

DeKalb History Center

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Espy IV Collection

Introduction: The Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Espy IV Collection includes information on Decatur First United Methodist Church, Decatur First Baptist Church, the DeKalb Board of Realtors, the DeKalb Association of Realtors, multiple sales contracts for the DeKalb/Atlanta area, the Lions Club, The Sons of Confederate Veterans Stone Mountain Memorial Camp 1432, the Smoke Rise Community, the Grand Jurors Association, the Urban Development Committee for DeKalb County, Pythagoras Lodge #41 Free and Accepted Masons, and many other items from the mid-twentieth century to the present date.

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Biographical Sketch of Mr. Robert W. Espy IV and Mrs. Bonnie S. Espy: Robert Washington Espy IV is a life-long and fourth generation resident of DeKalb County. He is a member of the DeKalb Association of Realtors, Georgia Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. He serves on the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and the State and Local Government Affairs Committee for the DAR. He sits on the board of Directors for Simpsonwood Retreat and Conference Center, Pythagoras Lodge 41 Free & Accepted Masons, and the Pythagoras Temple Association. He is also a member of the Ministry Leadership Council for Decatur First United Methodist Church and the Chairman of the Adult Ministry Action Team.

Mrs. Bonnie Sue Bartlett Espy is a life-long resident of DeKalb County. Her family goes back three generations. She is a school teacher at the Coralwood Center of Learning. She began teaching in 2002 after graduating from Brenau University with a degree in Special Education. Later, she acquired her degree in Vision Teaching so she could help teach the blind. She is a member of the Order of the Amaranth-Peachtree Court #2 (the second oldest Court in Georgia). She has held the position of Associate Conductress in this organization. She has also been a member of Decatur First United Methodist Church all of her life.

Annis Westbrook McCorkle (1915-2005) was born in Buford and married James McCorkle. She went to Young Harris College, Georgia State and the University of Georgia. She was a teacher in Gwinnett County and in Braselton and worked in children's education at the Decatur First Baptist church, among other committees.

Description: The Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Espy IV Collection is composed of documents covering many aspects of DeKalb County, compiled over the years. Contributors to this collection are Robert W. Espy IV, Bonnie S. Espy, Robert W. Espy III, Jan McCorkle Espy, Robert W. Espy Jr., Jane Stillwell Espy, James M. McCorkle Sr., and Annis Westbrook McCorkle. There are documents from the First Baptist Church of Decatur, including church committees, members, addresses, responsibilities. The bulk of the documents are finance committee agendas and minutes. Also included are real estate and family papers. Objects include various real estate organization recognition plaques. A 2010 addition to the collection includes issues of the Smoke Signals neighborhood newspaper from 1969 and still publishing. Some of the materials, especially the First Baptist Church and the Lions Club, were clearly collected over years, so donor file names were kept when available, but otherwise are generic and dates are mixed together as they came to the DHC originally.

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

Main Entries: Espy, Robert W.
 Espy, Bonnie Sue Bartlett

Subject/Added Entries: DeKalb Association of Realtors
 DeKalb Board of Realtors
 Georgia Association of Realtors
 National Association of Realtors
 Pythagoras Lodge #41 Free & Accepted Masons
 DeKalb History Center
 Decatur First United Methodist Church
 McCorkle, James Marion
 McCorkle, Annis
 Decatur Lions Club
 Wheat Williams Realty
 Williams, Wheat Jr. (1927-1998)
 DeKalb Grand Jurors Assn.

