

MSS. Collection #45

Andrew Earl Weatherly Collection, ca. 1820-1970. 7 boxes (112 folders), ca. 2800 items.

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INTRODUCTION

This interesting collection represents the fruit of many years' labor of collecting on the part of A. Earl Weatherly, noted **Confederate States of America** philatelic expert.

Contained herein is material that can be of considerable help in informing various aspects of southern history, particularly those associated with the piedmont region of North Carolina. Researchers interested in social and cultural history will find many items that reveal a sampling of southerners' worldviews, financial dealings, and experiences during different periods of the nineteenth century. There are also a number of items from the twentieth century, most notably the material chronicling Weatherly's career as a philatelist and correspondence relating to Ethel Stephens Arnett's publication of *Greensboro, North Carolina: The County Seat of Guilford County*.

Aside from the material pertaining to Weatherly's career as a philatelist, there are very few items in the collection relating to his life or the Weatherly family.

Arrangement: The A. Earl Weatherly Collection is arranged into nine series, and within each series the items are arranged alphabetically. The following are the nine series: Correspondence, ca. 1830's-1960's; Reminiscences, ca. 1860's; Printed Material, ca. 1860's-1960's; Financial/Legal Documents, ca. 1820's-1880's; Photographs, ca. 1880's-1950's; Literary Productions, ca. 1950's; Scrapbooks, n.d; Newspapers, see series description; Miscellaneous, ca.1850's-1900's.

Provenance: The bulk of the collection appears to have been donated to the museum by Weatherly in 1975. Many of the items listed in the inventory of accession number 1975.92.1-3 are contained in this collection.

Processing: It is not known who organized the collection nor who wrote the series descriptions. Francis D. Pitts III wrote the introduction and the notes in March 1997.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

A. Earl Weatherly (1895-1981) was a businessman and longtime resident of Greensboro, North Carolina. Internationally known as a collector of and authority on Confederate States of America stamps and postal history, he won numerous awards for his stamp exhibitions in national and international philatelic competitions. Weatherly was a former president and chairman of the board of trustees of the Greensboro Historical Museum, and he made a number

of donations to the museums collection during a long association with the institution. As a collector, Weatherly had a special interest in material relating to **Guilford County** and adjacent regions. He is the author of *The First Hundred Years of Historic Guilford, 1771-1871*, a postal history (as revealed through documents and graphics he collected) of the county. In addition, he collected numerous other items that are germane to the history of the South. Weatherly died on 1 December 1981; he was eighty-six years old.

Biographical Sources: The chief source for information on A. Earl Weatherly's life can be found in his book, *The First Hundred Years of Historic Guilford, 1771-1871*, Greensboro, NC: Greensboro Printing Co., 1972, p. 6-10. In addition, see a copy of his obituary that appeared in the *Greensboro Daily News*, which is filed in a folder with the inventory to this collection. There are also a number of newspaper clippings in the vertical files of the archives relating information about Weatherly's activities in Greensboro.

SCOPE & CONTENT NOTE

Types of materials in this collection include **correspondence, financial and legal documents, literary productions, newspapers, photographs, postal covers, printed material, reminiscences, and scrapbooks.**

The bulk of the material in the collection relates to the history of North Carolina during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Researchers interested in Guilford County, Greensboro, and people and subjects associated with that area will find the collection especially useful.

Of particular note is the material relating to the **Civil War** (see series 1-7), the **North Carolina Railroad** (1:4; 3:9; 4:12-12,16), **Ethel Stephens Arnett** (1:1), and A. Earl Weatherly's career as a philatelist (see series 1,3,and 7 in particular). Also worthy of note are antebellum newspapers (filed separately) and Carte de visites of Civil War personages.

