

MSS. Collection #113

Allen-McFarland Family Papers, ca. 1875-1985. 13 boxes (499 folders), ca. 1500 items.

NOTE: The numbers cited in parentheses, e.g. 1:5, refer the researcher to the Series#:Folder# in which that name/topic will be found.

INTRODUCTION

The Allen-McFarland Family Papers chiefly document an **African American family in the South in the mid-twentieth century**, providing considerable insight into the values and norms of African Americans during this period, as well as the opportunities and frustrations of a struggling minority. In addition, the Allen-McFarland family also could be characterized as a military family, since at least two members of the family chose military careers after fighting in World War II and Korea, and a possible ancestor fought with the famous 54th Massachusetts during the Civil War.

Arrangement: Because of the complex nature of this collection -- representing several family and extended family members -- it was arranged into twelve groups identified by Roman numerals, I-XII. Also, instead of numbering the series separately within groups, the 49 series are numbered consecutively beginning with Group I. The groups are: **(I) Laura M. Allen** (Series 1-7), **(II) Leon B. McFarland** (8-13), **(III) Dorothy Allen McFarland** (14-22), **(IV) Andra Wesley Allen** (23-26), **(V) Joseph Watts** (27-32), **(VI) McRae Family** (33-37), **(VII) Cora Ricks** (38-40), **(VIII) Legal** (41), **(IX) Miscellaneous** (42-46), **(X) Photos** (47), **(XI) Printed** (48) and **(XII) School Documents** (49).

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Laura McRae Allen (1891?-1971), known as Laura V. Allen, Laura Allen Simmons and Laura V. Simmons, was probably born in Alamance County (her date of birth is given variously as 1885, 1891, and 1899), the daughter of Fred (?-1927?) and Etta McRae (1858-1945). She apparently lived in Greensboro after about 1913, continuing to live there most of her adult life. Around 1913 or 1914, Ms. Allen appears to have married **Samuel L. Allen** (? -1916?), who was caretaker of the First Presbyterian Church graveyard in Greensboro circa 1912. Samuel Allen seems to have died about 1916, following which Ms. Allen inherited his property at 800 Julian St. She gave birth to a daughter, **Ximinia Marie** (1914 - ?), and a second daughter, **Dorothy** (1916-1990), on December 6, 1916. Ms. Allen apparently also raised **Andra Wesley** (1921- ?),

son of Thelma Allen; a will dated 1927 refers to him as a grandson. According to the Greensboro city directories of this period, Ms. Allen was variously employed as a maid, nurse, and householder, and, around 1923 or 1924, she appears to have married or domiciled with Haywood W. Simmons, a tailor. In 1931 the home on Julian St. burned and, while it was evidently repaired or rebuilt, Ms. Allen was evicted from the property in 1932 through an action made by the Gate City Building and Loan, possibly due to her inability to pay off a note, though the legality of the bank's takeover is unclear. Ms. Allen and her family subsequently resided at various Greensboro locations: 1203 Douglas St., 915 Benbow Rd., 403 High St., and 910 Omaha St. She eventually settled into a career in nursing and was certified as a **licensed practical nurse** in North Carolina in 1947, possibly the first African American from Guilford County to achieve this distinction. At one time (ca. 1950), she served as registrar for the Licensed Practical Nurses Division of Greensboro. Ms. Allen battled chronic ill health during her later years and died in Greensboro on April 2, 1971.

Leon Bedford McFarland (1919-1995) was born in Bonham, Texas, the son of Atchison McFarland (1896?-1927?) and Virgie Bedford McFarland (? -ca. 1970). After graduating from Sumner High School in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1940, McFarland attended North Carolina State College (later N.C. Central University) in Durham, NC (1940-42), where he was captain of the football team (ca. 1942). As a young man he worked for a movie theatre in St. Louis (1939-40) and the New York Central Railroad (1941-43). He was inducted into the Air Force in 1943, and assigned to Basic Training Center No. 10 [later the **Overseas Replacement Depot (O.R.D.)**] in Greensboro, ca. 1944, where he was leader of the 303rd Wing Band Orchestra. It was perhaps at this time that he met Dorothy Allen, whom he would eventually marry. McFarland was discharged in 1946, but was recalled in 1950, and remained in the Air Force until his retirement in 1968. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant, and his assignments included: Sandia A.F.B., Albuquerque, New Mexico; Kirtland A.F.B., New Mexico; Beale A.F.B., California; O'Hare A.F.B., Chicago; Lackland A.F.B., Texas; Elmendorf A.F.B., Alaska; and Bushy Park A.F.B., England. Following retirement, he worked as a security guard and eventually settled in Greensboro. He apparently battled alcohol abuse in the 1960s and 1970s, as records indicate he completed at least two alcohol rehabilitation programs.

Dorothy Allen McFarland (1916-1990), daughter of Laura Allen, was in the last high school class to graduate from **Bennett College (1932?)**, earned a B.A. in elementary education from Bennett (1940), and took additional classes at N.C. A&T. Sometimes following her husband Leon to his Air Force assignments, sometimes not, she continued to live with her mother Laura Allen throughout much of her adult life. Ms. McFarland eventually taught in Washington, D.C., Albuquerque, N.M., and England, as well as several schools in North Carolina, including **Price School, Terracotta, and Dudley High in Greensboro**, and Osgood School in Sanford. She often worked as a substitute teacher. Development of her career seems to have been handicapped by long bouts with syphilis and tuberculosis; during the late 1950s and early 1960s, Ms. McFarland was hospitalized/treated at the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium in McCain, N.C., Womack Army Hospital, Fort Bragg, N.C., and Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado. The syphilis, which she apparently contracted about 1937, possibly helps explain why she had no children.

Andra Wesley Allen (1921- ?) was the son of Thelma Allen and Emsley Hubbard, but apparently spent at least part of his childhood in the household of Laura Allen. He graduated from Hillside Park High School in Durham, NC, in 1939. It is unclear if Allen attended a college or university before entering the military, but by 1943 he had attained the rank of 2nd Lieutenant

in the Army. Allen saw action in Italy and was promoted to full Lieutenant during World War II. He chose a military career and was stationed in Germany and Italy during the 1940s and 1950s, eventually attaining the rank of Captain. He may have been demoted at some point, as in his last letters as a military man he holds the title Master Sergeant. Allen retired from the military in 1963 and settled in Willingboro, N.J.

Joseph Watts (ca. 1930- ?) apparently either lived with or was otherwise very close to the Allen family in the 1940s and 1950s, but the precise relationship between the Watts and Allen families is ambiguous. Watts graduated from Greensboro's Dudley High School in 1948 and soon thereafter enlisted in the U.S. Army. He saw action in the Korean War.

Cora Allen Ricks (? -1977) was a sister or cousin (?) of Laura Allen. She married her second husband, Arthur Ricks (1888-1963), in 1944, and seems to have lived in Durham, NC, for many years.

Biographical Sources: Greensboro city directories, courthouse and cemetery records, and materials in the collection were the chief biographical sources used to identify members of this family.

