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A faded, sepia-toned photograph of Winthrop University's main building and a fountain in the foreground. The building is a large, multi-story structure with a prominent clock tower. The fountain is on the left side of the image. The text is overlaid on the image.

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SOUTH CAROLINA HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION RECORDS

I

The records of the South Carolina Home Economics Association were received by the Archives on May 20, 1975. An "Agreement of Deposit" was also executed on the same day between the Archives and Dr. Ruth Hovermale, representative of the SCHEA. Under the terms of the agreement, the ownership of the records remain with the SCHEA but the records of the Association, beginning in August, 1977, are to be transferred to the Archives at the end of each president's term of office.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 4.25
Approximate no. of pieces: 8500

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Notices were released to the NUCMC on July 21, 1975. (See collection control file for any additional notices.)

Scope and Content Note: **This collection is a valuable source on home economics history in South Carolina during the twentieth century. While there is information on the SCHEA from its beginning in 1914 to 1980, the actual records do not start until 1920. An outline of what the South Carolina Home Economics Association was doing from 1914 to 1920, is provided in the "historical file" (see Box 1, folders 1 to 4). The inclusive dates for a particular series may vary and, for most series, the records are incomplete.**

The collection contains all the records normally created by an organization, including constitutions, correspondence, minutes, reports, handbooks, etc. A wide variety of research topics could be developed from the records, including the SCHEA's impact on the legislative process in South Carolina (e.g. the passage of the bill for the enrichment of cornmeal and grits in 1943), its cooperation and relationship with relief agencies in the state and its role in improving child health during the 1930s.

At this time, related records and papers would include those of the home economics department and home demonstration program (W423.4) and accessions one, six and ten: the papers of Mary Frayser, Juanita Neely and Christine Gee respectively. Also see records of the Winhecon Club (W425-5E-2). Transfer of items: Duplicate materials, including newsletters and memoranda were returned to Dr. Ruth Hovermale, SCHEA representative on July 23, 1975, The book *Life of Ellen H. Richards* by Carolina L. Hunt, SCHEA, 1958, has been transferred to Dacus Library (stacks), October 14, 1977.

(Hereafter cited as the SCHEA)

II

**IMPORTANT DATES IN THE HISTORY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA
HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION**

- 1914, March - SCHEA organized.
- Miss Lalla Martin first president.
- First task: preparation of a course of domestic science to be presented to the State Board of Health for their consideration with the hope that the course will be adopted in the state public schools.
- 1915 - Constitution adopted.
- 1922 - Affiliated with the American Home Economics Association.*
- 1923 - Survey of home economics in state schools and colleges.
- 1924 - Scholarship Loan Fund established.
- 1926 - First student club organized and joins the Association.
- 1939 - First joint meeting held with the South Carolina Dietetic Association.
- 1943 - The Association, with the help of other organizations, secures passage of a bill for the enrichment of cornmeal and grits.
- 1948 - Columbia Homemakers organized. First of its kind in South Carolina.

(For a more complete outline of the history of the SCHEA, see series entitled: "Historical File" - Box 1, Folders one to four.)

**Hereafter cited as the AHEA*

III

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CORRESPONDENCE

1920-1929

Most of the correspondence is that of the president of the SCHEA with members and officers of SCHEA and representatives of the AHEA and the southern regional council of the AHEA. The correspondence between AHEA and SCHEA mostly relate to the AHEA's attempt to affiliate more state associations, its program of work, especially its drive for more members, the AHEA annual meeting and efforts to increase the circulation of the *Journal of Home Economics*.

The SCHEA's presidential correspondence with members and officers includes such subjects as increasing membership, dues, the program of the annual meeting, especially guest speakers, the history of home economics in South Carolina, committee assignments and the election of committee members.

Of special interest is correspondence with the National Kindergarten Association concerning the introduction of the kindergarten bill in the South Carolina legislature (1924); correspondence concerning the creation of the Scholarship Loan Fund (1924); and correspondence relating to the SCHEA's relationship with the South Carolina State Teacher's Association (ca1925-1927).

1930-1949

Much of the correspondence pertains to the SCHEA's annual meeting, including its speaker, expenses and general program. What correspondence there is with the AHEA relates primarily to communication about legislation before the U.S. Congress (1930s) and the Permanent Headquarters Fund (1948-1949). See also "Reference File" for AHEA memorandum.