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

1. Correspondence. 1830s-1960s.

This series includes a miscellany of correspondence from both known and unknown figures. A significant number of postal covers and cachets are also included, the vast majority without their original contents. Many of the items have a Guilford County connection. Items worthy of note include a biographical sketch of Ethel S. Arnett (1:1); controversy over the Jackson/Arnett authorship of *Greensboro: The County Seat of Guilford* (1:1); numerous Civil War letters (1:3, 1:7, 1:8, 1:16, 1:22, 1:23, 1:38); Jonathan Worth ALS (1:4) re: Legislative in action; Zebulon Vance ALS re: Internal Revenue Law, 1884 (1:4); banquet ticket for the completion of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad, 1884 (1:4); R. J. Reynolds ALS, 1889 re: Sale of North Carolina Railroad Stock (1:4); letter from Greensboro in 1852 re: Theory of Epidemic, Teaching School and Buying Dress Fabric (1:8); ALS Lord Cornwallis to Banister Tarleton re: his inability to accompany Cornwallis to England (1:9); ALS J. D. Cox 1860 re: Results Proposed South

Carolina Succession and Political Repercussions of Election of 1860 (1:10); letters of Soloman Frazier, a Quaker imprisoned during the Civil War for pacifism (1:16); a letter from Greensboro in 1860 describing the town and mentioning copper mines (1:28); a letter from W. L. Scott to brother Levi (July 2, 1861) about the ride to Richmond on baggage cars - the Battle of Manassas mentions Dr. Weir, Capt. Gilmer, Lieut. Rankin, and Officers' servants (1:38); ALS J. H. Tarpley (mentions the gun shop) (1:39); L.S. Zachary Taylor 1847 (1:40); several filigree covers (without contents) (1:28); and a letter dated September 12, 1864 from Greensboro from a wife exhorting her husband to convert to Christianity (1:28).

Greensboro Cachets include: Greensboro Furnace Company; W. H. Wakefield Company; North Carolina Handle Works; Ed L. Regan; Richmond and Danville Railroad; T. S. Shelton and Company; The National Bank of Greensboro; P. F. Duffy; R. J. Reynolds and Company (Winston, NC); Benbow House; Crown Cotton Factory; C. M. Vanstory and Company; Greensboro Cotton Mills; Oak Ridge Institute; North Carolina Railroads; 44 of the first ALL North Carolina Air Mail Flights (1937); Greensboro Female College; Edgeworth Seminary; Greensboro Airport Decennial; various World War II Cachets; Phipps Hardware; Eastern Airlines, Stratford-Weatherly Drugs; U.S. Post Office (Market and Eugene); etc.

2. Reminiscences. 2 items. 1860s.

This series includes the reminiscences of two persons during the Civil War. The John Baptist Smith document is a typescript with an explanation by James Sprunt of life in the Confederate Signal Corps and on board the blockade runner *Advance*. It was published in sections in the *Guilford Collegiate* in November 1896, February 1897, and April 1897. Smith also tells of developing a red and white lantern system for signaling during the Civil War. The Weatherly document is a photocopy describing the occupation of Greensboro by Federal Troops in April and May 1865. It mentions "Woodside" Plantation, local shortages, the death of Robert D. Weatherly (1864), and two Weatherly residences in Greensboro. The author was the sibling of R. D. Weatherly.

3. Printed Material. 1860s-1960s. Arranged by type.

Brochures include those dealing with the Greensboro Historical Museum exhibits (Porter Drug Store, Mm. Latham Tryon Palace Collection, early lighting, Connally General Store; promotional brochures of the Museum itself (ca. 1950-1954, 1968); Greensboro Masonic Museum; Guilford Courthouse, Civil War Centennial; Quaker Collection (Guilford College); "A Search for O'Henry"; Civil War Museum (530 South Elm Street); the North Carolina Plank Road; dedication of Troublesome Creek Ironworks, etc.

The nine catalogs cover philatelic sales, 1950s-1970. Other publications include "pharmaceutical conditions and drug supply in the Confederacy" (3:4); Confederate philatelic publication including the Confederate philatelist (January 1973, May, June 1973, each containing an article by A. E. Weatherly; "The New Look in Confederates," by A. E. Weatherly, *Confederate States Paper Money* (Slabaugh); the *Confederate States Post Office Department Stamps and Stationary* (Dietz); and a list of establishments, discontinuances, and changes in the name of the post offices in the Confederate States since 1861. Also included are Weatherly honors and certificates.