SCOPE & CONTENT NOTE

Types of materials in this collection include correspondence, scrapbooks, diaries, pamphlets, flyers, brochures, circulars, bulletins, certificates, photographs, military records, and school, legal and financial documents. Except for the McRae Family group, the eviction series, and other scattered materials, the collection dates from ca. 1940-1975. Perhaps the key figure in the collection is **Laura McRae Allen**, though she remains a somewhat shadowy figure because the materials focus upon her later years. Researchers interested in the history of health care in the Greensboro area will find a small amount of material relating to Ms. Allen's nursing career (1:30,44,64; 5:2; 7:45). The eviction of Ms. Allen and family from her home in 1932 sheds light upon the economic insecurity and legal disempowerment of African Americans during this period in Greensboro (2:1-12). In general, the collection suggests that Ms. Allen's role was one of family matriarch.

The large accumulation of official military documents in the collection records Sergeant **Leon McFarland's Air Force career** (11:1-5). The military documents are augmented by the presence of McFarland's letters to his wife and mother-in-law, which tell us much about base life at some of the facilities where he was assigned during the Cold War years: Sandia A.F.B., Albuquerque, New Mexico; O'Hare A.F.B., Chicago; Rabat French, Morocco; Elmendorf A.F.B., Alaska; and Bushy Park A.F.B., England (1:59;15:25). A small amount of material in the collection relates to McFarland's presence at the ORD in Greensboro during World War II (13:5). Documents indicating alcohol abuse (13:3; 15:20) and marital difficulties (15:20) suggest the toll that military life may have taken upon Sergeant McFarland.

Captain **Andra Wesley Allen's** military career is documented chiefly through his letters to Ms. Allen and Ms. McFarland (23:1-7), as well as a collection of photographs associated with his assignment to Italy (25:1-7). In Allen we see a confident African American rising through the ranks of the military and pursuing relationships with white women in Europe, a practice which would have been unacceptable in the American South of his youth. The papers documenting the

apparently brief military career of Corporal **Joseph Watts** imply that he was engaged in the front lines during the **Korean War** (27:1,4).

A few items in the collection address the struggle of African Americans for **civil rights**, though such materials are surprisingly few in number given the time period of most of the collection (1940-75) and the prominence of correspondence. Notable is the presence of an early (ca. 1940) **petition for slum clearance** in Greensboro (41:1). Passages in several letters also address the power of the **vote** (15:33), and **school desegregation** (23:2,5). A few printed materials relating to political power for African Americans, organized labor, and the Communist Party are also present (48:27,39-40,45). The medical records of Dorothy McFarland (19:1) are illustrative of the susceptibility of African Americans to communicable diseases during this period. Though afflicted by both tuberculosis and syphilis, Ms. McFarland still struggled to finish college and establish her career as a schoolteacher. Her diary and scrapbook also provide insights into the personal life of a young African American woman circa 1940 (18:1; 22:1). The McFarland scrapbook (22:1) contains information about Bennett College, as does the School Documents series (49:1,4-6).

The **McRae Family** group is informative of the ownership of property and finances of an African American family in North Carolina in the late 19th century (34:3; 35:1). The series is notable also for the presence of a pension application for a widow (Elizabeth Jeffreys) of an African American soldier who fought with Company H in the 54th Massachusetts of Civil War fame (35:4).

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

I. Laura Allen

1. Correspondence. 91 folders (ca. 175 items). 1935-1971.

Spanning the period from 1939-1968 is a large body of correspondence from Laura Allen's daughter Ximinia Marie Allen Banks (1:5-8). The letters consist largely of expressions of affection, plans for visits, thank yous, etc. Similar commonplace content can be found in the letters of Ruth Green (1:36), a niece of Laura Allen.

Letters from Dorothy Allen McFarland are found in 1:58. In one interesting letter (1961), Ms. McFarland bemoans the pressures of teaching in Washington, D.C., and requests that Ms. Allen send her medicine from Greensboro to protect her from colds.

The Leon McFarland correspondence (1:59) contains interesting views on life at the various Air Force bases at which he was stationed, and his writing is also of interest for its approximation of black dialect. He wrote of Sandia A.F.B. in Albuquerque, N.M. in 1955: "There isn't any news that I can tell you about because (sic) this base isn't just a base, it is a constration (sic) camp, because (sic) every body is watching every one, as you know this is the main part for the Atomic Energy, and every body is watched by the OSIs[,] that mean Office Special investigation, and the CIC, so you can see there isn't much new about the base, but I can tell you what we had for Turkey Day, and that mean Thanksgiving. . . ."

Other letters of note include one (1948) from the North Carolina Licensed Practical Nurses Association (1:64) which enumerates expectations for LPNs in NC. The correspondence of Alfred I. Winston (apparently a husband or boyfriend of Ximinia Marie Allen) can be found in

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1:90. One particularly long Winston letter, written in 1939, sheds considerable light upon ill feelings between sisters Ximinia Marie and Dorothy.

2. Eviction. 13 folders (ca. 60 items). 1910-1945.

This fascinating series documents the eviction of Ms. Allen and her family from their home in Greensboro at 800 Julian St. in 1932. Folders 2:1-3 consist of letters or copies of letters written by Ms. Allen on the incident. As she put it: "On April the 28th 1932 my things were set in the streets" (2:1). Folders 2:4-7 contain correspondence with various lawyers. A brief letter from Walter White, Secretary of the NAACP, can be found in 2:8. Contained in 2:9 is a group of receipts from the Schiffman family (a family of prominent Jewish Greensboro jewelers), apparently pertaining to payments on a note made by Laura Allen. Folders 2:10-11 contain tax receipts for the Julian St. property, and 2:12 includes the original deed.

3. Financial. 9 folders (ca. 20 items). 1944-1971.

This series includes routine bank statements and checks (3:1), check stubs (3:2), deposit books (3:3), and receipts from businesses in Greensboro (3:5-9).

4. Legal. 8 folders (ca. 10 items). 1916-1971.

Included is: a 1935 court order (4:1) requiring Laura Allen, as guardian of Ruth McRae, to file her annual account of the latter's estate; a copy of Laura Allen's death certificate (4:2); a deed to Colored Union Cemetery, Greensboro (1916), where Samuel L. Allen, first husband (?) of Laura Allen, was likely buried (4:3); some insurance policies (4:4-6); and an early (1927) will of Laura Allen (4:8).

5. Literary. 2 folders (4 items). n.d.

This series includes some recipes (5:1) and a few notes relating to nursing (5:2).

6. Photos. 2 folders (ca. 20 items). n.d.

Included in this series are a number of photographs of Laura Allen, ca.1940-60 (6:1-2), with one (6:2) especially fine color portrait of Ms. Allen.

7. Printed. 68 folders (ca. 90 items). 1924-1960.

This large series includes numerous broadsides, flyers, pamphlets, etc., relating to healthcare (7:1-9,11-21,23-26,28-41,45-46,48-66).

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8. Correspondence. 18 folders (ca. 75 items). 1943-1985.

