Brodnax-Glenn-Wilson Collection

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Provenance: Originals were loaned by Mary Shaw Robeson Cunningham of Elon College, NC for photocopying in March of 1991. Cunningham is the granddaughter of James D. Glenn and Mary W. Brodnax Glenn.

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Subject Headings: Brodnax, Edward Travis
Brodnax, Mary Withers
Brodnax, Nancy
Brodnax, Robert
Brodnax family – Genealogy
Cascade Plantation – Rockingham County (N. C.)
Glenn, James Dodge
Glenn, Robert B.
Glenn family – Genealogy
Wilson family – Genealogy
Yates family -- Genealogy

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Descriptive Note: The Brodnax family of Rockingham County descended from William Edward Brodnax of Brunswick County, Virginia. Brodnax was a justice in Brunswick County by 1794, and sheriff by 1807. He purchased several tracts of the former William Byrd-Farley land on the Dan River in Rockingham
Robert Brodnax built Cascade Plantation on the north side of the river. He married Nancy R. Wilson, daughter of John Wilson, the owner of Dan’s Hill Plantation near Danville, Virginia. Robert’s daughter, Mary Wilson Brodnax, married her cousin, Dr. John Grammar Brodnax of Virginia. This couple became the parents of two daughters. Nancy W., who married Jno. A. Yates of New York, and Mary who married James Dodge Glenn. Glenn grew up across the river at Saura Town Plantation, the home of his wife’s great-uncle, Dr. Edward Travis Brodnax.

Dr. Edward Travis Brodnax married Janet H. Chalmers (1809-1846) but they had no surviving children. The Brodnaxes adopted Chalmers L. Glenn, an orphaned nephew of Mrs. Brodnax. Chalmers Glenn married Annie Dodge and they had three sons: James Dodge Glenn; Robert Brodnax Glenn; and Edward Travis Brodnax Glenn. Chalmers Glenn served as a captain in the Confederate Army and was killed in battle on September 14, 1862. Dr. Brodnax raised the Glenn sons and left his property to their mother. In 1882, the Brodnax land was divided among the three Glenn boys. Robert B. Glenn served as governor of North Carolina from 1905 to 1909. James Dodge Glenn married Mary Wilson Brodnax, daughter of Dr. John G. Brodnax of Cascade Plantation in 1877. He served in the state legislature and had a notable career in the state militia. He and his family moved to Greensboro in the 1880’s.

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Historical Consultant
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Contents:
The material in the Collection was copied in March and April 1991 from the originals owned by Mary Shaw Robeson Cunningham of Elon College, North Carolina. The collection consists of genealogical papers, newspaper clippings, letters, family photos, a scrapbook and miscellaneous items. The material belonged to her mother, Annie Glenn.
Photocopies Only:

Folder 1 - Brodnax:

1. History of the Brodnax Family which appeared in the *William and Mary College Quarterly*. 12 pages, undated

2. Letter from Brodnax Yates of New York to her niece, Annie Glenn Robeson, dated August 20, 1938. The letter concerns the history of the Brodnax and related families. Mrs. Yates writes about growing up at Cascade Plantation, Rockingham County, North Carolina. 19 pages

3. Information about the Brodnax family portraits. Description of portraits of Dr. E.T. Brodnax, Janet H. Chalmers Brodnax, Nancy R. Wilson Brodnax and Mary Wilson Brodnax. 1 page, undated

4. Notes on Col. Francis Eppes of Virginia. 3 pages, undated

5. One Brodnax line, “Grandpa’s line” [sic]. 2 pages, undated (2 copies)

6. Newspaper clipping about General William H. Brodnax. 1 page, undated

7. Notes from “Mother’s Scrapbook”. 2 pages, undated

8. Notes on Eppes-Brodnax families, photo of the Eppes home in Virginia. 2 pages, undated
9. History of Brodnax family by Dr. John W. Brodnax of New York as copied in 1924. 5 pages

10. Letter from John W. Brodnax to “Cousin” dated March 4, 1924. 2 pages

11. Letter to “Shawsey”. 8 pages, undated

Folder 2 - Glenn:

