

## MSS. Collection #45

### Andrew Earl Weatherly Collection, ca. 1820s-1970s. 7 boxes (115 folders), ca. 2800 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**

This collection represents the fruits of many years of collecting on the part of A. Earl Weatherly, a noted Confederate States of America philatelic expert. Contained herein is material that informs various aspects of Southern history, particularly those associated with Piedmont 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 19<sup>th</sup> century. Also included are a number of items from the 20<sup>th</sup> century, most notably those 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*. Aside from the material pertaining to Weatherly's career as a philatelist, few items in the collection relate to his life or family.

**Arrangement:** This collection is arranged into nine series, and within each series the folders are arranged alphabetically. The series are: **Correspondence**, ca. 1830s-1960s; **Reminiscences**, ca. 1860s; **Printed Material**, ca. 1860s-1960s; **Financial/Legal Documents**, ca. 1820s-1880s; **Photographs**, ca. 1880s-1950s; **Literary Productions**, ca. 1950s; **Scrapbooks**, undated; **Newspapers**; and **Miscellaneous**, ca. 1850s-1900s.

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

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

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Andrew Earl Weatherly (1895-1981) was born in Rockingham County as the son of Mary Elizabeth Payne (1860-1929) and Andrew Weatherly Jr. (1851-1910), and he grew up in Greensboro. After serving in the Navy during World War I, he worked as a druggist and by 1924 established Stratford-Weatherly Drugstore with his friend, Parke Stratford. Weatherly was president of the drugstore until it ceased operations in the mid-1930s. He then worked for Gem Dandy in Madison, North Carolina, where he was vice-president when he retired. He married Frances Rankin in 1927.

Internationally known as a collector of and authority on Confederate States of America stamps and postal history, Weatherly won numerous awards for his stamp exhibitions in national and international philatelic competitions. He was a former president and chairman of the board of trustees of the Greensboro Historical Museum (approximately 1956-1969), and he made a number of donations to museum collections during a long association with the institution.<sup>1</sup> As a collector, Weatherly had a special interest in material relating to Guilford County and adjacent regions. He was the author of *The First Hundred Years of Historic Guilford, 1771-1871*, a postal history of the county as revealed through documents and graphics he collected. In addition, he collected numerous other items germane to the history of the South.

**Biographical Sources:** The chief source of information on A. Earl Weatherly's life is his book, *The First Hundred Years of Historic Guilford, 1771-1871* (Greensboro, NC: Greensboro Printing Co., 1972), pp. 6-10. Additional information for this biographical note was obtained from his obituary (*Greensboro Daily News*, December 2, 1981) and a tribute published in the *GHM Journal* (March 1982), copies of which are filed in the folder at the beginning of the collection. The Greensboro city directories, the Guilford County Register of Deeds database, and [Ancestry.com](#) were also consulted. A number of newspaper clippings in the vertical files of the archives provide 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 Greensboro, Guilford County, 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; 4:12-13,16), Ethel Stephens Arnett (1:1), and A. Earl Weatherly's career as a philatelist (see series 1, 3, and 7 in particular). Also of interest are antebellum newspapers (filed separately) and carte de visites of Civil War personages. Other than the material on Weatherly's career as a philatelist, few items relate to his life or the Weatherly family.

## SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

### **1. Correspondence. 49 folders. 1830s-1960s.**

This series contains 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 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, North Carolina: The County Seat of Guilford* (1:1); numerous Civil War letters (1:3, 1:7-8, 1:16, 1:22-23, 1:38); a Jonathan Worth ALS (1:4) about the legislative in

<sup>1</sup> He was also a good calligrapher and produced all of the museum's exhibit labels for a time.

action; a Zebulon Vance ALS about Internal Revenue law (1884; 1:4); a banquet ticket for the completion of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad (1884; 1:4); an R.J. Reynolds ALS about the sale of North Carolina Railroad stock (1889; 1:4); a letter from Greensboro re: Theory of Epidemic, Teaching School and Buying Dress Fabric (1852; 1:8); a Lord Cornwallis ALS to Banister Tarleton re: his inability to accompany Cornwallis to England (1:9); a J.D. Cox ALS re: Results Proposed South Carolina Succession and Political Repercussions of Election of 1860 (1860; 1:10); the letters of Solomon Frazier, a Quaker imprisoned during the Civil War for pacifism (1:16); a letter from Greensboro describing the town and mentioning copper mines (1860; 1:28); a letter from W.L. Scott to his brother Levi about the ride to Richmond on baggage cars before the Battle of Manassas, which mentions Dr. Weir, Capt. Gilmer, Lieut. Rankin, and officers' servants (July 2, 1861; 1:38); a J.H. Tarpley ALS that mentions the gun shop (1:39); a Zachary Taylor ALS (1847; 1:40); several filigree covers (without contents; 1:28); and a letter from a woman in Greensboro exhorting her husband to convert to Christianity (September 12, 1864; 1:28).