Folder 8:3 includes a 1970 letter to McFarland family members from LaVanBennette, perhaps a half-brother (?) of Leon McFarland, presumably addressing the financial problems of Virgie Bedford McFarland, the mother of Leon McFarland. World War II era greeting cards (8:5-6) include patriotic motifs and may suggest other themes/card types which were attractive and available to African Americans at this time (ca. 1943-44). A long letter (1985) in 8:8 is from Almedia Hawkins of Garland, Texas, to the McFarlands and details the everyday life of this African American woman. In 8:9, Leon McFarland is dismissed as a Pinkerton guard from Bluefield State College, Bluefield, West Virginia (1969).

9. Financial. 3 folders (5 items). 1957-1977.

This series includes contracts for automobiles purchased by Leon McFarland (9:1-2) and a few receipts (9:3).

10. Legal. 2 folders (5 items). 1952-1978.

A vehicle registration (10:1) and some tax return forms (10:2) can be found in this series.

11. Military Documents. 5 folders (ca. 250 items). 1943-1968.

The military documents series includes identification cards (11:1) and a large group of materials documenting McFarland's service record in the Air Force between 1951 and 1968 (11:2-5). An interesting letter (perhaps never mailed) on Bovingdon (England) Service Club stationary can be found in 11:3. McFarland writes: "I have a white Club Director in the office with me, and I know just what some of your boys are saying, if you were in Mississippi you wouldn't be doing that, but I am so glad the Queen have (sic) her arms around me. . . ." Folder 11:4 includes a 1967 letter which describes why McFarland was not selected for retention by the Air Force.

12. Photos. 24 folders (ca. 125 items). ca. 1940-1944.

The photos series includes a large collection of McFarland family photos from an album apparently assembled by McFarland himself (12:1-20). Included are photographs (ca. 1920) of McFarland's father, Atchison McFarland (12:2-3,6,14), and his aunt, Cleo McFarland (12:4-5,14,16). There are numerous other photos of McFarland (12:7,21), his relatives and his home (?), in this series. In addition, folder 12:22 includes a photograph of the N.C. State College football team (ca. 1942). Folder 12:23 contains a photograph of the 303rd Wing Orchestra (ca. 1944), which was made up of African American soldiers stationed at the O.R.D. Finally, folder 12:24 includes a group of shots of social activities at Bovingdon, England, in 1952.

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13. Printed. 11 folders (ca. 25 items). 1940-1980.

Folder 13:3 contains a number of certificates earned by McFarland, among these being: McFarland's High School diploma (1940); his certificate of appointment to the rank of staff sergeant (1951); honorable discharge certificates (1951, 1957, and 1964); certificates for completing an NCO leadership school (1966); and certificates for completing alcohol rehabilitation programs in 1974 and 1979. In 13:5 may be found various newspaper clippings related to McFarland's biography (1944-79). Other materials include a baseball umpire examination, ca. 1960 (13:6), and a 1961 recreation manual (13:9).

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14. Biographical. 1 folder (2 items). n.d.

This one folder series (14:1) includes two biographical news clippings pertaining to Dorothy McFarland.

15. Correspondence. 39 folders (ca. 100 items). 1947-1982.

Highlights of this series include folder 15:5, which contains a long correspondence from Dorothy Allen McFarland's sister, Ximinia Marie Allen Banks. Two 1947 letters therein discuss the cost of Dorothy's penicillin treatments, probably for recurring bouts with syphilis. The large correspondence of the early to mid-1970s suggests the sisters grew closer following the death of their mother in 1971. Folder 15:15 includes the correspondence of Josephine Holley; in one letter (1955), Ms. Holley bemoans her involvement with a homosexual named Edward who moved out (leaving her to pay the rent and other expenses) when she "caught him."

A 1963 letter (15:20) from Dorothy Lucas to Dorothy McFarland details an affair between Ms. Lucas and Leon McFarland, as well as McFarland's drinking problems. In folder 15:25 can be found a long correspondence (1953-82) from Leon McFarland, providing considerable insight into life at the various A.F.B.'s at which he was stationed. In 15:26 a group of letters can be found from Molly, a friend of Ms. McFarland's from England.

Another group, 15:29, contains letters (1953-60) from Eddie "Prince" Petty, a professional musician with whom Ms. McFarland evidently once had a relationship. Petty wrote in one letter (1955): "I'm getting some of my material ready for King Cole's agent, all I can say [is] I hope he likes one of the songs just well enough to let Nat record one."

Still another interesting group (15:35) is from "Unc." (possibly Willie Griffin, husband of Leon McFarland's Aunt Cleo McFarland). In one letter of 1962 he writes from New York: "If and when the Black Man gets his voting rights and can be taught to pool his vote -- eventually he can bring about some changes. They will have to learn to take advantage of leadership. Here in Harlem our group more or less follows the guidance of Adam [Clayton] Powell. . . . The southern man (white) wants to keep the Black Man down so that he will have someone to kick around. He realizes that given the same opportunity, the Black Man will in time prove himself."

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He also tries to hide behind the sexual aspect. Albeit, the darker races of the world are fast coming into prominence and officialdom."

16. Financial. 3 folders (8 items). 1967-1978.

The financial series includes lists of expenditures for gas, fuel, hardware, etc., for the period 1968-78 (16:1), and receipts for legal expenses and automobile repairs during 1967-78 (16:3).

17. Legal. 2 folders (4 items). 1940-1978.

Included in this series is Ms. McFarland's vehicle registration for 1978 (17:1) and a receipt book which was used to record the payment of insurance premiums (17:2).

18. Literary. 2 folders (2 items). 1940-1963.

Folder 18:1 includes a diary which Ms. McFarland kept in 1940. The diary describes mainly social activities and dates. One frequent presence is H.A.R. (Harvey Laymon?), with whom Ms. McFarland evidently had an important relationship. A list of what may be substitute teaching assignments (in Washington, D.C.?) can be found in 18:2.

19. Medical Records. 1 folder (ca. 20 items). 1957-1962.

This one folder series (19:1) contains Ms. McFarland's medical records for the period 1957-62. The records detail her treatments for both syphilis and tuberculosis during this time.

20. Photos. 2 folders (11 items). n.d.

Folder 20:1 of the photos series contains a number of photos of Ms. McFarland (1940-77). A portrait with her husband, Leon McFarland, may be found in 20:2.

21. Printed. 5 folders (10 items). 1950-1979.

This series contains passports (21:5), and Ms. McFarland's birth certificate (21:2) -- which, apparently, was altered.

22. Scrapbooks. 1 folder (1 item). 1932-ca. 1950s.

This scrapbook was evidently presented to Ms. McFarland by J.P. Allen in June 1940, possibly as a gift upon Ms. McFarland's graduation from Bennett College. It includes a clipping of a class portrait of Ms. McFarland as part of the last high school graduating class at Bennett (1932?). There are numerous photos of classmates, relatives, and friends from this period. The scrapbook also includes a clipping about Belle Tobias Curtis, a prominent Bennett College instructor who died suddenly on her honeymoon, senior class and baccalaureate programs (1940), a program for a presentation of "As You Like It" at Bennett (1940), and photos of Ms.

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McFarland's entire graduating class. A loose materials folder includes a copy of the *Bennett Banner*, clippings, drawings, an invitation to Andra W. Allen's high school graduation and numerous photos (including Bennett's last high school graduates and Laura Allen as a young woman).