There is also correspondence concerning proposed South Carolina Legislation for the enrichment of cornmeal and grits (1943, 1949), publication of newsletters (1940s) and black membership (1940, 1949). There is no correspondence for some years.

1950-1959

Most of the correspondence pertains to the annual meeting, including the SCHEA's policy on exhibits. Most of the substantial correspondence occurs during the early 1950s and some of the subjects covered during this period include: AHEA membership, Permanent Headquarters Fund, black membership, the Cornmeal Sanitation Bill and the work of the Family Relations Committee, Child Development Committee and the Public Relations Committee.

1960-1972

Incomplete, routine correspondence mainly concerning SCHEA meetings and programs.

IV

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1-4	HISTORICAL FILE This series contains short histories of both home economics in South Carolina and the history of the South Carolina Home Economics Association. Included are sketches of home economics in the state colleges and public schools, as well as the history of home demonstration work in South Carolina. Of special interest is a paper entitled, the "History of a Great Leader," done in 1928 by Caroline Dreher. It offers a good description of home economics work at Winthrop College from 1886-1928. Most of the histories on home economics in South Carolina covers the period up to 1931 with some updating done in 1954.	1914-1968
1	5-7	CONSTITUTIONS AND BY-LAWS Proposals, drafts, revisions, and model constitutions. For related records, see the work of the constitutional revision committee filed under the series entitled: "Committee, Professional and Subject-Section Reports." There is also a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation and papers relating to their tax exempt status. In chronological order.	1928, 1936, 1940, 1949, 1956-1957, 1963-1971, 1987, nd
1	8	ANNUAL REPORT TO THE AMERICAN HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION Includes information on the outstanding ways in which the SCHEA helped implement the AHEA is program of work, as well as other information documenting the SCHEA's relationship with the AHEA. In chronological order.	1943-1944, 1953-1954, 1961, 1967-1968
2	9-10	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT These reports provide summaries of the activities of the Association as well as the accomplishments and achievements of both the Association and President. In chronological order.	1926-1927, 1972-1973, 1980
2	11-16	MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD In chronological order.	1944, 1949-1972
3-7	17-62	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATED RECORDS For a description, see section three of the inventory. In strict chronological order.	1920-1971, 1980, nd
		RECORDS OF THE COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL AND SUBJECT SECTIONS	1923-1971, nd
7	63-66	a) Lists Includes names of officers and their addresses. In chronological order.	1925-1930, 1939-1971

IV

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
8-9	67-87	b) Reports Includes those of the program of Work, Legislative, Nutrition, Home Economics Loan Fund and Membership Committees. Some of the committees changed their names through the years. Many of the reports were presented at the annual meeting. While the reports are arranged chronologically, some may be incomplete for a particular committee or section.	1923-1972, 1980, nd
10	88-94	FINANCIAL RECORDS Mainly treasurer's reports giving statements of receipts and disbursements but also included are records providing information on the cost of the annual meeting, statements of proposed budgets, and reports of the Student Educational Program Fund. Records relating to the Home Economics Loan Fund are filed chronologically under the committee, professional and subject section reports. In general chronological order.	1925-1973, 1980
		RECORDS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING	1925-1931, 1936-1937, 1944-1972, 1980, nd
10-11	95-100	a) Minutes and Related Records Includes the minutes of both the annual meeting and the business session. For some years, the meeting was held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the South Carolina Dietetic Association. The minutes are incomplete. In general chronological order.	1925-1931, 1936-1937, 1944-1972, 1980, nd
11	101-103	b) Program Notes and Brochures Agenda notes and brochures of the annual banquet. In chronological order.	1925-1972
11	104	RECORDS OF THE COLLEGE CLUB DEPARTMENT Minutes, standing rules, agenda and program notes. The department's reports are filed chronologically with the committee, professional and subject section reports. In general chronological order.	1953-1969, nd
11-12	105-111	MEMBERSHIP LISTS Mainly lists of members of the SCHEA but also included are lists of state, district and county agents, home economics teachers in South Carolina and expired memberships. The types of lists provided for each year may vary. For related records, see the records of the membership committee. In general chronological order.	1921-1971, nd
12-13	112-120	NEWSLETTERS Official organ of the SCHEA. The frequency SCHEA but of publication varies. There are no newsletters for 1927 and 1944. In chronological order.	1926-1973
13	121	HANDBOOKS Provide information on duties and responsibilities of the SCHEA's officers and committees as well as its policies. In chronological order.	1952-1953, 1956-1957, 1964, 1971

