

Gordon Webster Collection

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Title:	Gordon Webster Collection
Accession No.:	00-050
Extent:	2 boxes
Provenance:	Donated by an unknown person in 1999
Inclusive Dates:	1921-1941
Subject Headings:	Webster, James Gordon – 1889-1985
Items Separated:	
Related Collections:	
Preferred Citation:	<i>Gordon Webster Collection. 00-050. Rockingham Co. Historical Collections, Gerald B. James Library, Rockingham Community College.</i>
Biographical Sketch:	<p>James Gordon Webster was born on April 22, 1889 to Robert Pleasant Webster (1850-1932) and his wife, Hartie E. Martin Webster (1854-1924). Gordon's parents were married on January 26, 1875. His grandparents were "Ben Dick" Webster (1829-1891) and Nancy K. Joyce (1830-1911). The Webster's were large land owners and some were merchants in Madison, NC.</p> <p>Gordon's sister was Miss Lillian "Sweetie" Webster and lived at The Boxley, one of the old historic homes in the town of Madison. She was president of the Coca Cola Bottling Company of Anderson, SC. Sweetie may have contributed money to her brother Gordon's upkeep. He may also have been involved in the tobacco business at some point in time.</p>

Gordon married a widow, Mrs. "Turie" Deshazo Martin and the couple had no children. The resided on Academy Street in Madison for some years. Gordon died on January 25, 1985 at the age of 95. He was buried in the Webster family plot at Riverview Cemetery near Madison. (Information obtained from the *Madison Messenger* obituary and from Linda Vernon of Mayodan, NC)

Descriptive Note:

This collection consists of several hundred personal checks and bank statements written on the Bank of Madison (NC) by James Gordon Webster from during the 1930s and 1940s.

Contents:

Personal checks, bank statements, business cards, sales contracts, tax receipts, letterhead of Madison businesses, postal receipts, hearing aid correspondence, a booklet on Buick automobiles, and a few letters of personal correspondence.