

DeKalb History Center

Wilson Memorials

Scope and content: The Wilson Memorials documents include ledger books, Memorial Red Books, correspondence and photographs. Photographs of memorials in the collection were designed either by Eugene Wyatt or Carolyn Wilson. The records span 1957 to 1994. The ledger books list memorials purchased, prices paid and names of purchasers.

Provenance: Gift of Carolyn G. Wilson, Accession # 2002.41, 2002.83.

Access: Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the archivist, DeKalb History Center. Citation should be as follows:

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Size: One document box

Organizational History of Wilson Memorials: Wilson Memorials began as Wyatt Memorial at 903 Church Street in January 1957 and the business used to rent out the building in the 1940s to soldiers and their wives. It was founded by Eugene C. Wyatt. According to stories, there was once a man there who sold turkeys out of the basement. Carolyn Wilson, the donor of the collection, worked for Wyatt Memorial until Mr. Wyatt's death in 1964 and ran it a few more years for his widow, who then sold the business to Ms. Wilson. Her husband Richard joined her in the business in 1975 and the name of the company became Wilson Memorials.

Description: The Wilson Memorials documents include photographs of designs, three copies of the Memorial Red Book, a commercial directory of quarries, manufacturers and other dealers in granite and marble. There is also correspondence, a letter announcing Carolyn Wilson retirement and advertisements from Decatur businesses.

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

Main Entry: Wilson Memorials

Subject/Added Entries: Decatur (Ga.)
 DeKalb County (Ga.)
 Wilson, Carolyn M. (Mount)
 Wilson, Richard
 Wyatt, Eugene C.
 Wyatt Memorials

Folder List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
1	1	Advertising	
	2	Brochures and Correspondence	1975-1994
	3	Sales Ledger	1957-1961
	4	Sales Ledger	1967-1972
	5	Memorial Red Books	1941-1975
	6	Memorial Red Book	1990
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