MSS. Collection #49

John D. Hodges Papers, ca. 1815-1967. 6 boxes (250 folders), ca. 1050 items.

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INTRODUCTION

The John D. Hodges Papers primarily document the career and accomplishments of **John D. Hodges** (1884-1936) – for biographical **materials** see 6:6-15; 8:5 – although a notable exception to this generalization is the large quantity of material relating to the **Click Family** of Davie County (1:1-22). Researchers will also find materials relating to **other members of the Hodges Family** scattered throughout the collection (2:13,15-18; 6:1,26,32,40,47-48,63; 8:6-11). Although there are many people and topics represented in the collection, as the descriptions below will show, it is particularly rich in materials relating to education in North Carolina

<u>Arrangement:</u> This collection is arranged into twelve (12) series and, within series, materials are arranged alphabetically. The twelve series are: Click Family, ca. 1820-1935; Correspondence, 1882-1961; Financial, 1930-49; Genealogy, ca. 1920s-1940s; Legal, 1815-1959; Literary, 1871-1942; Maps, ca. 1866; Photos, ca. 1870-1965; Postcards, ca. 1950s; Printed, 1889-1950; Prints, ca. 1880-1900; and School Documents, ca. 1880-1900.

<u>Provenance:</u> This collection was purchased at an estate sale in Randolph County by Bob Loy and sold to the Museum by Loy on March 16, 1984. The Hodges Papers were assigned accession number 1984.29.6, and the photographs in the collection were assigned accession number 1984.29.10.

<u>Processing</u>: This collection was organized and the finding aid prepared by J. Timothy Cole between November 1995 and January 1996.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John D. Hodges (1844-1936), son of Joeseph Wells Hodges and Mary Magdelene Click Hodges, was a Confederate veteran and North Carolina educator from Davie County, NC. During the Civil War he served in Company H of the 63rd North Carolina Cavalry and participated in the Gettysburg campaign. He was later very active in the North Carolina Division of Confederate Veterans. Hodges graduated from Trinity College in 1873, and pursued a career in education. He became head of several schools in North Carolina, among them Augusta Seminary and Hodges School, both located in Davie County, New Berne Academy, and Cooleemee High School. He was also active in North Carolina politics and a protégé of Furnifold M. Simmons.

Hodges married Sallie Augusta Thompson in 1896, and had 6 children: Mary Magdalene, Joseph Wells, John Daniel, Ruth Click, Sara Rebecca, and Paul Eustace Hodges.

<u>Biographical Sources:</u> For reference to Hodges' Civil War record, see Walter Clark's *North Carolina Regiments*, Vol. III, pp. 587-89.

SCOPE & CONTENT NOTE

The vast majority of the collection covers the time period from about 1870-1936. Types of materials include: manuscripts, diaries, speeches, reports, photos, a map, correspondence, financial records, school and legal documents, postcards, broadsides, news clippings, advertising cards, brochures, catalogs, certificates, envelopes, flyers, invitations, pamphlets, programs and prints.

Researchers interested in the **history of education in** late 19th and early 20th century **North Carolina** will find the collection to be especially useful; it is particularly rich in photos, flyers, catalogs, broadsides, documents, and programs relating to academies and schools with which Hodges was associated (8:15-20; 10:2,4-6,13,33,35-38,52-53,55; 12:1-2).

Also of interest are Hodges' reminiscences of the **Civil War** (6:7,13-16) and **Trinity College** (6:44,57); his views on political issues in North Carolina such as **farmer's rights** (6:72), **prohibition** (6:54), **the Negro** (6:35), and the role of the **Democratic Party** (6:5,24,53); Hodges' correspondence with **F.M. Simmons**, a prominent North Carolina Democrat and white supremacist (2:26); and materials relating to **Confederate Veterans organizations** such as the **UCV** and **UDC** (2:31; 6:58-61; 6:87-90; 10:12,17,32,34,56-58).

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

1. Click Family. 22 folders (ca. 250 items). ca. 1820-1935.

The Click Family materials include a large body of **correspondence** between J.D. Hodges and Click relatives from Indiana, Arkansas, North Carolina, and elsewhere (1:1-3). It also includes materials from an accordion-style **"filebook,"** apparently organized according to their relationship with Click Family descendents (1:4-22). Finally, there are some Click Family **genealogical tables** (1:20) and a broadside relating to a **Click Family reunion of 1920** (1:22).

2. Correspondence. 33 folders (ca. 90 items). 1882-1961.

The correspondence series includes nine letters to Hodges from the prominent North Carolina politician and white supremacist **F.M. Simmons** (2:26). These letters address matters such as the Rippy biography of Simmons, the reunion of the Trinity College class of 1873, the election of 1928, and Simmons' defeat in 1930. There are also letters from **Josiah Bailey** (2:3) and **W.D. Turner** (2:30), and a 1932 holidays greeting card from the **Hoover White House** (2:19); and there are a number of letters from members of the **Hodges family** (2:10,13-18).