IV. Andra Wesley Allen

23. Correspondence. 9 folders (ca. 30 items). 1944-1971.

Most of this series (23:1-7) consists of letters written by Captain Allen to Laura and Dorothy Allen between 1944 and 1971 -- many of which were written from Allen's assignments in Europe. For example, folder 23:1 includes three letters to Laura written either during or just after the end of World War II (1944-45). For the most part, the letters refer to family and Army life, but 23:2 (1954) contains a discussion of school desegregation. Allen writes from overseas: "I have been reading of the friction in some of the schools as a result of the desegregation of the public schools in those areas. There is no point in fighting it because the ruling has been made by the highest court in the land. Whether the public like (sic) it or not they have got to accept it. I am of the opinion that the friction that exist (sic) at present will soon be overcome by education." Another letter (23:5) also notes the 1954 Supreme Court decision on desegregation and observes that "foreign English language newspapers gave Greensboro credit for being the first southern city to take any type of action to comply with the ruling. . . ." The correspondence from 1962-71 (23:6-7) coincides with Allen's return to civilian life and settlement in Willingboro, N.J. Folder 23:8 consists of a detailed letter describing a miscarriage to Laura Allen from Gadula (Captain Allen's wife). In 23:9 is a 1944 letter in Italian from Anna Lombardo, with whom Allen evidently had a relationship while stationed in Italy.

24. Legal. 2 folders (2 items). 1942-1945.

This series includes a driver's license (24:1) and Allen's selective service registration card (24:2).

25. Photos. 7 folders (ca. 35 items). 1945-1950.

Folder 25:1 consists of an excellent portrait photograph of Captain Allen. His wife Gadula may be portrayed with him in 25:3. Numerous photographs of Italian girlfriends, named Edith and Anna Lombardo can be found in 25:4-5. The woman in 25:7 may be Allen's first wife from whom he probably obtained a divorce in the early 1950s.

26. Printed. 1 folder (1 item). 1943.

The printed series consists of one folder (26:1) containing then 2nd Lieutenant Allen's membership card for the officer's mess at Camp Hood, Texas.

V. Joseph Watts**27. Correspondence. 13 folders (ca. 20 items). 1948-1952.**

In a 1951 letter (27:1) from Laura Allen to Watts, apparently then in action in Korea, Ms. Allen refers to how "very hard [it must be] to see so many dead people," and counsils Watts to pray. She also refers to the recent (probably July 1951) death of her brother (James B. McRae, 1888?-1951), who "got kill (sic) [when] a truck ran over him. . . ." A 1952 letter (27:2) from an Army buddy stationed at Fort Lee, Va., discusses R&R in Richmond: "I goes (sic) to Richmond practically every night. . . . One girl are (sic) trying to get me to marry her . . ."

Letters (1950-52) from Dorothy Allen McFarland include one referring to Watts' transfer to another division and uses the expression, "the bullets are flying." Another (1952) from an Army buddy named Scotty, this time writing from Fort Meade, Maryland, can be found in 27:5. One 1951 letter (27:8) from Watts' father, complains of the "'restricted war'" strategy employed in Korea. There are also several letters (1948-51) concerning family matters and the military from Watts' brother, Rob (27:10).

28. Dog Tags. 1 folder (1 item). n.d.

This one folder (28:1) series contains Watts' dog tags.

29. Financial. 2 folders (6 items). 1950-1951.

This series includes deposit tickets (29:1) and tax statements (29:2).

30. Literary. 2 folders (3 items). ca. 1950.

Folder 30:1 includes a limerick with a sexual theme; 30:2 includes poems mounted with real four-leaf clovers -- likely a soldier's good luck charm.

31. Photos. 4 folders (14 items). ca. 1950.

Included is a fine color image of Joseph Watts in uniform (31:3) as well as photographs of other African American soldiers (31:2), probably in basic training, and Watts' brothers, Robert and Syl (31:4).

32. Printed. 11 folders (13 items). 1948-1952.

The printed series includes: a pamphlet on syphilis (32:2); Watts' (1948) Dudley High School diploma (32:3); a clipping which reprints a GI's letter describing Korea (32:4); enlistment and debarkation instructions (32:6-7); propoganda leaflets from Korea (32:8); a soldier's pass (32:10); and the newsletter of the 32nd Infantry (32:11).

VI. McRae (McCray?) Family

33. Correspondence. 2 folders (2 items). 1930-1949.

The brief correspondence series contains a 1930 letter (33:1) from Moses Latta of Massachusetts to Etta (probably Etta McRae), the mother of Laura Allen; there is also a letter dated 1949 (33:2) denying Social Security benefits to James B. McRae.

34. Financial. 3 folders (ca. 20 items). 1874-1955.

The financial series includes some 1920s account books for the Greensboro National Bank (34:1) and Greensboro Loan & Trust (34:2), as well as a large collection of receipts (34:3) covering a long period (1874-1955). Many of the receipts are for the accounts of Malinda (or Lindy) McCray (apparently a variant spelling of McRae), and date from the late nineteenth century. There are also some receipts for Fred McCray (probably Laura Allen's father). Many of the McRae receipts are from Graham or Burlington, indicating that Laura Allen may have been born there.

35. Legal. 4 folders (11 items). 1876-1927.

There are three deeds for properties owned by Malinda McCray (35:1), dated 1876, 1882, and 1892; a deed for a burial plot in Maplewood Cemetery, Greensboro, granted to Etta McRae in 1927 (35:2, research herein indicates that Etta and James McRae and Laura and Dorothy Allen are buried there); and a number of insurance policies for Business Men's Mutual Insurance of Greensboro (1917-25) will be found in 35:3.

Of special interest is folder 35:4. It contains the pension application (1903) for Elizabeth Jeffreys of Guilford College, the widow of Civil War veteran Walter A. Jeffries. Jeffries (Jeffreys?) was a Sergeant in Company H of the 54th Massachusetts, the famous African American infantry regiment which stormed the walls of Charleston's Fort Wagner in 1863 under the leadership of Col. Robert Gould Shaw. Jeffries was captured in an action on James Island, S.C., which immediately preceded the Fort Wagner assault. According to Luis Emily's *History of the Fifty-fourth Regiment* (1894), Sergeant Jeffries was tried as part of a test case for captured African American soldiers, whom according to the acts of the Confederate Congress were to be treated as outlaws and put to death. President Lincoln countered this action by ordering that a Rebel soldier would be executed in kind for every soldier of the United States who was executed. Governor Bonham of South Carolina demanded that the African American soldiers be tried according to the laws of the Confederate government, thus leading to the test case which involved Jeffries. However, the Confederate authorities took no action beyond the trial, and Jeffries was finally freed in March 1865 at Goldsboro, N.C. The precise relationship between the Jeffries and McRae families is unclear; however, the pension application was found in an envelope (postmarked 1917) addressed to Etta McRae, when she was a resident of East Bragg St. in Greensboro.

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36. Photos. 5 folders (ca. 35 items). 1905-1910, n.d.