Other items included are a patron reservation form for "Enter the Gate City" (1958); "Thomas Lenoir's Journey to Tennessee in 1806" and "Revolutionary Diary of William Lenoir"; a calendar for Guilford's Superior Court (3:8); a program for the 1881 commencement at Greensboro Female College (3:8); the poem, "in Greensboro," 1910 (3:8); Bill Amending the Charter of the North Carolina Railroad, 1874, 1875; the *Reflector* (1912); and the *State* (August 9, 1958), the 25th anniversary edition; and a large collection of stamps, some from the Civil War era.

Oversize items include a pharmacy license for A. E. Weatherly and other certificates for him. Other items include a ticket for the Centennial Branch for the Western End Passenger Railroad Company during the expo, 1876 (3:8); World War II Gasoline Rationing Cards (3:8); a convention program, 1932, the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association (3:8); a program for the 61st Reunion - the final reunion - of the United Confederate Veterans, 1951 (3:14); "stranger things have happened," a copy from *Harpers' Weekly* in which the donkey and elephant were first used as a symbol of the Democratic and Republic Party; 25th anniversary program for the Greensboro Rotary (1942) and a souvenir of the Rotary tour of Cone Mills (1917), with a description of the mill and its works (3:8); and a pamphlet "De Sun Do Move" (the celebrated sermon of John J. Jasper) (3:8).

4. Financial/Legal Documents. 1820s-1880s.

Includes statements of assets of the Bank of Guilford 1898 (4:1); a stock certificate for D. F. Caldwell and the Hillsborough Coal Mine and Company (4:2); a Power of Attorney for Robert H. Gillespie and Findley W. Gorrell of Tennessee (4:4); a copy of the letters to A. W. Tourgee, re. reconstruction of Greensboro in this area (4:4); educational receipt from the 1830s (4:5); papers of Marcellus Jordan, local post rider in the 1860s; receipt from Laurensville Female College, 1886; Stock in the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad (4:9); the dissolution of the partnership of Lindsay and McCuisten, 1841 (4:10); an apprentice agreement from 1881 (4:12); an account of the City of Greensboro with D. W. C. Benbow, 1878 (4:12); two 1864 assessments made by the Greensboro Mutual Insurance Company noting fire losses in 1863 by the Greensboro Female College and C. G. Yates (4:12); delivery receipt in the North Carolina Railroad, 1869, at Gibson Station (4:12); miscellaneous shipping receipts (4:12); a receipt for North Carolina Railroad stock (4:13); promissory notes for the Greensboro Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Greensboro Branch of the Cape Fear Bank (4:13); charges for court attendance in the 1840s (4:13); miscellaneous state records of James McNeely (4:13); receipt for Reynolds Foundry, Randolph County 1836 (4:14); a receipt for stock in the North Carolina Railroad Company (4:16); a prenuptial agreement between Abiah Swaim and Lindon Swaim, 1945, concerning the Swaim slaves (4:17); a receipt to Dr. F. A. Weatherly (4:19); some papers of Mebane and Weatherly, which operated in Monticello, North Carolina, in the 1850s (4:19); and World War I military records of A. E. Weatherly (4:20).

Military items include a receipt for direct taxes in Guilford County, 1866, (4:3); a Confederate bond receipt (4:3); a voucher signed by Ulric Dahlgren (4:3); Confederate forms - state and district tax receipt (1863) and a receipt for postage December 1, 1864 (4:3).

Billheads are included for: Pomona Mill Nursery, 1895; F. Fishblade, 1891, also E. R. Fishblade, 1895; C.P. Vanstory Livery, 1891; Sample Brown Mercantile, 1898, Scotts Family Grocery; Greensboro Mutual Insurance Company, 1864; North Carolina Railroad; G. W.

