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**MARY JOHNSTON GATE PAPERS**

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MARY JOHNSTON GATES PAPERS

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The papers of Mary Johnston (Pat) Gates, former president of the South Carolina Extension Homemakers' Council and civic leader, were received as a gift by the Archives from Mrs. Gates on July 21, 1977.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 9.25 and 4 bd. vs.  
Approximate number of pieces: 18,500

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Scope and Content Note: **The Mary Johnston Gates Papers consist of correspondence, minutes, histories, financial records, program notes, newspaper clippings, photographs, scrapbooks, and reference material, relating to the South Carolina Extension Homemakers' Council (1930-1976), Bethel Home Demonstration Club (1941-1975), the National Extension Homemakers' Council (1948-1976), the Associated Country Women of the World (1968-1976) and the South Carolina Agricultural County Extension Work (1928-1968). There is also a 16mm film describing the dedication ceremonies of the Bethel Home Demonstration Club of Sumter, South Carolina, the first of its kind in the United States. Correspondents include Strom Thurmond, senator from South Carolina; Donald Russell, former South Carolina governor and United States senator; Olin D. Johnston, former South Carolina governor and United States senator; Corinne B. Riley, representative of South Carolina; and Anna H. Huntington, sculptress (see Box 12-Folder 36). Related records would include other collections in the Archives pertaining to home economics, home extension, and home demonstration in South Carolina, especially Acc. 71, the South Carolina Extension Homemakers' Council records, and Acc. 103, Mrs. W.G. Cochran Papers.**

Disposition of Items: A 1954 U.S. Department of Commerce *Census of Agriculture* was transferred to Documents Department, Dacus Library. All duplicates have been returned to the donor.

**II**

**BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

**MARY JOHNSTON GATES**

1926	Born, Sumter, South Carolina
ca1937	Educated Sumter High School
1944	Married Ralph Gates
1964	President of the Sumter County Extension Council
1965	Pee Dee District Director
1971	Vice President of the South Carolina Extension Homemakers' Council
1974	President of the South Carolina Extension Homemakers' Council

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
A) PAPERS RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA EXTENSION WORK			
1	1	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE Relates primarily to cooperative extension work in agriculture and various activities of the extension homemakers' councils in S.C. In chronological order.	1959-1976
1	1	NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS FILE Relates to the general activities of the home extension clubs of S.C. In chronological order.	1961-1977
1	2	PHOTOGRAPHS Includes pictures of 4-H club and extension clubs activities as well as pictures of rural scenes. In chronological order.	1948-1977
B) PAPERS RELATING TO THE SUMTER COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS' COUNCIL			
1	3	EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES AND REPORTS Mainly President, Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports to the Executive Board. Some minutes are also included. In chronological order.	1959-1964, nd
1-5	4-17	ANNUAL REPORTS AND COUNCIL MINUTES Pertains to the function and activities of the Council. Note that the early name of the organization was the Sumter County Council of Farm Women until 1957 when it changed to the Home Demonstration Council. In 1964 it changed its name to the Sumter County Extension Homemakers' Council. In general chronological order.	1930-1972
6	18	FINANCIAL PAPERS Consists of budgetary statements, invoices, receipts, bank deposit slips and bank statements. In general chronological order.	1960-1967
6	19	PROGRAM NOTES Related to the fall meeting of the Sumter County Extension Homemakers' Council. In chronological order.	1976
6	19	YEARBOOKS Contains list of officers, club objectives, member-ship criteria and in some cases statistical reports pertaining to the Sumter County Home Demonstration Club. In chronological order.	1945-1975
6-7	20-23	COUNTY EXTENSION "BLUE BOOK" Prepared by the extension specialist staff of Clemson University to serve as a guide to county agricultural extension workers in developing county plans of extension work. In chronological order.	1965-1969