3. Financial. 1 folder (7 items). 1930-49.

The single folder (3:1) financial series includes a few **UCV receipts** and a **Southern Railway** freight bill.

4. Genealogy. 2 folders (10 items). ca. 1920s-1940s.

The genealogy series includes notes, mainly on birth and death dates for the **Hodges** (4:1) and **Thompson** (4:2) families.

5. Legal. 3 folders (ca. 13 items). 1815-1959.

A Hodges family **estate inventory** (5:1), a **lease** (5:2), and a copy of a **petition for Jerusalem Church** (5:3), Davie County, NC, can be found in the short legal series.

6. Literary. 92 folders (ca. 400 items). 1871-1942.

The literary series contains a large number of manuscripts, reports and speeches, most attributable to J.D. Hodges. "A Mother in Dixie" (6:2) is Hodges' tribute to his own mother's bravery in sending her only son off to War; "Behold the Virginia Muddle!" (6:5) is a study of the Democratic Party in North Carolina following the election of 1928(?); 6:6-15 includes various biographical materials relating to Hodges, including his Civil War experiences; "I Am a Democrat" (6:24), "Superfluous Officials" (6:52) and "Tammany History" (6:53) are other political tracts; "Marshall Ney" (6:31) addresses the much-discussed matter of a Rowan County man who claimed to be one of Napoleon's generals; 6:35 describes African-Americans during slavery; 6:37 is a poem which Hodges often recited on Trinity College; 6:44 is Hodges' reminiscence of Trinity College; 6:42 is a copy of the record book of the Dutchman's Creek Church; "To Your Tents O'Isreal" (6:54) and "Vestigia Nulla" (6:62) are political tracts on prohibition; 6:58-61 are related to the UDC; 6:72 is a speech which Hodges delivered before the Farmer's Alliance; 6:80-81 are speeches presenting Governors Cameron Morrison and Locke Craig; 6:87-90 are speeches which were made before the UDC; and Hodges' valedictory address before the Trinity College class of 1873 is 6:91.

7. Maps. 1 folder (1 item). ca. 1866.

This item is a map of regions affected by the **Civil War**, published by O.D. Case & Co. in 1866.

8. Photos. 23 folders (ca. 75 items). ca. 1870-1967.

The series includes photos and negatives of **Hodges family members** (8:3,5-11), and photos of schools at **Augusta** (8:15), **Concord** (8:16), **Cooleemee** (8:17), **Granite Quarry** (8:18) and **Liberty** (8:20). **W.A. Smith** (8:21), a commander of the North Carolina Division of the UCV may also be found in the series.

9. Postcards. 5 folders (ca. 20 items). ca. 1950s.

The postcard series consists of scenic views of **the Bahamas** (9:1), **California** (9:2), **Florida** (9:3) **and New York** (9:5).

10. Printed. 60 folders (ca. 190 items). ca. 1889-1950.

This series includes broadsides, brochures, clippings, envelopes, flyers, invitations, pamphlets and programs, many of which pertain to the various North Carolina schools and academies with which Hodges was associated. **Augusta Seminary** materials include a grade report (10:2), a flyer (10:33), and an 1893 program (10:52); 10:3 pertains to the **Aycock Memorial Association** and includes a very fine inset photograph of Governor Aycock; 10:4-5 are broadsides descriptive of **Hodges School**; 10:6 is a blank grade report for **New Berne Collegiate Institute**; 10:8 is a 1960 broadside entitled **"Rights for Whites"**; 10:12 is a colorful brochure for the **1911 UCV reunion**; 10:13 is catalogue for **Hodges Business School** (1894); 10:19 includes clippings related to **Hodges' biography**; 10:35-38 are flyers for **Hodges School**; 10:41 is an 1894 flyer for the **Vance Memorial Association**;10:42 is an invitation for a **Ku Klux Klan** meeting (1924?); H.H. Smith of Ashland, Virginia, authored the character sketches of **JEB Stuart** (10:48) and **Stonewall Jackson** (10:51); 10:53 is a 1921 program for **Cooleemee Public Schools**; and 10:56-57 are **UCV** Convention programs.

11. Prints. 5 folders (5 items). ca. 1880-1900.

The print series includes **Robert E. Lee** (11:5), **Ulysses S. Grant** (11:1) and the **Hodges house**(?) (11:4).

12. School documents. 3 folders (5 items). ca. 1880-1900.

Leaves from an **Augusta Seminary ledger** (12:2), an **1892 announcement for Augusta** (12:1) and a combination **role/account book** (12:3) are included in school documents.