Folder 36:1 contains a fine photograph, evidently of Etta McRae and family, dated about 1900; 36:2 contains a real photo postcard, probably from Will McRae, written to Etta McRae, who was evidently a student at Latta University in Raleigh circa 1910; there are also a large number of unidentified photos associated with the McRae family (36:3-4).

37. Printed. 2 folders (ca. 15 items). ca. 1930, n.d.

The printed series includes cards associated with flower arrangements (37:1), probably for a funeral, and payment forms (ca. 1930) for Business Men's Mutual Insurance (37:2).

VII. Cora Ricks

38. Correspondence. 14 folders (ca. 20 items). 1958-1970.

The largest groups of letters in this series (most of which date after 1960) are those from Ximinia Marie Allen Banks (38:2), Ada Davis (38:4), and Violet Goodman (38:6). Generally written from parts outside the borders of North Carolina, such as New York, Chicago, California and Virginia, they chiefly describe mundane family matters such as illnesses and visits.

39. Financial. 1 folder (1 item). 1951.

This series (39:1) contains of a receipt for repairs to Arthur Ricks' house in Durham in 1951.

40. Printed. 5 folders (5 items). 1927-1963.

The printed series includes a 1963 memorial circular as well as a memorial card for Arthur Ricks (40:2,5) and two marriage certificates (40:3-4), dated 1927 and 1944.

VIII. Legal

41. Legal. 1 folder (1 item). ca. 1940.

This series contains a lengthy petition (ca. 1940), circulated in Greensboro, the purpose of which was to force the City to improve housing for low-income families through slum clearance and repairs. It includes typed names and addresses of all those who signed the petition.

IX. Miscellaneous**42. Correspondence. 3 folders (3 items). 1925-1963.**

Included in this series is a 1925 letter to Thelma Allen from Meta (42:2). She inquires about Thelma's recent illness and her son, Andra Wesley.

43. Financial. 1 folder (2 items). 1952?- 1978.

Included is a receipt from Ready Mix Concrete of Greensboro (1952?) and Payne's Gas Station in Graham, N.C. (1978).

44. Literary. 2 folders (2 items). 1943, n.d.

Folder 44:1 includes birth and death entries for the Revies (?), King and Greene families (n.d.), while 44:2 is a typed manuscript of an obituary for Doris M. Ward (1943).

45. Postcards. 1 folder (2 items). ca. 1945.

This series consists of some real photo postcards of Paris, ca. 1945.

46. Stewart, Dr. C.C. 1 folder (3 items). 1947-1952.

Dr. C.C. Stewart (ca. 1880-1952) was an African American physician and surgeon who practiced in the Greensboro area for approximately forty years. This series (46:1) includes a memorial circular issued with his death 1952, an obituary clipping, and a prescription (ANS).

X. Photos**47. Photos. 31 folders (ca. 90 items). ca. 1900-ca. 1955.**

The photos series includes images of: Ximinia Marie Allen Banks, ca.1940 (47:2); Bennett College, ca. 1920 (47:3); Virgie Bedford Bennett (47:4); Atchison McFarland (47:14-15); Cleo McFarland (47:15-16) and her husband Frank Neal (47:26); and musician Eddie "Prince" Petty (47:27).

XI. Printed**48. Printed. 54 folders (ca. 85 items). ca. 1920-1980.**

This fairly large series includes: a bag for Meyer's Department Store (48:2); a 1958 Civil Defense brochure for Greensboro that includes maps of evacuation routes (48:4); a circa 1958 Civil Defense card that has basic information on what to do in the event of a nuclear blast (48:6); a card which invites the bearer to a tea at the home of Mrs. Saphronia Graves (48:9); a news clipping pertaining to the Greensboro sit-ins (48:11); a flyer related to services at Our Lady of

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the Miraculous Medal Church, Greensboro (48:16); issues of the African American magazines *Color*, *Ebony*, *Our World* and *Tan*, 1952-71 (48:21-24); communist, anti-war, and labor-related literature (48:27,39-40,45); a program for a football game between J.C. Smith and N.C. A&T in 1948 (48:49); a register for the funeral of James B. McRae (48:50); 1956 and 1960 Greensboro telephone directories (48:52-53); and some Southern Railway materials (48:54).

XII. School Documents**49. School documents. 8 folders (ca. 35 items). 1932-1969.**

The school documents series includes transcripts and grade reports (1932-40) for Dorothy Allen McFarland's work at Bennett College (49:1); Ms. McFarland's transcripts for N.C. A.&T. (49:2); a collection of notes written to excuse absences (49:3); notes related to classes taken by Ximinia Marie Allen Banks (49:4-6); report cards for Marion McRae, a student at African American public schools in the Greensboro area, ca. 1920s-1934 (49:7); and teaching certificates for Dorothy Allen McFarland (49:8).

FOLDER LISTING**I. Laura Allen**

<u>Series</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	
1	1	Correspondence	-- Abernethy, F.P. (1948)
	2	"	-- Acker, Sadie (1968-70)
	3	"	-- Allen, Laura M. (n.d., 1957-62)
	4	"	-- American Healthaids Co. (1954?)
	5	"	-- Banks, X.M. Allen (1939-51)
	6	"	-- Banks, X.M. Allen (1952)
	7	"	-- Banks, X.M. Allen (1953)
	8	"	-- Banks, X.M. Allen (1967-68)
	9	"	-- Bea (n.d.)
	10	"	-- Belle (1970)
	11	"	-- Bethea, J.A. (1970)
	12	"	-- Bigby, Jammie (?) (1953)
	13	"	-- Boswell, James (1950)
	14	"	-- Brooks, Jesse W. (1950-70)
1	15	Correspondence	-- Brooks, Mrs. Willard (1967)
	16	"	-- Bruce (1970)
	17	"	-- Canadas, The Ernest (1970)
	18	"	-- Carter, Consuella (?) (1970)
	19	"	-- Cathedral of Compassion (n.d.)
	20	"	-- Chicago School of Nursing (1946)
	21	"	-- Coltranes, The (1970)
	22	"	-- Darby, Bessie (1970)
	23	"	-- Dargan, Bertha (1970)
	24	"	-- Dean, Alice (1945)
	25	"	-- Dillard, Earline (1950)
	26	"	-- Donovan, Father D.E. (1970)
	27	"	-- Dorsey, Oberlin (1970)
	28	"	-- Dudley H.S. Faculty (1945)
	29	"	-- Dunlap, Jesse (1952-70)
1	30	Correspondence	-- Etta (1944)
	31	"	-- Fathers Clifford and Sheridan (n.d.)
	32	"	-- Flower of the Month (1965)
	33	"	-- Foushee, H. Clifton (1967-70)
	34	"	-- Friendly Matron's Charity Club (1970)
	35	"	-- Goldie (1952)
	36	"	-- Greene, Ruth (1950-71)
	37	"	-- Hairston, Willard (1946-70)
	38	"	-- Hargett Funeral Home (1951)
	39	"	-- Hargett, Nathaniel E. (1951-58)
	40	"	-- Header (?), William (1945)