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
8	24	PAPERS RELATING TO AWARDS Primarily consists of correspondence relating to certificates, diplomas, award seals, pins and guards for home demonstration clubs. Also included are lists of recipients of the Club of the Year Award. In chronological order.	1960-1967, nd
8-12	25-34	SCRAPBOOKS Mainly newspaper clippings with some photographs, program notes, yearbooks and newsletters included. Chronologically arranged within folders and boxes except for bound volumes below.	1952-1965
4 Bd. Vs.		SCRAPBOOKS Same contents as in series "Scrapbooks," boxes 8-12.	1949-1963
		C) PAPERS RELATING TO BETHEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB	
12	35	"A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BETHEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB" This history was written by Mrs. Pat Gates and compiled by Mrs. Hugh Stoddard, Jr. and covers the early development of the club. No arrangement.	1971
12	36	CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATED RECORDS Consists of letters pertaining to the search for historical information on the Bethel Chapter, letters from contributors of funds for the memorial marker and letters relating to the dedication day ceremonies. Important correspondents include Strom Thurmond, U.S. Senator from 1955-1979 and former governor of South Carolina; Olin D. Johnston, former U.S. Senator from 1945-1969 and former governor of S.C.; Corinne B. Riley, U.S. Representative from S.C.; Donald Russell, former U.S. Senator from 1965-1967 and Anna H. Huntington, renowned sculptress. In chronological order.	1961-1962
12	37-38	MINUTES Includes attendance records and minutes of monthly club meetings and some budgetary records. In chronological order.	1951-1961
13	39-42	PAPERS RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF THE CLUB AND DEDICATION DAY CEREMONIES Consists of lists, resolutions, fact sheets, short histories, speeches, guest register and newspaper clippings. Also included are congressional records dealing with the concurrent House and Senate resolution legitimizing the club's claim as the first home demonstration club under the Smith-Lever Act of 1914. In chronological order.	1957-1965
14	43	DOCUMENTARY FILM OF THE BETHEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB DEDICATION DAY CEREMONIES Includes interviews with Mrs. Ida May Waynesworth, first president, and other members of the club and extension workers. 16mm, black and white, sound and silent, 20 minutes.	1962

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
		D) PAPERS RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS' COUNCIL	
14	44	<i>HISTORY OF SOUTH CAROLINA EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS' COUNCIL: FIFTY YEARS 1921-1971</i> This history was compiled and written by Mrs. W.E. Cochran, home extension leader and clubwoman. No arrangement. See also Acc. 103 (Mrs. W.E. Cochran Papers) for further information.	ca1971
14	44	REPORTS Consists of Piedmont and Pee Dee district reports and a state president's report. Also includes program notes for the fifty-sixth annual convention. In chronological order.	1968-1976
14	44	PAPERS RELATING TO THE PALMETTO COUNCIL Mainly newsletters concerning the Palmetto Council which was the black extension council prior to its merging with the South Carolina Home Extension Council in 1964. In chronological order. See also Acc. 71: Box 4 Folder 15, the South Carolina Extension Homemakers' Council Records.	1966-1967
14	45	MINUTES Includes minutes of the Board and Council meetings. In chronological order.	1968-1970
14-16	45-51	HANDBOOKS In chronological order.	1921-1974
17	52	NEWSLETTERS A South Carolina Extension Homemakers' Council publications which provides information on the various county chapters and the state council. In chronological order.	1961-1974
17	53-55	DRAFT AND COPY OF "SOUTH CAROLINA TREASURE TRAILS" The draft is an accumulation of information on South Carolina county sites of interest provided by the various county extension agents. No arrangement.	1974
17	55	PAPERS RELATING TO THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM Consists of booklets and pamphlets on death and funerals. Also includes papers on "A Child's Understanding of Death" and "Death and Dying." In chronological order.	1971-1977
17	55	VARIOUS RELATED PAPERS Consists of club program notes, information Booklets and the "Miss Clemmie Day" guest list. No arrangement.	1960-1976