FOLDER LISTING

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1	1	Click Family	Correspondence Genealogy (1920s and 1930s)
	2	"	Correspondence Genealogy (1920s and 1930s)
	3	"	Correspondence Genealogy (1920s and 1930s)
	4	"	"Filebook" Click, D.
	5	"	"Filebook" Click, E.G.
	6	"	"Filebook" Click, H.H.
	7	"	"Filebook" Click, J.
	8	"	"Filebook" Click, J.D.
	9	"	"Filebook" Click, J.N.
	10	"	"Filebook" Click, M.M.
	11	"	"Filebook" Click, M.
	12	"	"Filebook" Click, M. & S.
	13	"	"Filebook" Click, N.
	14	"	"Filebook" Click, N.
	15	"	"Filebook" Click, R. & J.
	16	"	"Filebook" Click, S. & R.
	17	"	"Filebook" Misc.
	18	"	"Filebook" Misc.
	19	"	"Filebook"
	20	"	Lists Genealogical tables
	21	"	Printed Broadside Reunion (1920)
	22	"	Printed Clippings
2	1	Correspondence	Andrews, Alex B. (1934)
	2	"	Anscombe, Francis C. (1929)
	3	"	Bailey, Josiah W. (1936)
	4	"	Bundy, Bettie S. (1933)
	5	"	Cherry Hill Church (1949)
	6	"	Chi Phi Fraternity (1938)
	7	"	Christian, Ida (1936)
	8	"	Crawford, Mary (nd)
	9	"	Davie Co. School Brd./H.S. Committee (nd)
	10	"	Eliot, Sara Hodges (1936)
	11	"	Hasty, Vance (nd)
	12	"	Hellard, Versie (nd)
	13	"	Hodges (?), Eustace (1936)
	14	"	Hodges (?), John D. (1928-35)
	15	"	Hodges (?), Mrs. John D. (ca. 1936)
	16	"	Hodges (?), Mary (1905-30s)
	17	"	Hodges (?), Sally (ca. 1926)
	18	"	Hodges (?), Sally (ca. 1926)

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2	19	Correspondence	Hoover, President (1932)
	20	"	Irving, I., and J. H. Paylor (1936)
	21	11	Johnsie (1961)
	22	"	Laney, J. Frank (1936)
	23	"	Lee, Bertha (1931)
	24	"	Miller, C.L. (1947)
	25	"	Miscellaneous
	26	"	Simmons, F.M. (1928-36)
	27	"	Smoot, J.E. (1934)
	28	"	Southern Railway (1949)
	29	"	Trinity College to U. of Texas (1882)
	30	11	Turner, W.D. (nd)
	31	"	UCV (early 1930s)
	32	"	Wheeler, B.K. (1937)
	33	"	Yale U. (1936)
2	1	T' '1	B'II 1 (1020 40)
3	1	Financial	Bills and receipts (1930-49)
4	1	Genealogy	Mss Hodges family
	2	"	Mss Thompson family
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5	1	Legal	Estate inventory (nd)
	2	"	Lease (1959)
	3	"	Petition for Jerusalem Church (1815)
6	1	Literary	Diaries Hodges, Paul (ca. late 1920s)
	2	"	Mss "A Mother in Dixie"
	3	"	Mss "A Word Anent the Yale Prof."
	4	"	Mss "As the Moon Rose"
	5	"	Mss "Behold the Virginia Muddle!"
	6	"	Mss Bio Campaign for legislature
	7	"	Mss Bio Civil War
	8	"	Mss Bio "High Spots in the Life" (ca. 1930)
	9	"	Mss Bio "Events in the Life" (ca. 1930)
	10	"	Mss Bio Memoirs
	11	"	Mss Bio Miscellaneous (1920s & 30s)
	12	"	Mss Bio Printed
	13	"	Mss Bio "Recoll. of a Confed."
	14	"	Mss Bio "War Experience"
	15	"	Mss Bio War record
	16	"	Mss Civil War
	17	"	Mss Concord ME Church (1930s?)
	18		Mss "Confed. Dead"

