

Collection: WHISTLER, ANNA, MATILDA McNEILL, PAPERS
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Physical Description: Letters, sketch. (Mimeographed copies) 5 items.

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Description: The sketch, entitled "North Carolina's Claim to Whistler's Mother," was written by Mrs. Kate (James) R. McDiarmid of North Wilkesboro. It is an account of an address before the State Literary and Historical Association, December 5, 1934, tracing the ancestry of Anna Matilda McNeill Whistler and describing her early life in Wilmington and Bladen County and later abroad in Russia and England.

Copy of a letter from the rector of St. Clement, Hastings, England, gives inscriptions on the graves of Anna Matilda Whistler, her son Dr. William McNeill Whistler, and his wife Helen. A letter from the New York Public Library quotes a marriage notice of Lieutenant George W. Whistler and Anna Matilda McNeill. One from J. P. McNeill, Florence, South Carolina to Reverend C. B. Heller, Salisbury, answers his inquiries about members of the McNeill family and Bladen County. There are also copies of excerpts from records of baptisms, a will, deeds, and death notices of members of the McNeill family.