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Series	Folder	Contents	
1	41	Correspondence	-- Hewitt, Beulah Rutherford (1940)
	42	"	-- Hicks Family, The (1970)
	43	"	-- Hospital Care Assoc. (1942)
	44	"	-- Hunt, Geneva C. (1945)
	45	"	-- Indiana Botanic Gardens (1967)
	46	"	-- James (1970)
	47	"	-- L. Richardson Memorial Hospital (1945-67)
	48	"	-- Latta, Morgan M. (1970)
	49	"	-- Lewin, Lucille N. (1958-68)
	50	"	-- Lewises, The (1970)
	51	"	-- "Lonely Aunt" (1935)
	52	"	-- Maddox, Mamie & Fred (1970)
	53	"	-- Malone, Mr. (?) (1939)
	54	"	-- Marcellus and Ella (1970)
	55	"	-- Mary (1968)
1	56	Correspondence	-- May, C.G. (1951)
	57	"	-- McConnell, Rosalie (1971)
	58	"	-- McFarland, Dorothy Allen (1946-63)
	59	"	-- McFarland, Leon (1953-56)
	60	"	-- McFarlands, The (1970)
	61	"	-- Morgan and Frankie (n.d.)
	62	"	-- Morrow, Lattie (1941)
	63	"	-- Motor Finance Company (1950)
	64	"	-- NC Licensed Practical Nurses Assoc. (1948-58)
	65	"	-- Novis (?), Zadie (1945)
	66	"	-- Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (1966)
	67	"	-- Parks (?), Pearl (1970)
	68	"	-- Pearl (n.d.)
	69	"	-- Phillips, Mrs. V.E. (1970)
	70	"	-- Pierce, Clementine (1967-70)
1	71	Correspondence	-- Powell, Allie (1970)
	72	"	-- Russells, The (1970)
	73	"	-- Sampson, Celeste (1970)
	74	"	-- Sanders, Mary (n.d.)
	75	"	-- Sapp, John Wharton (n.d., 1970)
	76	"	-- Saunders, Mary (1970)
	77	"	-- Scarlett Family, The (n.d.)
	78	"	-- Scott, Ruth (1967)
	79	"	-- Sheridan, Eugene (1970)
	80	"	-- Sister Marie (1970)
	81	"	-- Sister Regis (1959)
	82	"	-- Smith, Clyde (1970)

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Series	Folder	Contents	
1	83	Correspondence	-- Tillman, G.D. (1970)
	84	"	-- Turrentine, Josephine (n.d., 1945)
	85	"	-- Watson, Rosanna (1970)
	86	"	-- Watts, Joe (1952-70)
	87	"	-- Wells, Juanita (1970)
	88	"	-- Whitted, Marvin (1970)
	89	"	-- Wimbish Insurance Agency (1954-55)
	90	"	-- Winston, Alfred I. (1939)
	91	"	-- Woods, Gladys (1970)
2	1	Eviction	-- Correspondence -- Allen, Laura M. (1934)
	2	"	-- Correspondence -- Allen, Laura M. (?) (ca. 1939)
	3	"	-- Correspondence -- Allen, Laura M. (1945)
	4	"	-- Correspondence -- Clark, Franklin S. (1940)
	5	"	-- Correspondence -- Jones, W. Avery (1932)
	6	"	-- Correspondence -- Raby, James H. (1945)
	7	"	-- Correspondence -- Rouzer, Elmer (1940)
	8	"	-- Correspondence -- White, Walter (1936)
	9	"	-- Financial -- Receipts (1926-27)
	10	"	-- Financial -- Tax receipts (1910-30)
	11	"	-- Financial -- Tax receipts (1910-30)
	12	"	-- Legal -- Deeds (1916)
3	1	Financial	-- Bank statements & checks (1945-51)
	2	"	-- Check stubs (1948-50)
	3	"	-- Deposit books (1944-71)
	4	"	-- Notices -- Depositor (1951)
	5	"	-- Receipts -- Best Television (1962)
	6	"	-- Receipts -- Greensboro Motor Co. (1951)
	7	"	-- Receipts -- Pilot Life Ins. Co. (1965)
	8	"	-- Receipts -- Sparrow, Dr. Harry W. (1953)
	9	"	-- Receipts -- Wimbish Ins. Agency (1950)
4	1	Legal	-- Court orders (1935)
	2	"	-- Death certificates (1971)
	3	"	-- Deeds -- Colored Union Cemetery (1916)
	4	"	-- Insurance policies -- Mercury Indemnity Co. (1950)
	5	"	-- Insurance policies -- Metro Life Ins. (1934)
	6	"	-- Insurance policies -- The Travelers (1952)
	7	"	-- Power of Attorney (1952)
	8	"	-- Will (1927)
5	1	Literary	-- Lists -- Recipes (n.d.)
	2	"	-- Notes -- Nursing (n.d.)
6	1	Photos	-- Allen, Laura (ca. 1940s-60s)
	2	"	-- Allen, Laura (ca. 1940s-60s)

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Series	Folder	Contents	
7	1	Printed	-- Broadsides -- "Diet List" (ca. 1940)
	2	"	-- Broadsides -- Diphtheria (ca. 1940)
	3	"	-- Broadsides -- Flies (ca. 1940)
	4	"	-- Broadsides -- Infant mortality (ca. 1940)
	5	"	-- Broadsides -- Malaria (ca. 1940)
	6	"	-- Broadsides -- Tuberculosis (ca. 1940)
	7	"	-- Broadsides -- Typhoid Fever (ca. 1940)
	8	"	-- Brochures -- "The Expectant Mother" (1936)
	9	"	-- Brochures -- "Marriage Hygiene" (1937)
	10	"	-- Brochures -- Recipes (n.d.)
	11	"	-- Brochures -- "Skin [Care]" (ca. 1940)
	12	"	-- Bulletins -- "The Health Bulletin" (1942-45)
	13	"	-- Bulletins -- "Pit Privies" (1935)
	14	"	-- Cards -- "Baby's Daily Time Card" (ca. 1940)
7	15	Printed	-- Cards -- "Child's Daily Time Card" (ca. 1940)
	16	"	-- Certificates -- Birth (ca. 1940) (blank)
	17	"	-- Certificates -- Chicago School of Nursing (1945)
	18	"	-- Certificates -- NC Board of Nursing Exam. (1947)
	19	"	-- Circulars -- "How to Tell Children" (ca. 1940)
	20	"	-- Circulars -- "Revised Herbalist" (1960)
	21	"	-- Circulars -- "Talk with Girls" (ca. 1940)
	22	"	-- Claim releases -- Sears, Roebuck (1952)
	23	"	-- Flyers -- "Appendicitis" (ca. 1940)
	24	"	-- Flyers -- "Breast Feeding" (ca. 1940)
	25	"	-- Flyers -- "Handling ... Diseases" (ca. 1940)
	26	"	-- Flyers -- "Care of the Teeth" 91936)
	27	"	-- Flyers -- "Cream and ... Cheese" (1940)
	28	"	-- Flyers -- "Children [and] Sleep" (1939)
	29	"	-- Flyers -- "Good Teeth?" (ca. 1940)
7	30	Printed	-- Flyers -- "Good Lunch?" (1939)
	31	"	-- Flyers -- Breakfast (1939)
	32	"	-- Flyers -- "Facts About Diphtheria" (ca. 1935)
	33	"	-- Flyers -- "Typhoid Fever" (ca. 1940)
	34	"	-- Flyers -- "Flies!" (ca. 1940)
	35	"	-- Flyers -- "Importance of Milk" (1940)
	36	"	-- Flyers -- "Infantile Diarrhea" (ca. 1940)
	37	"	-- Flyers -- "Let Your Doctor Decide" (ca. 1940)
	38	"	-- Flyers -- "Mother's Mustard Plasters" (n.d.)
	39	"	-- Flyers -- "What and Why of Milk" (1940)
	40	"	-- Flyers -- "Whooping Cough" (ca. 1940)
	41	"	-- Flyers -- "Why Drink Milk?" (ca. 1940)
	42	"	-- Identification cards -- US Air Force (1968)