Folder List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
1	1	Atlanta Gas Light	1948-1961
	2	Atlanta Real Estate Board 1 of 2	1966-1968
	3	Atlanta Real Estate Board 2 of 2	1963-1983
	4	Brookhaven – North Atlanta Urban Development Association Minutes	1961

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1	5	Brochures	1981-1987
	6	Business Industrial Progress Edition DeKalb New Era/Record	
	7	<i>Confederate Veteran</i> magazine	2008-2009
	8	Deaths, Funerals, Obituaries	1984-2005
2	1	Decatur	
	2	Decatur Civic Chorus	1964-1993
	3	Decatur First Methodist Church 1 of 3	2003-2009
	4	Decatur First Methodist Church 2 of 3	1984-2003
	5	Decatur First Methodist Church 3 of 3	1997
	6	Decatur Housing Authority 1 of 4 <i>Decatur Fights Decay</i> booklet	1959-1965
3	1	Decatur Housing Authority 2 of 4	1964-1966
	2	Decatur Housing Authority 3 of 4	1966-1968
	3	Decatur Housing Authority 4 of 4	1965-1966
	4	<i>The Decatur Lion</i> Newsletter	1980-1985
	5	<i>The Decatur Lion</i> Newsletter	1985-1992
	6	<i>The Decatur Lion</i> Newsletter	1965-1966
	7	<i>The Prowler</i> , Decatur Lioness Club	1988-1990
4	1	Decatur Tax Protests	1974-1991
	2	Decatur Taxpayers League 1 of 3	1985-2005
	3	Decatur Taxpayers League 2 of 3	1974-1984
	4	Decatur Taxpayers League 3 of 3	1973-1979
	5	DeKalb County	1986-1988
	6	DeKalb county newspapers	1982-1989
	7	DeKalb Assn. of Realtors Georgia Assn. of Realtors	2003-2008
	8	DeKalb Board of Realtors 1 of 3	1979-2001
5	1	DeKalb Board of Realtors 2 of 3	1964-1984
	2	DeKalb Board of Realtors 3 of 3	1964-1965
	3	DeKalb Board of Realtors Library	1965-1977
	4	DeKalb Board of Realtors Library committee	1972-1983
	5	DeKalb Board of Realtors Library materials	1970-1979
	6	DeKalb Board of Realtors Membership rosters	1969-1983
	7	DeKalb Grand Jurors Assn. 1 of 2	1987-1989
	8	DeKalb Grand Jurors Assn. 2 of 2	1974-1990
6	1	DeKalb Parks and Recreation	1974
	2	DeKalb Parks and Recreation-Recreation Division	1974
	3	DeKalb Parks and Recreation VIP tour	1974

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6	4	DeKalb Real Estate board	1966	
	5	<i>The DeKalb Realtor</i>	1982-1983	
	6	Development and management of investment Properties	1963	
	7	<i>Druid Hills Herald</i>	2008-2009	
	8	Education and legislation	1979	
	9	Edward Jones-Chevy Chase PFD CAP Corp Misleading label: First Baptist church of Decatur	1999	
	10	Dr. Robert Washington Espy Jr. Miscellaneous receipts	1948-1962	
	11	Farms		
	12	Farms-classifieds	1957	
	13	First Baptist Church	1947-2007	
	7	1	First Baptist Church	1998
		2	First Baptist Church	1984-1995
		3	First Baptist Church	Thru Jul 1996
4		First Baptist Church	Aug-Dec 1996	
8	1	First Baptist Church	Jan-Jul 1997	
	2	First Baptist Church	Aug-Dec 1997	
	3	First Baptist Church	1999	
	4	First Baptist Church	2000	
	5	First Baptist Church	2001	
	6	First Baptist Church	2002	
9	1	The Forest	2000	
	2	The Forest Women's Club	1994-1995	
	3	Forms (real estate)		
	4	Flyers		
	5	Georgia Assn. of Realtors	1967	
	6	Georgia congressional lists	1977-1978	
	7	<i>The Georgia Realtor</i>	1965	
	8	Grand Jurors Assn.	1981-1983	
	9	Handkerchiefs-form of advertising	1960s	
	10	Institute of Real Estate management	1963-1967	
	11	<i>Junior Scholastic</i>	Jan 14 1965	
10	1	Lions Club 1 of 13	1964-1966	
	2	Lions Club 2 of 13	1965-1967	
	3	Lions Club 3 of 13	1963-1969	
	4	Lions Club 4 of 13	1967-1969	
	5	Lions Club 5 of 13	1964-1966	
11	1	Lions Club 6 of 13	1963-2003	