1. Pages from scrapbook of Mary Withers Brodnax Glenn (wife of James D. Glenn). 25 pages, dated 1880’s – 1930’s

2. Notes on the Brodnax-Glenn family. 2 pages, undated

3. Broadside on Pan American Trust Company, John B. Glenn, President. 1 page, undated


5. Glenn family history from the book Romance in Family History, by Louise Gilbert. 8 pages, undated


7. Notes on the Glenn family by Mary Shaw-Cunningham. 2 pages, undated

8. Letter from Ann G. Robeson to the Klutz Family (of Salisbury, North Carolina) concerning the history of Saura Town Plantation and the Glenn family. 2 pages, dated September 29, 1964
9. Biographical sketches of Governor Robert B. Glenn and John B. Glenn. 2 pages, no date or publication given

10. Newspaper obituary of Mrs. Sara Hairston Glenn. No date. (missing 2/2015)

Folder 3 – Wilson:


12. The Wilson Family. By Mrs. Annie Glenn Robeson. 4 pages, undated


14. Notes on the Wilson and Brown families. 1 page, undated

15. Notes on the Wilson family. 2 pages, undated (missing 2/2015)

Folder 4 – Miscellaneous:

16. Abstracts from the Parish Register of the Church of Epiphany, Leakesville, North Carolina, 1844-1921. These abstracts were copied in 1991 by Robert W. Carter, Jr. and pertain mostly to the Brodnax family and their relatives.


**Folder 5 – Family Photographs:**

Copied March 1991 from photographs belonging to Mrs. H. H. Cunningham, Elon, College, NC.

1. Negative numbers: (11-12); (13-14). Roach School near Reidsville ca. 1896-1898. (missing 2/2015)

2. Negative numbers: (15-16); (17-18). Officers 11 Infantry Mad-Barracks, October 1, 1890. “To Miss Mary Helen Dodge from her affec. Brother Richard Dodge.” Left to right: Captain Hoyt, Captain Maurfield (?), Captain Hoffman, 2nd Lieutenant Ross, Captain Gillreath, 1st St. MacKlain, R.G. M.; 1st St. Travis A, Colonel Richard Dodge; 2nd St. M –st Hirst; _______. Page. This photograph was made in the western United States.


4. Negative numbers: (23-24); (25-26). Mary Brodnax Glenn. Age 17, wedding picture. June 12, 1877

5. Negative numbers: (27-28); (29-30); (31-32); (33-34). Nancy Russell Wilson Brodnax (wife of Robert Brodnax of Cascade Plantation - Rockingham County, North Carolina)

6. Negative numbers: (35-36); (37-38). General James D. Glenn. 12 years N.C. State Militia

7. Negative numbers: (39-40); (41-42). Eugene Thomas Robeson, wife Anne Chambers Glenn Robeson and children: James Glenn Robeson, Mary Show Robeson. Jacksonville, N.C. 1921 or 1922.
8. Negative numbers: (43-44); (45-46). “Mommer” (Mary Withers Brodnax Glenn)

9. Negative numbers: (47-48); (49-50); (51-52). Mrs. Travis Brodnax Glenn. Aunt Alice Brodnax, wife of Uncle Travis Brodnax. (My mother’s uncle). Their house was “Sunny Side” now home of the President of Draper Mills, Draper, NC

10. Negative numbers: (53-54); (55-56). Uncle Austin Yates wedding picture. He surveyed for Danville & Western Narrow Gauge Railroad and met Aunt Nancy. “My very favorite uncle.” A. G. R. “Hutchings Brothers Railroad Photograph Car”

11. Negative numbers: (57-58); (59-60). Mary Withers Brodnax Glenn. Age 19 in 1879

12. Negative numbers: (61-62); (63-64); (65-66). James Dodge Glenn in uniform.

13. Negative numbers: (67-68); (69-70); (71-72). James Dodge Glenn, age 15. First year at V.M.I. in 1869. “For my own dear Mother.”


15. Edward Travis Brodnax, his brother on the right (?)

16. John Grammar Brodnax