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Series	Folder	Contents	
7	43	Printed	-- Invitations (1945)
	44	"	-- Invitations (1949-50)
	45	"	-- Invoices -- LPNs Div. of Greensboro (n.d.)
	46	"	-- Leaflets -- "Ques. for [Parents]" (ca. 1935)
	47	"	-- Library call slips -- Washington, D.C. (n.d.)
	48	"	-- Monographs -- "Health Education" (1924)
	49	"	-- Pamphlets -- "Care of the Eyes" (ca. 1940)
	50	"	-- Pamphlets -- "Colds, Influenza" (ca. 1940)
	51	"	-- Pamphlets -- "Feeding Diabetic Patients" (ca. 1940)
	52	"	-- Pamphlets -- "Feeding Diabetic Sick Patients" (ca. 1940)
	53	"	-- Pamphlets -- "First Aid" (ca. 1940)
	54	"	-- Pamphlets -- "Good Habits for Children" (ca. 1940)
	55	"	-- Pamphlets -- "The Great Imitator" (ca. 1940)
	56	"	-- Pamphlets -- "Health ... and Long Life" (ca. 1940)
	57	"	-- Pamphlets -- "Infant Care" (1935)
7	58	Printed	-- Pamphlets -- "Keeping Fit" (ca. 1940)
	59	"	-- Pamphlets -- "Posture" (ca. 1940)
	60	"	-- Pamphlets -- "Protecting Your Heart" (ca. 1940)
	61	"	-- Pamphlets -- "Sleep" (ca. 1940)
	62	"	-- Pamphlets -- "Standing Up to Life" (ca. 1940)
	63	"	-- Pamphlets -- "Tuberculosis" (ca. 1940)
	64	"	-- Pamphlets -- "Tuberculosis from 5 to 20" (ca. 1940)
	65	"	-- Pamphlets -- "What is Rheumatism?" (ca. 1940)
	66	"	-- Prescriptions -- McManus, Dr. W.L. (blank)
	67	"	-- Price lists -- Poro College Inc. (n.d.)
	68	"	-- Receipts -- Money order application (ca. 1950)

II. Leon Bedford McFarland

Series	Folder	Contents	
8	1	Correspondence	-- ANAF Junior Hostess Club (n.d.)
	2	"	-- Beckett, M____ (1956)
	3	"	-- Bennette, LaVan T. (1970)
	4	"	-- Bethea, J.A. (1976)
	5	"	-- Greeting cards (1943-44)
	6	"	-- Greeting cards (1943-44)
	7	"	-- Greeting cards (1984-85)
	8	"	-- Hawkins, Almedia (1985)
	9	"	-- Jenkins, George (1969)
	10	"	-- Jones, R.H. (1968)
	11	"	-- McFarland, Dorothy Allen (n.d.)
	12	"	-- McFarlands, The (ca. 1985)

II. Leon Bedford McFarland			
Series	Folder	Contents	
8	13	Correspondence	-- Neal, Cleo McFarland (1966-70)
	14	"	-- Southwestern Investment Co. (n.d.)
	15	"	-- St. John's Lodge (1970)
	16	"	-- Unknown (1955)
	17	"	-- Veterans Administration (1949-55)
	18	"	-- Wolff Motors Co. (1954)
9	1	Financial	-- Contracts -- Loans -- Frontier Motor Co. (1957)
	2	"	-- Contracts -- Sales -- GM Accept. Corp. (1969)
	3	"	-- Receipts (1960-77)
10	1	Legal	-- Cards -- Vehicle registration (1978)
	2	"	-- Forms -- Tax returns (1952-58)
11	1	Military documents	-- Cards -- Identification (1943-46)
	2	"	-- Miscellaneous (1951-60)
	3	"	-- Miscellaneous (1951-67)
	4	"	-- Miscellaneous (1953-68)
	5	"	-- Retirement order (1967)
12	1-21	Photos	-- Album
	22	"	-- NC A&T football team (ca. 1940)
	23	"	-- 303rd Wing Band Orchestra (ca. 1944)
	24	"	-- Bovingdon, England (ca. 1952)
13	1	Printed	-- Application forms -- A.F.B. Credit Union (ca. 1960)
	2	"	-- Book -- <i>Winston Dictionary</i> (1947)
	3	"	-- Certificates (1940-80)
	4	"	-- Claim forms -- Employment (n.d.)
	5	"	-- Clippings (1944-79)
	6	"	-- Examinations -- Baseball umpire (ca. 1960)
	7	"	-- Folders -- USAFE Education Conference (1954)
	8	"	-- Letterheads -- "Bolling Air Force Base" (n.d.)
	9	"	-- Manuals -- Recreation (1961)
	10	"	-- Menus -- "King of Clubs" (1960)
	11	"	-- Pamphlets -- "Your Personal Affairs" (1963)
	10	"	-- Mary (1958)
	11	"	-- Olar, Leo V. (1960-69)
	12	"	-- Page, Kate Taylor (1959)
	13	"	-- Ricks, Cora (1969)
	14	"	-- United Order of Tents (1969)

III. Dorothy Allen McFarland

<u>Series</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	
14	1	Biographical	-- McFarland, Dorothy Allen (ca. 1960)
15	1	Correspondence	-- Agnes (1974)
	2	"	-- Anne (1974)
	3	"	-- Auntie Keeca (1979-81)
	4	"	-- Baily, Lizzie (1974)
	5	"	-- Banks, X.M. Allen (1947-73)
	6	"	-- Blackwell, Loria (1974)
	7	"	-- Brooks, Willard (n.d.)
	8	"	-- Burns, Nettie (1973)
	9	"	-- Clementine (1973)
	10	"	-- Dorsey, Oberlin (1972-74)
	11	"	-- Duncan, Jeff (1977)
	12	"	-- Florey (?) (1955)
	13	"	-- Greene, Ruth (1974)
	14	"	-- Hawkins, Alma (1973)
15	15	Correspondence	-- Holley, Josephine (1954-55)
	16	"	-- Hughes, Velvet (1977)
	17	"	-- Jordan, Frances M. (1958)
	18	"	-- Klosson, K.A. (1952)
	19	"	-- L_____, Edna (1972)
	20	"	-- Lucas, Dorothy (1963)
	21	"	-- MacClamroch, James G.W. (1948)
	22	"	-- Mama & Dorothy (1970)
	23	"	-- McFarland, Dorothy (n.d.)
	24	"	-- McFarland, Dorothy (1961)
	25	"	-- McFarland, Leon (1953-82)
	26	"	-- Molly (1955-59)
	27	"	-- Moseley, James (1973)
	28	"	-- Peeler, A.H. (1961)
	29	"	-- Petty, Eddie "Prince" (1953-60)
15	30	Correspondence	-- Posey, Teresa (1961)
	31	"	-- Public Schools of D.C. (1948)
	32	"	-- Roberts, Oral (1974)
	33	"	-- Robeson, Molly (?) (1974)
	34	"	-- Turner, Susan (1973)
	35	"	-- Unc. (1954-62)
	36	"	-- Vivian (1951)
	37	"	-- Wanda (1973)
	38	"	-- Watts, Joseph (1967)
	39	"	-- Wier, James A. (1959)
16	1	Financial	-- Lists -- Expenditures (1968-78)
	2	"	-- Notices -- public assistance (1974)

