

Mayo-Washington-Tultex Mills Collection

- Repository:** Rockingham Co. Historical Collections
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- Title:** Mayo-Washington-Tultex Mills Collection
- Accession No.:** 06-067
- Extent:** 2 boxes
- Provenance:** Much of the information in this collection was compiled from the collections and research of Violet Young, Michael Perdue and Bob Carter.
- Subject Headings:** Child labor
Fries, Francis Henry, 1855-1931
Labor – Rockingham County (N. C.)
Mayo Mills
Mayodan (N. C.) – History
Ruffin, William Cain
Spaugh, R. Arthur, Sr.
Textile industry – Rockingham County (N. C.)
Textile mills – Rockingham County (N. C.)
Tultex Mills
Turner, Thomas H.
Washington Mills
- Items Separated:** 1 oversized matted and framed print of Washington Mills facilities in Fries, Va., and Mayodan, N.C.
- Preferred Citation:** *Mayo-Washington-Tultex Mills Collection. 06-067. Rockingham Co. Historical Collections, Gerald B. James Library, Rockingham Community College.*
- Descriptive Note:** A collection of research, news clippings, photographs, documents and artifacts collected over multiple years relating to Mayo Mills, later called Washington Mills, and finally Tultex.

Contents:

Box 1:

Folders:

1. Fries, Francis Henry
2. Labor Issues – Miscellaneous
3. Miscellaneous
4. Photographs – Miscellaneous (photocopies only)
5. Ruffin, William Cain
6. Spaugh, R. Arthur, Sr.
7. Turner, Thomas H.

Records of the National Labor Relations Board and the National Recovery Administration regarding a 1936 strike (3 folders)

Miscellaneous history (2 folders)

News stories 1921-1935

News stories 1936-1973

News stories 1974-2000

News stories 2000-

1 copy *Journal of Rockingham County History and Genealogy*, v.24, no.2, December 1999 – Mayodan Centennial, Part 1

1 copy *Journal of Rockingham County History and Genealogy*, v.25, no.1, June 2000 – Mayodan Centennial, Part 2

1 copy *The Washington Group: A Progress Report, 1973*

1 copy *Engineering Report on Mayodan Plant, Mayodan, North Carolina for Washington Mills*, J. B. McCrary Company, Engineers, 1947

1 copy *A History of Wachovia* (includes information on Francis Henry Fries), 2000 (?)

1 photocopy – Bathing Area Site Plan, Washington Mills Mayodan Plant

1 photocopy – Washington Mills pay stub for Leonza Dickerson Blackard dated Oct. 13, 1956

2 folders photographs (some original, some photocopies) -- exterior of the mill, interior of the mill, employees, Mayo Mills band, knitting room, Mayo Mills office, mill houses

Photocopies of magazine ads for Mayo Spruce underwear, t-shirts, pajamas

1 copy *Your Job Policy Guide – Washington Mills*, undated in “Welcome to Washington Mills Co.” folder

1 copy *Mayodan, N. C. 1899-1949: 50th Anniversary Celebration* (program of events)

1 stock certificate, Washington Mills Co.

1 copy *Little Spruce Color-Me Book*

1 copy *The Story of Washington Mills and Mayo Spruce* (about 1960)

1 folder – Mayodan and Avalon – history and news articles

Box 2:

Large collection employee badges, Washington Mills

1 fabric swatch – Tultex Mills, 1999 (last fabric produced by the mill)

1 t-shirt – Mayo Spruce

1 spool Supreme Highspeed Knotless Sewing Twine, Shuford Mills, Hickory, N.C. plus 5 empty spools

Cotton fiber samples