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6	19	Literary	Mss "The Constitution"
- 0	20	Literary "	Mss "County History"
	21	"	Mss Culture
	22	"	Mss "Full Growth"
	23	"	Mss Hobson, Wm. Henry
	24	"	Mss "I Am a Democrat"
	25	"	Mss "Jerusalem Farm Women's Club"
	26	"	Mss "Johnnie's Motto" (Johnnie Hodges)
	27	"	Mss "Johnston Flood"
	28	"	Mss Johnston Flood
	29	"	Mss Lamenting the passage of time
	30	"	Mss Lee, Light Horse Harry
	31	"	Mss "Marshall Ney" (1928?)
	32	"	Mss Memorial to Sallie Hodges
	33	"	Mss Methodism
	34	"	Mss Minutes of Jerusalem Sunday School
	35	"	Mss Negro, the
	36	"	Mss Poem on months of year
	37	"	Mss "Poem on Trinity College" (1871)
	38	"	Mss Poem: "Rizpah"
	39	"	Mss Poems
	40	"	Mss "Poet Priest" by Paul Hodges (1922)
6	41	Literary	Mss Prayers
	42	"	Mss Rec. book of Dutchman's Crk. Church
	43	"	Mss Religious
	44	"	Mss "Reminiscences of Trinity College"
	45	"	Mss Revolutionary War
	46	"	Mss School compositions
	47	"	Mss School compositions (Mary Hodges)
	48	"	Mss School compositions (Paul Hodges)
	49	11	Mss Science (1908)
	50	"	Mss Song
	51	11	Mss "Sunday Schools"
	52	11	Mss "Superfluous Officials"
	53	11	Mss "Tammany History"
	54	11	Mss "To Your Tents" (prohibition) (1928?)
	55	"	Mss Toast to NC (ca. 1933?)
	56	"	Mss "Too Old?"
	57	"	Mss Trinity College Faculty
	58	"	Mss UDC confed. mem., Davie Co.
	59	"	Mss UDC convention (1933)
	60	"	Mss UDC Davie Grays Chapter
	61	"	Mss UDC miscellaneous

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6	62	Literary	Mss "Vestigia Nulla"
	63	"	Mss Wedding of Sara Elaine Hodges (1933?)
	64	11	Mss "William Howell Pegram"
	65	"	Mss WWI
	66	"	Reports UCV reunion (1942)
	67	"	Speeches Capital punishment
	68	"	Speeches College rivals
	69	"	Speeches Confed. mem. for Davie Co.
	70	"	Speeches Confed. vets. and lost cause
	71	"	Speeches "Every Rose has a Thorn" (1921)
	72	"	Speeches Farmer's Alliance (ca. 1890)
	73	"	Speeches Foster, Mr.
	74	"	Speeches Hesperian Society
	75	"	Speeches Hodges School Address (1898)
	76	"	Speeches Lost Cause
	77	"	Speeches "Masonic Picnic"
	78	"	Speeches Misc.
	79	"	Speeches NC military history
	80	"	Speeches Presentation of Cam. Morrison
	81	"	Speeches Presentation of Locke Craig
	82	"	Speeches Presentation of medal
	83	"	Speeches "The Poet Priest" (1912)
6	84	Literary	Speeches "To the People of Davie"
	85	"	Speeches "Tribute to Washington" by H.C. Boger
	86	"	Speeches Trinity Poem (1932)
	87	"	Speeches UDC (1930s)
	88	"	Speeches UDC Davie Grays (1932)
	89	"	Speeches UDC history
	90	"	Speeches UDC portrait of R.E. Lee
	91	"	Speeches Valedictory address (1873)
	92	"	Speeches "What Makes Heroes" (1872)
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/	1	Maps	Civii wai
8	1	Photos	Barn
	2	"	Church
	3	"	Eliot, Mrs. G.F.
	4	"	Gas station
	5	11	Hodges, J.D.
	6	"	Hodges, Mary
	7	11	Hodges, Paul
	8	"	Hodges, Paul & Johnnie
	9	"	Hodges, Ruth

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	14	11	New York City
	15	"	Schools Augusta Seminary
	16	"	Schools Concord (1905)
	17	"	Schools Cooleemee
	18	"	Schools Granite Quarry (1915)
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	20	11	Schools Wisc Schools Liberty (1917)
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	2	11	California (ca. 1950s)
	3	11	Florida (ca. 1950s)
	4	11	Misc. (ca. 1950s)
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10	1	Printed	Advertising cards Santa Claus (nd)
	2	"	Broadsides "Augusta Seminary" (ca. 1890s)
	3	"	Broadsides Aycock, Charles B. (nd)
	4	11	Broadsides Hodges School (nd)
	5	"	Broadsides "Hodge's School" (ca. 1897)
	6	11	Broadsides "New Berne Coll. Insti." (ca. 1890)
	7	11	Broadsides "Ohio Improved Chester Hog" (ca.1897)
	8	11	Broadsides "Rights for Whites" (1960)
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	30	"	Envelopes State of NC (ca. late 19th cent.)
	31	"	Envelopes The Travelers (ins.) (nd)
	32	"	Envelopes UCV
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	34	"	Flyers Confederate reunion (1932)
	35	"	Flyers "Hodges School" (nd)
	36	"	Flyers "Hodges School Normal" (1900)
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	46	11	Pamphlets "G. Wash Costume Book" (1931)
	47	"	Pamphlets "Ira Christian" (ca. 1920)
	48	"	Pamphlets "JEB Stuart" (ca. 1930)
	49	"	Pamphlets "North Carolina Day" (1904)
	50	"	Pamphlets "Salvatore Marchesi, Op. 15" (1908)
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	4	"	Hodges house (?)

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