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11	2	Lions Club 7 of 13	1975-1981
	3	Lions Club 8 of 13	1966-1984
	4	Lions Club 9 of 13	1962-1966
	5	Lions Club 10 of 13	1995-1999
	6	Lions Club 11 of 13	1980-1985
12	1	Lions Club 12 of 13	1989-1998
	2	Lions Club 13 of 13	1989-1996
	3	Lions Club barbecue	1980-1994
	4	Lions Club bulletin	1963-1965
	5	Lions Club chicken supper	1966
	6	Lions Club Education foundation	1965
	7	Lions Club financial report	1963-1966
	8	Lions Club fund raising projects	1965-1966
	9	Lions Club minutes	1963-1965
	10	Lions Club mop and broom sale	1964
	11	Lions Club programs	1965-1967
13	1	Lions Club projects	1978-1988
	2	Lions Club roster	1963-1965
	3	Lions Club Scott Candler filter plant	1964-1965
	4	Lions Club services for the blind	1965-1966
	5	Lions Club Valentine's party	1964-1965
	6	Maps 1 of 4	
	7	Maps 2 of 4	
	8	Maps 3 of 4	
	9	Maps 4 of 4	
14	1	Miscellaneous documents	1951-2008
	2	Miss Peach Bowl	1968
	3	Objects removed	
	4	Personal notebooks 1 of 3	
	5	Personal notebooks 2 of 3	
	6	Personal notebooks 3 of 3	
	7	Photographs	
	8	Press clippings	1965
	9	Real estate 1 of 6	1962-1968
15	1	Real estate 2 of 6	1967-1991
	2	Real estate 3 of 6	1974-1991
	3	Real estate 4 of 6	1976-1978
	4	Real estate 5 of 6	1974-1988
	5	Real estate 6 of 6	1956-1961
	6	Real estate volumes	1950-1978

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15	7	Stationery and forms	
	8	Sons of Confederate Veterans Stone Mountain	2008-2009
	9	Stone Mountain scenic railroad	1973-1978
16	1	Sunday school class	1967-1994
	2	<i>Who's Who in Professional Real Estate Management</i>	1965-1970
	3	Williams family research	
	4	Young Harris College class roster	1934
17	Institute of Real Estate Management plaque to James M. McCorkle		Jun 1990
	DeKalb Board of Realtors plaque to James M. McCorkle		1977
	Junior League notebook/directory		1990-1991
	Decatur Lions Safety program scrapbook Removed items and photocopies		1965-1966
18	Grand Jurors Assn. President plaque To James M. McCorkle		1978-1979
	Code of Professional ethics – Institute of real estate Management – James M. McCorkle		
	Certified property manager – Institute of real estate Management – James McCorkle		Nov 1963
	Decatur Lions Safety program scrapbook		1956-1957
		<i>MacIntyre's Georgia Forms</i>	1928

ACC 2008.8 Real estate contracts. See separate list for detailed listing of properties.
Wheat Williams Realty Company, Decatur.

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19	1	A-H	1956-1971
	2	I-P	1956-1971
	3	Q-Z	1956-1971
	4	Miscellaneous incomplete records	1956-1971

ACC 2010.16 Jane Espy, Parkwood Garden Club diary

ACC 2010.27 Issues of Smoke Signals community newspaper. Issues begin in 1969 and continue to be published. Stored in archives storage, basement.

ACC 2010.28 consists of organizational records for the DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Department that were stored in the Pythagoras lodge basement. Organizational records for the department, ephemera, photographs and archaeological samples. 6 boxes documents, 2 boxes samples, CPR dummies, sports equipment and uniforms (t-shirts). See separate finding aid for this collection.