

DeKalb History Center

Rankin Collection

Scope and Content: The Rankin Collection contains pictures from the 1920s through the 1950s of friends and relatives of the Rankin family. Dot Floyd kept a scrapbook of her high school years at Stone Mountain High in the 1920s and Catherine Rankin's scrapbook from high school is also included. There are several cookbooks, a pair of baby shoes, several pairs of spectacles, and programs for various events. Two family Bibles are in the collection, as well as World War II food and gas ration books.

Provenance: Gift of Barbara J. Rankin, 1995 (Accession #1995.35)

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:

Description of specific item; Rankin Collection, DeKalb History Center Archives

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Size: 3 document boxes and 2 scrapbook boxes.

Biographical Sketches of some featured in the Rankin Collection:

Mrs. Julian Harris taught at the W.D. Thomson School for 37 years and in 1965 was nominated for the Woman of the Year in Education. She is credited with starting the first DeKalb County school lunch program in the W.D. Thomson School and instrumental in setting up the DeKalb library system. She was referred to by school superintendent Jim Cherry as "the backbone of DeKalb County education."

Her husband Julian Harris was a former commissioner of education in DeKalb and served as mayor of Stone Mountain.

There are scrapbooks from Dorothy and there is a family bible listing her as Dorothy Virginia Duren, born 1912 in Redan. She married Guy Paul Duren. Her parents were Ernest and Elsie Floyd.

Barbara Rankin graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in recreational education and was hired as state recreation director in 1955. She donated the collection.

Description: There are articles on Mrs. Julian Harris, principal of the W.D. Thomson School, her husband Julian Harris, a former mayor of Stone Mountain and Barbara Rankin's appointment as state recreation director. There are 4 pairs of eyeglasses in a wooden box from Marshall's Store in Redan and a booklet from the *Gone with the Wind* premiere.

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

Main Entries: Harris, Mrs. Julian, Margaret (-1965)
Duren, Dorothy Virginia Floyd (1917-)

Subject/Added Entries: Rankin, J.S.
 Duren, Dorothy Virginia Floyd (1917-)
 Stone Mountain High School (Stone Mountain, Ga.).
 Redan School
 Floyd, Martha
 Rankin, John Gray
 W.D. Thomson Elementary School

Folder List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
1	1	Cookbooks	1942-1949
	2	Correspondence	
	3	Die Meistersinger – Libretto	
	4	<i>Gone with the Wind</i> premiere program	1940s
	5	Graduation Memories scrapbook	1929
		Dorothy (Dot) Floyd	
	6	J.M. Floyd financial documents	
	7	loose scrapbook pages	1921-1927
	8	Margaret Harris School	1966-1967
	9	Miscellaneous documents	
		Ration books, letters, official documents	
	Deed for 18 th dist, LL 89	1886-1965	
10	negatives		
11	Newspaper articles	1939-1966	
2	1	Photographs 1 of 4	
	2	Photographs 2 of 4	
		Many of Julian Harris, former Stone Mountain Mayor	
	3	Photographs 3 of 4	
	4	Photographs 4 of 4	
	5	Photographs – oversized	
	6	Postcards	
	7	Recipes	
8	Scrapbook – Dorothy Floyd	1926-1927	
	Programs, tickets (theaters), photographs		
	Fragile condition		
3		Very large family bible, bad condition	
4		School Memories scrapbook	1925
		Letters, programs, photographs, buttons	
		<i>Southern Cooking</i> by Mrs. S.R. Dull	
		Prayer book	
	<i>White House Cookbook</i> by E.L. Gillette		

Dorothy Floyd Duren's Bible

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6 oversized mounted photographs

Julian Harris scrapbook

Scrapbook

Boys High Tattler

Mar 27, 1940

Lithonia Observer

Sep 2, 1976

Loose scrapbook pages, very bad condition

1941 World map