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WALTER B. ROBERTS PAPERS

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WALTER B. ROBERTS PAPERS

I

Provenance: The Walter Roberts Papers were donated to the Louise Pettus Archives & Special Collections at Winthrop University by Mary Roberts Hardin.

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Scope and Content Note: **This collection follows the career and life of Dr. Walter B. Roberts (1893-1993). Roberts, former head of the Winthrop Music Department (1925-1958), who founded the South Carolina High School Music Festival and contributed greatly to the formation of music programs around the state. The contents of this collection regarding Dr. Walter Roberts cover various aspects of his life such as his education, service in the military, and career at Winthrop. The contents include correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, a house blueprint, academic transcripts, program bulletins, and documents concerning his funeral.**

Related Collection:
ACC 485 Walter Roberts Autograph/Photograph Collection

II

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Included in this section are six letters of correspondence consisting of a letter of recommendation to another job, the Rotary Club of Rock Hill, birthday congratulation from the White House, and the D. B. Johnson Organ Restoration Campaign. Correspondents include: President Bill Clinton, Anthony DiGiorgio, James Hardin, Mary Hardin, Kathryn Holten, Floyd B. Lee, Herbert Pigman, and Dr. Walter Roberts.</p> <p>*This series is arranged chronologically.</p>	1922-1923, 1993, 2005
1	2	<p>NEWSPAPER AND PHOTOCOPY CLIPPINGS</p> <p>These newspaper clippings and photocopies follow the life of Roberts until his death. The clippings contain topics such as an article on the Winthrop Training School, the organ at Byrnes auditorium at Winthrop, Robert's career at Winthrop, his account of World War 1 and photo collection of it, receiving the Paul Harris Fellow from the Rotary Club, his 90th birthday celebration, and his obituary. Newspapers include: Winthrop Alumnae News (1956-1957), York Observer (1983, 1993), The Rock Hill Times (1981-1982, 1985), The Herald (1987, 1993), The Evening Herald (nd, 1983), and Lake City News and Post (1987).</p> <p>*This series is arranged chronologically</p>	1956-1957, 1983-1987, 1993
1	3	<p>FUNERARY DOCUMENTS</p> <p>This section contains documents pertaining to the funeral of Dr. Walter Roberts. The contents include three identical booklets detailing Roberts's achievements in life, his autobiography, and a speech given at the South Carolina Piano Festival Association in 1981. In addition, there are two copies of a document describing the events of a memorial service held for Roberts after his death. Also, there is a document entitled "In Memoriam" written by the Allegro Music Club which celebrates Roberts's life and career. Finally, there is a short untitled speech affiliated with the Rotary Club with no author celebrating the life of Dr. Walter Roberts.</p> <p>*This series is arranged chronologically.</p>	1993

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	4	PHOTOGRAPHS 1. photograph of Walter Roberts in military attire, ca 1914 2. Walter Roberts pictured with two unidentified women, nd 3. Walter Roberts pictured, March 24 th 1924 4. Walter Roberts pictured, "last day of school", July 18 th 1924 5. GWR pictured with two other women, March 1 st 1925 6. Walter Roberts pictured with GWR and Laura, nd 7. photograph of Christy Hardin and Walter Roberts, nd 8. funeral reception for Walter Roberts, 1993 9. photograph of Walter Roberts, ca 1950s 10. photograph of Pinafore opera, April 11 th 1930	ca1914-1993
1	5	TRANSCRIPTS AND CERTIFICATES Contains academic transcripts from the University of Missouri, The American Conservatory of music in Chicago, and the Institute of Musical Art, of the City of New York. Also enclosed is a certificate of the Music Teachers National Association signifying Walter Roberts was a member for 1962-1963 .	1920, 1935, 1962
1	6	HOUSE BLUEPRINT A sketch of a house floor plan. Does not include any information regarding its origin. *Located in oversized (Drawer 26, Folder 103, Item 711)	nd
1	7	VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE A voter registration card issued to Walter Roberts certifying his right to vote in Rock Hill, South Carolina. *RESTRICTED (contains SSN)	1967

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

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1	8	<p>MISCELLANEOUS</p> <p>This series contains an assortment of documents surrounding The career and life of Walter Roberts. Items include a paper written by himself detailing the accomplishments over his lifetime. There is also a piece of paper on a Veterans Day display that was created by Mary Jean Hardin in honor of Walter Roberts. Additionally, there are also three brochures detailing: the 1981 Al-State Chorus, a luncheon in 1983 at Winthrop College (now Winthrop University) honoring Roberts, and the opera, "Pinafore" in 1930. In addition, This series contains a resume of the South Carolina Piano Festival Association and a proposal to restore the D. B. Johnson organ in Byrnes auditorium at Winthrop University. Finally, there is a card signifying his membership in the American Legion and a metal name plate.</p>	1981, 1983, 1993, 2005, nd