Local 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 Railroad; 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 folders (2 items). 1860s.

This series includes the Civil War reminiscences of two people. 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 Materials. 15 folders. 1860s-1960s.

Brochures include those dealing with Greensboro Historical Museum exhibits (Porter Drug Store, Maude Moore Latham Tryon Palace Collection, early lighting, Connally General Store); and promotional brochures for the museum itself (ca. 1950-1954, 1968-1970, including "[A Search for O. Henry](#)"), Greensboro Masonic Museum, Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, Civil War Centennial, Quaker Collection (Guilford College), Civil War Museum (530 South Elm Street), the North Carolina Plank Road, dedication of Troublesome Creek Ironworks, etc. (3:2).

The nine catalogs cover philatelic sales (1950s-1970). Other publications include "pharmaceutical conditions and drug supply in the Confederacy" (3:4); Confederate philatelic publications, including *The Confederate Philatelist* (January 1973 and 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: Its 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 honors and certificates received by A.E. Weatherly (3:5).

Oversize items include a pharmacy license for A.E. Weatherly and other certificates that he received, as well as "stranger things have happened," a copy from *Harper's Weekly* in which the donkey and elephant were first used as symbols of the Democratic and Republican parties (3:13). Other items include a patron reservation form for performances of "Enter the Gate City" during the Greensboro Sesquicentennial (1958; 3:6); reprints of "Thomas Lenoir's Journey to Tennessee in 1806" and "Revolutionary Diary of William Lenoir" (3:7); a bill amending the charter of the North Carolina Railroad Company (1874-1875; 3:9); the *Reflector* (1912; 3:10); the 25th anniversary edition of the *State* (August 9, 1958; 3:11); a large collection of stamps, some from the Civil War era (3:12); and a program for the 61st Reunion - the final reunion - of the United Confederate Veterans (1951; 3:14).

The miscellaneous materials consist of a calendar for Guilford Superior Court (1910; 3:8); a program for the 1881 commencement at Greensboro Female College (3:8); the poem "in Greensboro" (1910; 3:8); a ticket on the Centennial Branch of the West End Passenger Railroad Co. during the expo (1876; 3:8); World War II gasoline ration cards (3:8); a convention program from the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association (1932; 3:8); a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary program for the Greensboro Rotary (1942) and a souvenir of the Rotary tour of Cone Mills with a description of the mill and its works (1917; 3:8); and a pamphlet titled, "'De Sun Do Move': The Celebrated Sermon of John J. Jasper" (reprint; 3:8).

#### 4. Financial/Legal. 21 folders. 1820s-1880s.

The financial materials include statements of the 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); an educational receipt from the 1830s (4:5); a receipt from Laurensville Female College (1867; 4:8); a certificate for one share of stock in the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway Company (1888; 4:9); an account of the City of Greensboro with D.W.C. Benbow (1878; 4:12); two assessments by the Greensboro Mutual Insurance Company for fire losses by the Greensboro Female College and C.G. Yates in 1863 (1864; 4:12); a receipt for one share of stock in the North Carolina Railroad Company, signed by Cyrus P. Mendenhall (1852; 4:13); promissory notes for the Greensboro Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Greensboro Branch of the Cape Fear Bank (4:13); a receipt for Reynolds Foundry, Randolph County (1836; 4:14); a receipt for stock in the Western North Carolina Railroad Company (4:16); and a receipt to Dr. F.A. Weatherly (4:19).

Billheads are included for: Pomona Hill Nurseries, 1895; F. Fishblate, 1891, and E.R. Fishblate, 1895; C.P. Vanstory Livery, 1891; Sample Brown Mercantile, 1898; Scott's Family Grocery, 1894; Greensboro Mutual Insurance Company, 1864; North Carolina Railroad; G. Will Armfield; the McAdoo House, 1880; the Benbow House, 1883; the *Greensborough Patriot*, 1865; and Greensboro National Bank, 1899 (4:12).

