

Mobley Collection

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Title: Mobley Collection

Accession No.: 93-057

Extent: 1 box

Provenance: Donated by Mrs. Marian Mobley Mitchell in 1995

Inclusive Dates: 1839-1955

Subject Headings: Gwyn, Sr., Allen H., 1893-1969
Powell, C. P.
Lanier family – Genealogy
Main Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South
Mayo Primitive Baptist Association
Mobley, Edna Earle Venable, 1885-1939
Mobley, Howard Reid, 1908-1984
Mobley, James Howard, 1882-1955
Mobley, Sarah Johnston, 1908-1989
Powell family -- Genealogy
Reid family – Genealogy
Venable family – Genealogy
Reidsville National Guard
Rockingham County (N. C.) – Genealogy
Summerfield Baptist Church

Items Separated: Photos were separated and placed in the photograph files under Mobley Collection

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Descriptive Note:

Howard Reid Mobley was born in Rockingham County, North Carolina on October 5, 1908. His parents were James Howard Mobley (1882-1955) and Edna Earle Venable Mobley (1885-1939) of Reidsville, North Carolina. His father was known as "Captain Jim" Mobley, having served as captain of the Reidsville National Guard unit during World War I.

Howard's grandmother was Dora C. Powell Venable (1867-1887). She was a daughter of Dr. Sid A. Powell (1829-1898) and Cynthia P. Reed Powell of Summerfield and Reidsville, North Carolina. Cynthia Reed Powell was a daughter of Alfred Reed (1811-1873) and Elizabeth Lanier Reed. Alfred Reed was a first cousin to North Carolina Governor David Settle Reid.

Howard Reid Mobley of Reidsville was an only child. He was married in 1930 to Sarah Johnston at Halifax, Virginia. His wife was a native of Caswell County, North Carolina and was a sister of Janie Johnston who married Judge Allen H. Gwyn of Reidsville. The sisters were daughters of a Yanceyville attorney, Julius Johnston and his wife, Willie Russell Johnston.

Howard Reid worked in various divisions of American Tobacco Company of Reidsville, North Carolina. In 1957, he was assistant superintendent of AM Supplies and by the mid-1960s he was the manager of that department. In 1969, he was the manager of the Reidsville Leaf Department of American Tobacco and by 1971 he was retired. He was an active in a number of civic groups in Reidsville.

Mobley died in 1984 and his wife, Sarah, died in 1989 at the age of 81. Howard and Sarah had two children, Marian Mobley Mitchell and Howard Reid Mobley, Jr.

Contents:

The Mobley Collection contains a wide variety of Rockingham County and Reidsville materials dated from 1839-1955. Included are the C. P. Powell account book (1876-1883) and an autograph book dated 1881-1889. There are also bible records for the Reid, Powell, Lanier and Venable families, correspondence, military and church information.

Folders:

1. Account book, 1876-1883 – C. P. Powell
2. Autograph book, 1881-1884 – Willie Russel, mother of Sarah Johnston Mobley
3. Bible records – Reed, Powell and Venable families – 1839, 1851, 1882
- 4-13. Family correspondence – 1840s – 1940s
14. Military papers – Reidsville National Guard Company, Camp Glenn, North Carolina – 1924, 1926
15. Military papers – Reidsville National Guard Company, Camp Glenn, North Carolina to Ft. Bliss, Texas – 1916
16. Military papers – Reidsville National Guard – World War I – France – 1918
17. Miscellaneous papers – 1861-1936 (some undated)
18. Newspaper clippings – 1884, 1933, 1955 (some undated)
19. Obituaries – 1872, 1877, 1894, 1897 (some undated)
20. Postcards – Europe – 1918, 1920
21. Postcards – Mexico – 1916, 1917
22. Postcards – Miscellaneous – 1916-1917
23. Postcards – Miscellaneous – 1905-1922
24. Postcards – Miscellaneous – Novelty – 1906-07, 1916-17
25. Religious material – Summerfield Baptist Church, 1867
26. Religious material –Country Line Primitive Baptist Minutes, 1869, 1881. Mayo Association, 1867
27. Religious material – Primitive Baptist, miscellaneous papers – 1863, 1865

28. Religious material – Methodist, miscellaneous papers and reports – 1914, 1915. Main Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Reidsville, North Carolina

29. Religious material – Methodist, quarterly conference minutes – 1910-1914. Main Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Reidsville, North Carolina

Photographs (filed in Photograph Files)

1. Europe, 1918

2. Miscellaneous

3. Reidsville National Guard Company, Camp Glenn, North Carolina – 1909-1912

4. Reidsville National Guard Company, Camp Glenn, North Carolina – undated

5. Reidsville National Guard Company, Camp Glenn, North Carolina – undated

6. Reidsville National Guard Company, Camp Stewart, Texas – 1916-17

7. Reidsville National Guard Company, Camp Stewart, Texas – undated

8. Reidsville National Guard Company – miscellaneous

9-10. Reidsville National Guard Company – Texas scenes – 1916-17