

Collection: DODD, LILLIAN, COLLECTION
Raleigh, North Carolina

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Physical Description: Letters, deeds, account books, school notebooks, cookbooks, magazines, invitations, programs, muster rolls, land grants. 30 boxes.

Acquisition: Gift of Mrs. Ceyce Eastman, Walterboro, South Carolina 1957, July 25, August 15, August 23

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Description: Lillian Dodd, a native of Raleigh, North Carolina, apparently attended the public high school prior to studying at St. Mary's College. She taught one year at Farmer Institute in Rockingham County before going to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1905. The year following she taught school in Dothan, Alabama. While back in Raleigh, Miss Dodd filled out a term teaching at Peace College in 1907. She later went to Columbia University in New York and studied domestic science and in 1910 went to Tyner, Tennessee as a teacher of domestic science and history. The intervening years until World War II were spent in Raleigh. She worked for a time with the WPA and did voluntary work at night at the YWCA at the beginning of the war. In 1942 she moved to Wilmington to work with the Federal Government.

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Correspondence (1903-1945)

Lillian Dodd's most frequent correspondents were her mother, S. C. (Mrs. James) Dodd and in later years her sister, Ceyce Dodd (Craig) Eastman. Mrs. Dodd's letters (1903-1910) concern her household activities, her mother (Mrs. Howell), neighbors (Flints, Crewes, Belvins, Wynnes, Hadleys, and Withers), and events in the city. She writes of repairs to the house and to other real estate downtown and in West Raleigh and the problems of rental. She mentions winning prizes at the State Fair, scarlet fever at A. and M. College and closing the wells in West Raleigh, fires at a downtown store and at the Catholic Orphanage, deaths of prominent citizens, marriages, sale of land in West Raleigh to the Park Land Company, her subscription to the Park Avenue Sewage Company and its plans for laying pipes and its progress. She describes new houses going up in the neighborhood, her gardening, and visits from Lillian's friends at Peace Institute.

Ceyce Dodd Eastman lived in Charlotte before her second marriage and in Columbia, Charleston, and near Walterboro, South Carolina afterwards. An early letter describes a trip to Asheville sightseeing - Biltmore, the Rat, and Riverside Hot Springs; others written from Charlotte detail her numerous business transactions. From Columbia she wrote of her boarding house; from Charleston she described a tearoom she had opened, stated the problems involved, and suggested her sister join her in the business. By 1933 Mrs. Eastman was living out from Walterboro and was operating a tourist court. Letters from 1941-1945 picture her fluctuating success in running her business and raising chickens. These relate troubles with pumps and water shortages, war curtailment of materials necessary for repairs, inspection tests by military authorities, "brownout" restrictions, and the many types of people encountered in renting cabins to civilians and to military personnel. There are frequent acknowledgments of rationed items and stamps with repeated assurance that she was in no need of them.

Letters from Mrs. Eastman's daughter Dorothy in Charleston to her aunt in Wilmington also relate problems of war-time shortages and rationing, describe her husband's work at the drydocks and her daughter's antics.

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Two frequent correspondents (1900-1905) during the years Lillian Dodd was teaching at Farmer Institute and attending the University of Knoxville were Thomas A. Chittenden and Eugene Harris. Chittenden, teaching at the Agricultural and Mechanical College (State College) in Raleigh, described his first southern Christmas - fire-crackers, parade, and crowded streets. He gives an account of a summer vacation in 1901 visiting historic sites in Petersburg and Fredericksburg en route to his home in Syracuse and, after his arrival there, fishing and camping expeditions, a trip to the Exposition at Buffalo, and his temporary job at a pump manufacturing plant in Lockport, New York. After returning to Raleigh, he made a Christmas trip to Charleston where he attended the Exposition and visited Fort Sumter. The following year Chittenden returned to Syracuse during vacation and described his trip to Norfolk and by boat to New York. When he returned to Raleigh he continued his correspondence with Lillian at Farmer and later at Knoxville, giving news of the family, telling of fixing an exhibit for the Fair and working on a book, and discussing his plans for a trip to Knoxville and St. Louis. From St. Louis, he described the Exposition in detail and particularly a mock Mexican bullfight. Leaving St. Louis, Chittenden accompanied his brother to Chicago to the Republican National Convention where he witnessed the nomination of Roosevelt and Fairbanks. Chittenden went to the University of Indiana as head of a department in 1904, writing back his impressions of the school and town.