Among the legal documents in this series are a power of attorney for Robert H. Gillespie and Findley W. Gorrell of Tennessee (4:4); the dissolution of the partnership of Lindsay and McCuisten (1841; 4:10); an apprentice agreement (1881; 4:12); charges for court attendance

(1840s; 4:13); miscellaneous state records of James McNeely (4:13); a prenuptial agreement between Abiah Swaim and Lyndon Swaim, concerning the Swaim slaves (1845; 4:17); and a land grant (Homestead) from the 1820 Homestead Act USA 9539 to Elizabeth J. Chenwoth and Mary C. Chenwoth in Crawfordsville, Indiana, signed by Andrew Jackson (January 5, 1831; 4:21).

Military items consist of 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; 4:3); a receipt for postage (December 1, 1864; 4:3); and the World War I records of A.E. Weatherly (4:20).

Of particular note is a handwritten copy and typescript of a letter sent to A.W. Tourgee by Ralph Gorrell, C.P. Mendenhall and L.M. Scott, responding to Tourgee's allegations of Ku Klux Klan violence during Reconstruction (1870; 4:4). Also included are the papers of Marcellus Jordan, local post rider in the 1860s (4:6); a delivery receipt from the North Carolina Railroad at Gibson Station (1869; 4:12); miscellaneous shipping receipts (4:12); and some papers of Mebane and Weatherly, which operated in Monticello, North Carolina, in the 1850s (4:19).

##### **5. Photographs. 3 folders (ca. 105 items). 1880s-1950s.**

This series contains prints, photographs, and a few sketches. The military images include both lithographs and carte de visites (5:1). The lithographs portray Nathaniel Greene, A.S. Johnson, Braxton Bragg, Sterling Price, Winfield Scott, Robert E. Lee and T.J. Jackson. The carte de visites include Robert E. Lee, John Hunt Morgan, Joseph E. Johnson, Leonidas Polk, John Bell Hood, A.S. Johnson, T.J. Jackson, Jubal Early, Richard Ewell and Varina Davis. Six photographs document the Confederate Cemetery on Johnson's Island (Lake Erie), which was the location of a military prison for Confederate prisoners of war (see Newspaper Clippings 1984.150.47). One photograph shows a plaque installed in 1915 by the United Daughters of the Confederacy at 331 South Elm Street, describing the building as the site of the last Confederate cabinet meetings. Copies include Capt. Thomas Lenoir, General William Lenoir and Fort Defiance, North Carolina. Another copy photograph shows Sgt. Major Robert D. Weatherly, 27th North Carolina Troops (missing).

Negatives are included of Greensboro postmasters, as well as a sketch by A.E. Weatherly of Bingham School, a photograph of Governor Luther Hodges, and several 1851 lithographs of women's fashion taken from the *Godey's Lady's Book* (5:2).

The family file contains several unidentified photographs, two photos of the interior of the Stratford-Weatherly Drug Co. on the ground floor of the Jefferson Standard Building (early 1930s), an image of Andrew Weatherly Jr. (ca. 1885), and photographs of a hunter with a dog (5:3). 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 First Presbyterian Church, now the Greensboro History Museum.

##### **6. Literary Productions. 20 folders. 1950s.**

This series contains 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 imprisoned 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); a talk about Jacob Marling, including the erroneous attribution of several watercolors to Marling (6:10); a talk about the Masons of Guilford County who served in the Civil War (6:11); handwritten text for 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 February 1865 court docket authorizing county bonds to be sold (6:13); sketches and specifications of the Guilford County Courthouse at Martinsville (6:13); a 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 entitled "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 about Guilford County mail contractors and carriers during the Civil War (6:13).

#### **7. Scrapbooks. 2 folders (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 of Newspaper Clippings under 1984.150.1-51. Whole issues are calendared and have been incorporated into the Newspaper Collection.

#### **9. Miscellaneous. 1 folder (11 items). 1852, 1900s.**

This series includes an invitation to the dedication of the Kellenberger Garden at Tryon Palace in 1964, and evidence that the *Patriot* office moved to a "new building on South Street below Roses Coach Shop" in 1852.

#### **FOLDER LISTING**

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