house in the 1890s.

During the last years of the Civil War, Anderson was appointed a major in the Confederate Quartermaster Corp and a large commissary building was constructed on the Pine Hall Plantation for the storage of various supplies and foodstuffs collected in area for the Confederate Army. The supplies were then shipped by wagon train and bateau down the Dan River to Danville where they were transferred to the Richmond & Danville Railroad for shipment to the war front in northern Virginia. Following the war, the Pine Hall commissary building continued in use as the plantation's "wheat house."

By 1872 Len Anderson had purchased additional land bringing the total acreage of Pine Hall to 1,650 acres. Also by this time he had erected a flour and corn mill on Hewing's Creek which flowed through the Pine Hall lands. By the following years he had added a sawmill to his milling operations. Over the years, the sawmill and lumber business became an important part of the Pine Hall plantation operation. Some of the lumber sawed by the mill was floated down the Dan River by raft and bateau to the towns of Madison and Leaksville in Rockingham County. However, much of the lumber was hauled by wagon to its destination.

After the slaves were freed at the end of the Civil War, Anderson continued to carry on large farming operations at Pine Hall. For labor he depended on tenants and bound boys who services he secured from officials of the Stokes County Government. Tobacco, corn and wheat remained the major crops produced on the Pine Hall Plantation.

Len and Martha Anderson had no children of their own, but they adopted his niece, Margaret Augusta Pratt, and nephew, Nathan Anderson who died as a Confederate soldier in Richmond, Virginia. The niece became known as Margaret

Augusta Anderson. She would later marry William M. Chisman. In 1865 the Andersons brought Margaret's mother, Virginia M. Anderson Rall, of Henry County to Pine Hall to live and also her daughters, Miss Pattie Rall, Miss Lily Rall, and two other daughters who later became, Mrs. Green F. Daniel and Mrs. Leonard A. Starling.

Leonard W. Anderson died on 2 February 1902 and his wife Martha Fontaine Anderson died on 9 January 1915. Both were buried in the Anderson Family Cemetery on the Pine Hall Plantation.

Chismon family:

William McKenzie Chisman was born in Hampton, Virginia on 8 December 1853. His parents died while he was an infant. During the Civil War his older brother brought him to Greensboro where he was an officer in the Confederate Quartermaster Corps. Young William Chisman became acquainted with Major L. W. Anderson of Pine Hall Plantation in Stokes, County and he was invited to reside in the Anderson home. At the end of the Civil War, Chisman was persuaded by the Andersons to continue to live with them.

In 1876, William Chisman married Major Anderson's niece and adopted daughter Margaret Augusta (Ralls) Anderson. Margaret (born in 1884) was a graduate of Salem College in Winston where she studied art. The Chismans had five children; Mary C. married Harry H. Williamson, Leonard A. Chisman died as an infant, William W. who married his cousin and moved West, Eliza Pescud married Dr. John Lewis Hanes, and Pattie F. who married George A. Hanes.

The Pine Hall estate of Major Leonard W. Anderson was divided in 1916 and the Anderson homeplace was devised to William M. Chisman. In 1922 a forced division of the Pine Hall land, Eliza Pescud Hanes drew the home house where she was already living and caring for her parents. Farming continued on the Pine Hall lands during this period with the labor of tenants.

Mr. Chisman died 3 July 1940 at an advanced age. His wife Margaret Augusta preceded him in death on 2 April 1906. They were buried in the Anderson Cemetery on Pine Hall Plantation.

Hanes family:

Dr. John Lewis Hanes was born on 9 July 1879 in Fulton, North Carolina. His parents were John Hanes and Louisa Clouse Hanes who were of German ancestry. The family name was originally Hoehns and they migrated to North Carolina in 1774.

Dr. Hanes attended Trinity College (now Duke University) and The University of Maryland Medical School in Baltimore, Maryland where he received his medical degree in 1902. He was a resident at Columbia Hospital for women in Washington, D. C. and he did post-graduate work at the University of Maryland in pediatrics. Hanes returned to North Carolina and set up practice in Winston.

He married on 30 June 1908 Eliza P. Chisman at Pine Hall. She was the daughter of William M. Chisman and Margaret A. (Ralls) Anderson. In 1909 the Hanes moved to Pine Hall Plantation and he established a large country doctor practice in the Pine Hall area. He personified the "old fashioned" family doctor.

During the early 20th century, farming continued at Pine Hall with tenants. As always, tobacco, corn and wheat remained the major crops grown at Pine Hall.

The following children were born to the Hanes: John C. born 1909; Margaret Louise born 1912, married M. A. Genet; and Pescud born 1924, married Stanley L. Rodenbough, III. The Hanes had eleven grandchildren.

Dr. Hanes died 16 January 1940 and Mrs. Hanes died on 1 Nov 1965. They were buried in the family cemetery at Pine Hall.

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Contents:Account books:

Len W. Anderson's sawmill and grist mill, 1873-1885, 1898, 1929-1935 (sale of tobacco on farm)

Pine Hall account with tenants, 1873-1912

Raleigh Suttentfield estate 1923 and accounts with tenants

Raleigh Suttentfield estate 1923 sale of tobacco crops, 1930, 1935

Correspondence:

24 letters to grandfather W. M. Chisman 1929-1932
Stokes County assessor, to W. M. Chisman, 1927
Miscellaneous cards, 1909, 1918, 1919, some undated

Farm records:

3 letters from tobacco fertilizer companies, 1935 and tobacco
warehouses, 1910
Division with tenants (loose papers)
Tobacco warehouse bills, 1935, 1944

Financial records:

Checkbook and checks, L. W. Anderson, Stokes County, NC

Memo booklets:

Bills with tenants, 1885-1890
Ready Reckiner & Logbook, 1890
Memo booklet, 1885, 1890, 1899
Memo booklet, 1890s-1901 – sale of tobacco
Memo booklet, blank
Memo folder

Physician's Records:

Dr. John L. Hanes
Patient accounts, 1918-1933
Patient accounts, 1929-1944
Dr. John L. Hanes, 1940

Miscellaneous items:

2 pairs eyeglasses, L. W. Anderson (?) and C. M. Chisman
Rayo lamp tag
File holder
Parcel post rates, 1913
Human hair, possibly Mrs. Len Anderson
Foley Kidney Pills (sample)
Gudes Pepto
Letterhead – L. W. Anderson, Saw and flour mills, 1880's
Leather folder
Ink blotters, 5