III. Dorothy Allen McFarland			
Series	Folder	Contents	
16	3	Financial	-- Receipts (1965-78)
17	1	Legal	-- Cards -- Vehicle registration (1978)
	2	"	-- Receipt books -- Ins. premiums (1940-53)
18	1	Literary	-- Diaries (1940)
	2	"	-- Lists -- Substitute teaching (?) (1963)
19	1	Medical records (1957-62)	
20	1	Photos	-- McFarland, Dorothy Allen (ca. 1940-77)
	2	"	-- McFarland, Dorothy Allen and Leon McFarland (ca. 1950)
21	1	Printed	-- Applications -- Federal employment (1950)
	2	"	-- Birth certificates (1950)
	3	"	-- Certificates (1966-79)
	4	"	-- Membership card -- Carolina Motor Club (1978)
	5	"	-- Passports (1952-53)
22	1	Scrapbooks (1932-ca. 1950)	

IV. Andra Wesley Allen

Series	Folder	Contents	
23	1	Correspondence	-- Allen, A.W. (1944-45)
	2	"	-- Allen, A.W. (1948-55)
	3	"	-- Allen, A.W. (1949)
	4	"	-- Allen, A.W. (1952-53)
	5	"	-- Allen, A.W. (1954)
23	6	Correspondence	-- Allen, A.W. (1962-68)
	7	"	-- Allen, A.W. (1967-71)
	8	"	-- Allen, Gadula (1957)
	9	"	-- Lombardo, Anna (1944?)
24	1	Legal	-- Driver's license (ca. 1945)
	2	"	-- Registration cards -- Selective service (1942)
25	1	Photos	-- Allen, A.W. (ca. 1945)
	2	"	-- Allen, A.W. & Dorothy Allen McFarland (ca. 1945)
	3	"	-- Allen, A.W. & wife (1956)
	4	"	-- Edith (ca. 1950)
	5	"	-- Lombardo, Anna (ca. 1950)
	6	"	-- Miscellaneous (ca. 1950)
	7	"	-- Wife of A.W. Allen (?) (1945)
26	1	Printed	-- Certificates -- Officer's mess -- Camp Hood (1943)

V. Joseph Watts

<u>Series</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	
27	1	Correspondence	-- Allen, Laura (1951)
	2	"	-- Barber, William (1952)
	3	"	-- Coffey, Jessie (1950)
	4	"	-- McFarland, Dorothy Allen (1950-52)
	5	"	-- Scotty (1952)
	6	"	-- U.S. Treasury Dept. (1952)
	7	"	-- Watts, Carl A. (1949)
	8	"	-- Watts, Joseph H. (1950-51)
	9	"	-- Watts, Joseph R. (n.d.)
	10	"	-- Watts, Robert (1948-51)
	11	"	-- Watts, Rosanna (1950-52)
	12	"	-- Watts, Syl (1950-51)
	13	"	-- Williamson, Leslie (?) (1949-50)
28	1	Dog tags	-- Watts, Joseph (ca. 1950)
29	1	Financial	-- Deposit tickets (1951)
	2	"	-- Tax statements (1950)
30	1	Literary	-- Limericks (ca. 1950)
	2	"	-- Poems (ca. 1950)
31	1	Photos	-- Grigsby, Jewell (ca. 1950)
	2	"	-- Soldiers (ca. 1950)
	3	"	-- Watts, Joseph (ca. 1950)
	4	"	-- Watts, Robert and Syl (ca. 1950)
32	1	Printed	-- Allotment authorizations -- War bonds (1949)
	2	"	-- Brochures -- "Talk ... on Syphilis" (ca. 1950)
	3	"	-- Certificates -- (1948-52)
	4	"	-- Clippings -- "GIs ... in Korea" (1952)
	5	"	-- Diploma -- Dudley High School (1948)
	6	"	-- Instructions -- Debarkation (1952)
	7	"	-- Instructions -- Enlistment (ca. 1950)
	8	"	-- Leaflets -- Korean War (1951)
	9	"	-- Pamphlets -- Communicable diseases (ca. 1950)
	10	"	-- Soldier's pass (1951)
	11	"	-- 32nd Infantry newsletter (1951)

VI. McRae (McCray) Family

<u>Series</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	
33	1	Correspondence	-- Latta, Moses (1930)
	2	"	-- Social Security Admin. (1949)
34	1	Financial	-- Account books -- Greensboro National Bank (1920-25)
	2	"	-- Account books -- Greensboro Loan & Trust (1921-28)
	3	"	-- Receipts (1874-1955)

VI. McRae (McCray) Family			
Series	Folder	Contents	
35	1	Legal	-- Deeds (1876-95)
	2	"	-- Deeds -- Maplewood Cemetery (1927)
	3	"	-- Insurance policies -- Business Men's Mutual Ins. (1917-25)
	4	"	-- Widow's pension application (1903)
36	1	Photos	-- McRae, Etta, and family (ca. 1905)
	2	"	-- McRae, Will (?) (1910)
	3	"	-- Miscellaneous (ca. 1900-25)
	4	"	-- Miscellaneous (ca. 1900-25)
	5	"	-- Wilkins, George and Susan (ca. 1920)
37	1	Printed	-- Cards -- Flower arrangements (n.d.)
	2	"	-- Payment forms -- Business Men's Mutual Ins. (ca. 1930)

VII. Cora Ricks

Series	Folder	Contents	
38	1	Correspondence	-- Allen, Clarence (1963)
	2	"	-- Banks, X.M. Allen (1963-70)
	3	"	-- Bruce, Bertha (1966)
	4	"	-- Davis, Ada (1964-69)
	5	"	-- Elmore, Irene C. (1966)
	6	"	-- Goodman, Violet (1966-68)
	7	"	-- Gregory, Mary W. (1967)
	8	"	-- Holloway, Ann (1969)
	9	"	-- Laughlin, Minerva (1965)
39	1	Financial	-- Receipts (1951)
40	1	Printed	-- Applications -- United Order of Tents (n.d.)
	2	"	-- Circulars -- Memorial to Arthur Ricks (1963)
	3	"	-- Marriage certificates (1927)
	4	"	-- Marriage certificates (1944)
	5	"	-- Memorial cards -- Ricks, Arthur (1963)

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