IV

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
13-17	122-160	REFERENCE FILE Program notes, memoranda, reports, circulars of information, publications and other records of organizations having an affiliation or a close relationship with the SCHEA. Most of the records in the series are those of the AHEA. The records are arranged alphabetically by subject. Appendix #1 gives a list of subject titles used in the series. There is some arrangement by chronology within folders.	1926-(1946-1954), 1971
17	161-166	NEWSPAPER CLIPPING FILE Most of the clippings pertain to the annual meeting but there are some relating to home economics in South Carolina. In general chronological order.	1925-1929, 1940-1944, 1960-1971, nd
17	167	PHOTOGRAPHS Negative and positive prints of officers and the annual meeting. Most are undated and unidentified. There is no arrangement.	1947, 1965, nd
17	168	EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT STATEMENT Submitted by the SCHEA to the Joint Judiciary Committees of the South Carolina State Legislature at the Public Hearing of the Equal Rights Amendment.	Feb. 25, 1975
17	169	CERTIFICATES OF AWARDS Given by the AHEA for obtaining an outstanding record in membership growth.	1960-1965

APPENDIX #1

LIST OF SUBJECT HEADINGS FOR THE "REFERENCE FILE" SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
		American Home Economics Association	
13	122	-Advisory Comm. to the Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics	1950-1951
13	123-125	-Annual Meeting	1926-1929, 1941, 1949-1958, nd
13	126	-Betty Lamp (AHEA Emblem)	nd
13	126	-College and University Department	1951-1952
13	127	-College Club Department	1940, 1948-1958, nd
14	128	-Committee on Committees	1950-1952
14	128	-Committee on Fellowship Awards	1950-1955
14	128	-Committee on Place of Division & Dept.	1952
14	129	-Consumer Interest Committee	1945-1952
14	130	-Councilor's Credentials	1954
14	130	-Elementary and Secondary Schools Dept.	1949-1957
14	130	-Extension Service Department	1946-1947
14	131	-Family Economics Home Management Div.	1951-1952
14	132	-Farmer's Home Administration Dept.	1949-1950
14	132	-Food and Nutrition Division	1948-1952
14	132	-Home Economics in Business Dept.	1944
14	133	-Home Economics in Homemaking Section	1959-1969
14	133	-Home Economists Institution Administration	1949-1951
14	134	-Homemakers Groups	1948-1950
14	134	-Home Safety Committee	1953
14	134	-Housing Division	1947-1949
14	135	-International Committee	1948-1954
14	135	- <i>Journal of Home Economics</i>	1950-1954
14	135-136	-Legislative Committee	1929, 1947-1954
14	137-138	-Membership Promotion Committee	1946-1957, 1967-1970
15	139	-National College Testing Program (Evaluation Committee)	1949-1950
15	139	-Permanent Headquarters Fund	1947-1953
15	140-143	-Program of Work Committee	1927-1929, 1946-1960
15	144-145	-Programs and Legislation	1943-1946, 1952-1957
15	146	-Publications	1948-1952
15	147	-Publications Advisory Committee	1954
15	147	-Public Relations Committee	1949-1951, nd
15	147	-Research Committee	1949-1952
15	148	-Social Welfare and Public Health Comm.	1949-1952
16	149	-State Presidents Meeting	1948-1952
16	149	-Subject Sections, Professional Sections Committee and State Reports	1954-1955
16	150-151	-Summary of State Annual Reports	1947-1960
16	152	-Textile and Clothing Committee	1948-1958
16	152	-Treasurers of Affiliated Associations	1948-1958
16	153	Home Economics Career Bulletins	nd
16	154-155	Home Economics Newsletters (other states)	1928-1952, 1954
16	156	Home Safety Council- Home Safety Newsletter	1949

APPENDIX #1 (cont.)

LIST OF SUBJECT HEADINGS FOR THE "REFERENCE FILE" SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
16	156	International Federation of Home Economics	1942-1962, 1967-1968
16	157	South Carolina Citizens Committee on Children and Youth	1950-1953, nd
16	158	South Carolina Conference on Social Work	1949-1952
16	158	South Carolina Dietetic Association	1948-1950
17	159	South Carolina White House Conference	1948
17	159-160	South Carolina Women's Council for the Common Good	1939-1960, 1968-1971, nd