Armfield, the MacAdoo House, 1880; the *Patriot*, 1865; Levi Houston, 188-; Greensboro National Bank 1899 (4:12).

Also included is a land grant (Homestead) from the 1820 Homestead Act USA 9539 to Elizabeth J. Chenwoth and Mary C. Chenwoth in Crawfordsville, Indiana, January 5, 1831, signed by Andrew Jackson.

5. Photographs. 1880s-1950s. Arranged by subject.

Military images include lithographs and carte de visites. The lithographs portray Nathaniel Greene, A. F. Johnson, Braxton Bragg, Sterling Price, Winfield Scott, R. E. Lee and T. J. Jackson. The carte de visites include R. E. Lee, General Morgan, J. E. Johnson, Polk, Hood, A. S. Johnson, T. J. Jackson, Jubal Early, Richard Eule and Varina Davis. Six photographs are included of the Confederate Cemetery at Johnson's Island (Lake Erie), which was the location of the Civil War Prisoner Camp, see Newspaper clipping 84.150.47. Photographs are included of the Confederate Marker of 331 South Elm Street at the site of the Cabinet Meeting, a UDC Marker erected in 1915. Copies are also included of Thomas Lenoir, Fort Defiance, North Carolina and William Lenoir. A copy of a photograph of Sgt. Major Robert D. Weatherly, 27 North Carolina Troops, is also included in this series.

Negatives are included of Greensboro Postmasters also a sketch by A. E. Weatherly of Bingham School, a photograph of Luther Hodges, and several 1851 lithographs of Women's fashion taken from the Godeys Ladies Book.

The miscellaneous file includes several unidentified photographs, photos of the Stratford-Weatherly Drug Store interior, photographs of Andrew Weatherly Jr., a hunter with dog and A. E. Weatherly. Also included is a photograph of the first Boy Scout Troop in Greensboro, Troop #1, taken at the Memorial Day Exercises in 1910. Pictured with the Boy Scouts are Col. Robert E. Lee and Col. James T. Morehead. The photograph was taken in front of the Old First Presbyterian Church, now the Greensboro Historical Museum.

6. Literary Productions. 1950s. Arranged by subject.

This series includes a biographical sketch of David Caldwell, genealogical information on the Craighead Family, an article entitled, "Dr. Caldwell and his log University," and a typed written description of the Caldwell Log House (6:1); information on Confederate items on exhibit at the Museum and CSA Philately (6:2); copies of a letter from Solomon Frazier, a local Quaker in prison as a conscientious objector during the Civil War (6:3); genealogical and family information on the Gillespie Family (6:4); information on the adoption of the Greensboro City Flag (6:6); information regarding the move to rename Lindsay Street in Greensboro, 1966 (6:9); Jacob Marling including an erroneous attribution of several watercolors to Marling, (6:10); Masons of Guilford County in the Civil War (6:11); the production of the book, *Saga of the McNairy House* (6:12); information on the J. W. King portrait of Queen Elizabeth II (6:13); a copy from the 1865 February Court Docket authorizing County Bonds to be sold (6:13); specifications on the Martinville Court House (6:13); History of the Porter Drug Store in Greensboro (6:15); information on Salisbury Prison (Civil War), including copies of the David O. McRaven letters (6:17); copies of a handwritten news sheet "The Star" produced by A. E. Weatherly while in high school (6:18); a written account of Stoneman's Raid by Emma A. Rankin (6:19); and information on Guilford County mail route 1861-1865 (6:13).

7. Scrapbooks. 2 items.

The red book is a collection of philatelic discoveries by A. E. Weatherly including Limestone Springs provisional, Company Shops, etc. Many original items have been removed and re-filed in this collection for conservation purposes. This book includes many original covers. The blue book concerns CSA philately including Augustus Dietz.

8. Newspapers. Whole issues and clippings.

Clippings cover many subjects and are incorporated into the general collection. (See container listing). Whole items are calendared and have been incorporated into the general collection.

9. Miscellaneous. 11 items. 1852, 1900s.

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