

DeKalb History Center

Harry James and Bonnie Tate Carr Collection

Scope and content: The Harry James and Bonnie Tate Carr Collection contains photographs, maps, letter, business cards, newspaper clippings, pamphlets and magazines and various ephemera from the family that ran the Houston Mill and lived in Houston Mill House.

Provenance: Gift of Kathy Harmer, in several lots, 2009 and 2010. ACC#2009.3, 2009.14, 2010.10 and FITS.222, 2011.3.

Access: Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Reproductions of photographs and permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the Archivist, DeKalb History Center. Citations should be made as follows:

Description of specific item; the Harry James and Bonnie Tate Carr Collection, DeKalb History Center Archives.

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Size: Two document boxes, plus maps and oversized items in the map and oversized cabinets; ephemera in museum storage.

Biographical Sketch of Harry James Carr (1919-1958) and Bonnie Tate Carr: Houston Mill, built by Major Washington J. Houston in 1861, began as a lumber mill and then was converted to a grist mill. In 1900 the mill was converted to DeKalb County's first hydroelectric plant and it is believed that the first electric light was powered at the Houston home. The mill was purchased by Harry Carr in 1922 and renovated in 1927. A native of Rockingham, North Carolina, Carr was in construction; he and his uncle John built the DeKalb County Courthouse which houses the DeKalb History Center. Other projects included Druid Hills High School and in 1928, the Carroll County, GA courthouse. He retired about 1932. Bonnetta (Bonnie) Tate was born in Monticello, Kentucky.

After Carr died, the property became part of Emory University. Houston Mill House is now rented out for events and also has guest accommodations.

Description: The Carr Collection contains business and government documents, photographs, maps and blueprints and items from the Carr Family and from the Houston Mill. There are 4 scrapbooks of photographs, one of Harry Tate from birth, including his birth announcement from the newspaper, and others of family outings, pets and friends. There are business cards from the Carr Construction Company and association pins and medals. The photographs are primarily from the 1920s and 1930s.

Subject Headings: Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main entries: Carr, Harry Tate (1919-1958)
Carr, Bonnie Tate

Subject/Added entries: Mills
Corn--milling
DeKalb County, GA
Grist mills
Emory University
Historic houses, etc.
Lumber

Box	Folder Contents	Dates
1	8 ¼ c 5 ¾ brown cardboard photo album Summer activities and family Empty Reeves photo folder 11 ¼ c 7 ½ black cardboard photo album Harry J. Carr birth announcement and photos	1920s
	1 1050 Ponce de Leon aerial shots 2 8x10 black and white photographs	
	2 Blueprints, instructions and correspondence pertaining to mill equipment for Houston Mill	
	3 Family Items, draft card and Christmas card	
	4 Photographs and documents on building of bridge	
	5 Publications: The New Age, December 1938 Gifts to Asa Griggs Candler Library, Emory Newsweek	Dec 1938 1962-63 Aug 22, 1938
	6 Miscellaneous Correspondence	
	7 Photo album, poor condition; family photos	
2	1 Chicago Expo view Book souvenir	1933
	2 Study of Modern boat construction booklet Grier's Almanac	June 1938 1937
	3 2 Georgia Tech commencement programs	1948
	4 Christmas Cards	
	5 Atlanta Biltmore Hotel stock certificates and Correspondence	
	6 Envelopes	
	7 Boating photographs	
	8 Negatives	
	9 Miscellaneous photographs	
	10 Newspaper clippings	
	11 Photographs	

Box	Folder Contents	Dates
2	12	Various real estate, tax and legal documents
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2	13	Four black and white photographs of Mack Baldwin, two listed as being in Stone Mountain, along with family group information sheets for Baldwin family members.
Oversized cabinet drawer 1	large photograph Frances Carr stamped Chambers	
Oversized cabinet drawer 2	2010.10.4 H.J. Carr Property Plat map Floor plan, floors 2-9, perhaps 1050 Ponce de Leon Frances Carr certificate-Druid Hills Methodist Church, 1928	
Map cabinet drawer 19A	two large folders with maps and plans	