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
		E) PAPERS RELATING TO S.C. COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS' COUNCILS	
17-18	56-60	ANNUAL REPORTS Consists of reports from the various county councils. Includes information on officers, statistics, budget and program work. In chronological order.	1966-1976
		F) PAPERS RELATING TO THE NATIONAL EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS' COUNCIL	
19	61	JOURNALS OF THE NATIONAL EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS' COUNCIL Issues of the "National Notes" which is the magazine of the National Extension Homemakers' Council. It contains information on officers, committees, club activities and special interest articles. In chronological order.	1973-1976
19	62	HANDBOOKS Contain lists of officers, bylaws, rules, short histories and program plans.	1963-1968
19	63	<i>TREASURE TRAILS IN THE U.S.A</i> An accumulation of information about each state's least known areas of historical interest. Compiled by the National Cultural Arts Chairman and local home extension workers. No arrangement.	1976
		G) PAPERS RELATING TO THE SUMTER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL	
19-21	64-67	ANNUAL REPORTS Contains minutes of state, county and district meetings, program notes, organizational objectives and newspaper clippings. In chronological order.	1948-1949, 1951-1958
1 Bd. Vol.		SCRAPBOOK Photographs, news articles and correspondence concerning the Sumter 4-H club sweet potato contest winners. Loose photographs were put in the photograph file.	1948
		H) PAPERS RELATING TO THE ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD (ACWW)	
22	71	ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD (ACWW) PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE Contains list of officers minutes of conference sessions, reports of committees and program notes.	1968
22	71	NEWSLETTERS Contains copies of the "News Sheet," the Country Women's Council newsletter, and "The Country Woman," the association's magazine. In chronological order.	1970-1976



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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
		I) PAPERS RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND COUNTY AGENT EXTENSION WORK	
22-31	72-105	SUMTER COUNTY AGENT ANNUAL REPORTS Report of project activities and results in economics, engineering, agronomy, animal husbandry, entomology, planthology, horticulture and 4-H club programs. In chronological order.	1928-1968
31-38	106-131	REFERENCE FILES Consists of various manuals, journals, surveys, statistics, reports and pamphlets concerning agriculture and industry in South Carolina. Arranged alphabetically by subject and, thereunder, chronologically. Appendix #1 lists subject titles used in the series.	1954-1968, nd

**APPENDIX # 1**

**Alphabetical List of Subject Titles in Reference File Series**

<b><u>Box(es)</u></b>	<b><u>Folder(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Subjects</u></b>	<b><u>Year(s)</u></b>
31	106	AGRICULTURAL MARKETING JOURNALS	1961-1963
31	107	FARM AND HOME SURVEY RECORDS	1954
31	108	FARM BUREAU RECORDS PROGRAM FORMS	nd
31-32	109-112	FARMER COOPERATIVE SERVICE PAMPHLETS	1954-1967, nd
32	113	FARMING JOURNAL AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS	1957-1965
33	114	FEDERAL AND STATE PUBLICATIONS ON CIVIL DEFENSE	1966
33	115	INDUSTRIAL DIRECTORY OF SOUTH CAROLINA	1965
33	116	OUT-DOOR RECREATION WORKSHOP RECORDS (Includes an Inventory of Recreational Facilities in S.C.)	1961-1965
33	116	SOUTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE REPORTS	1959
33	117	SOUTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL CREDIT MANUAL	1958
34-36	118-126	SOUTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS REPORTS	1954-1966
36	127	SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM RECORDS	1957-1964, nd
36	128	S.C. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	1964-1965
36	128	S.C. FARM BUREAU, FARM RECORD AND MANAGEMENT SERVICE FORMS	1968
37	129	STUDY OF BIRD AIRCRAFT HAZARDS AT SHAW AIR FORCE BASE (Sumter County)	1960-1961
37	129	SUMTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM REPORT	1956
37	130	SUMTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS	1966
37-38	130-131	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATIONS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF AGRICULTURE	1962-1966