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**ROCK HILL PRINTING AND FINISHING COMPANY RECORDS**

1928-1960

1 Box, 5 Folders, and  
1 bound volume

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ROCK HILL PRINTING AND FINISHING COMPANY RECORDS

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The records of the Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company were deposited in the Archives on November 26, 1980 by the company's representative, Mr. William H. Grier. An addition of *25 Years of Progress and Quality* was donated by Jane Rawls of the College of Education of February 28, 2020.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: .25  
Approximate number of pieces: 500

Restrictions: Open to researchers under the rules and regulations of the Louise Pettus Archives & Special Collections at Winthrop University.

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Notices were released to NUCMC on January 20, 1980 (see collection control file for any additional notices).

Scope and Content Note: **This collection is a valuable source on the history of the textile industry in Rock Hill and particular the Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company's role in its development. Of particular interest is a scrapbook containing nearly a 100 photographs of the construction of the plant including aerial views. The scrapbook also contains many newspaper clippings from the period 1928-1935 that details the construction of the plant and its early operation. Also included in the collection are copies of the newsletters, *Newsy Notes* and *Reporter*, a 1943 publication picturing employees serving in the armed forces, and sixteen photographs taken at the foremen's outing at Joslin Park in May of 1958. Subjects of interest include the founding of the Lowenstein plant in Rock Hill, the direct effects of the New Deal on the workers of Rock Hill, and the strikes of the 1930's. The Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company Plant was built in 1929 and was one of the most important industries in Rock Hill, SC throughout most of its history. The "Bleachery" as it was commonly called was a dominate figure in the Southern Textile industry and at its height of operation employed over 4000 people from Rock Hill and the surrounding area. The plant like many of today's textile companies has been shut down, formally closing its doors in 1999.**

Related Collections include:

- *Bleachery Beacon* Newsletter Collection - Accession 196
- Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company History- Accession 207
- William H. Grier Papers – Accession 567
- Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company Videos - Accession 1587
- Caroliniana file, York County, S.C. - Industries.

## II

### DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1	PHOTOGRAPHS Sixteen eight by ten photographs taken at the May 24, 1958 foreman's outing held at Joslin Park.	1958
1	2	PUBLICATIONS This series consist of a two publications produced by the Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company including a 1943 salute to employees enlisted in the armed forces titled, <i>Industry Goes To War</i> and a ca. 1940s publication titled, <i>Howdy Neighbor</i> which given to visitors and tour groups that details the printing and finishing process. Also included is a history of the Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company published by the company in 1954 titled <i>25 Years of Progress and Quality</i> .	1943, 1954, nd
1	3-4	<i>Newsy Notes</i> Newsletter This series consists of an incomplete run of the <i>Newsy Notes: Perfection is Harmony</i> monthly newsletter published by the employees of the Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company. *The 1958-1959 editions of the newsletter are in Manuscript Oversize, Drawer 30, Folder 109, Item 732. **See Accession 196 for copies of the <i>Bleachery Beacon Newsletter</i> .	1948-1949, 1954, 1955, 1958-1959
1	5	<i>Reporter</i> Newsletter This series consists of an incomplete run of the <i>Reporter</i> which is monthly newsletter published by the employees of the Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company which succeeded the <i>Newsy Notes</i> Newsletter. Ony two editions are present in this series: two copies of the August 1960; two copies of the December 1960; *The <i>Reporter</i> newsletter are in Manuscript Oversize, Drawer 30, Folder 109, Item 732. **See Accession 196 for copies of the <i>Bleachery Beacon Nesletter</i> .	1960
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