Eugene H. Harris, the other fairly frequent correspondent at this period, was principal of the school at Farmer where she had taught for some months. His earliest letters were acknowledgment of her application, an explanation of the work, location of the school, salary and later an offer of the job with information about estimated living expenses, boarding place, train connections, advice on her relationship with the community, and references for the school. After she left the Institute, Harris expressed his regret at her departure and wrote news of the school - the number of students, teachers, the annual sermon by Plato Durham, concert, and commencement speech. He also wrote of his summer activities, his attempts to visit Raleigh, efforts to study law and subsequent decision to concentrate on teaching. When he left Farmer Institute and accepted a school at Mt. Gilead, he wrote of his work at principal there.

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Among her friends at the University of Tennessee, Jennie (Virginia) Buquo was for several years (1905-1909) a fairly consistent correspondent. She wrote from Chickasaw College, Pontotoa, Mississippi of experiences teaching there and later of acceptance of a position as mathematics teacher at Peace Institute in Raleigh with inquiries about that college. When her health forced her to leave Peace before the school year ended, she secured Lillian as her substitute. Several letters explain the cause of her illness and give detailed instructions in regard to courses with comments on other members of the faculty - the Dinwiddies, Dr. Stockard, and Misses Royster, Fowlkes, Jones, and Abernathy. Later correspondence reveals her indecision about seeking a scholarship at Columbia University, teaching again, or yielding to a marriage proposal. Years later (1939-1945) Lillian Dodd heard from Jennie's sister in Asheville. The two became friends when they taught at the same school in Tyner, Tennessee. Helen wrote news of Jennie living in Philadelphia and lecture engagements and work on a literary project. During the war years the chief subject of her letters was her nephew and his experiences in the army in the United States and in England with occasional references to her own activities and to her sister Jennie.

Much of the correspondence is from the many friends and acquaintances Lillian Dodd knew over the years from school days at St. Mary's in Raleigh (1901) to her last years in Wilmington (1945).

Following her short period of teaching at Farmer Institute in Rockingham County, she received messages from the former music teacher there, students, and residents in the community.

Friends in North Carolina, Tennessee, Louisiana, Georgia, and South Carolina wrote to Lillian at Knoxville describing their activities and inquiring about the college.

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There were invitations to activities on the campus, Glee Club reception, Junior-Senior boat ride, and open house for students. Following graduation there were acknowledgments of commencement invitations and at Christmas season each year many thank-you notes. Classmates remaining at the university wrote of the activities after her departure referring to changes in faculty and other campus news.

Friends at Peace and a fellow teacher at Dothan, Alabama corresponded intermittently for several years. A former roomer at Mrs. Dodd's, Mabel Massey, wrote from time to time. Another friend, staying for a while in New York, described a Madison Square Garden rally for Wendell Wilkie in 1940.

After moving to Wilmington to work in the early war years, Lillian Dodd's correspondence consisted of letters from relatives and friends in Raleigh giving news of local interest and from her tenants and business representative there. In the summer of 1944 she received numerous letters from three Hall sisters of Wilmington, writing from Banner Elk of their vacation and giving instructions for the upkeep of their house and yard in Wilmington.

Miscellaneous (1845-1945)

School papers from Lillian Dodd's studies at the University of Tennessee and Columbia University include notebooks on geometry, trigonometry, chemistry, biology, English, literature, psychology, religion, and Latin; class and examination papers; and essays on "The Anti-Masonic Party," "John Adams: The Politician and Statesman of New England During the Revolution, 1735-1826," "The Campaign of 1840 from Nile's Register," and "The Rise of Political Parties and Party Government in the United States."

There are commencement programs for St. Mary's at Raleigh (1897, 1899), Wake Forest College (1899), Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh (1900), and the University of Tennessee (1904). Programs for events at the University of Tennessee (1903-1904) include the Seventeenth Annual Field Day

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Rouge and Powder Dramatic Club, annual meeting of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Fraternity, University Day, concert by the University Orchestra and Glee Club; and a minstrel by the Smut and Mask Club. Other items related to the University of Tennessee are membership in the Tennessee Hall Association, admission card to the Summer School of the South, matriculation cards for the first and third terms of the 1904-1905 session, and a Tennessee Students' Hand Book, 1904-1905, published by the YMCA.

The collection contains several printed cookbooks: The Improved Housewife or Book of Receipts; with Engravings for Marketing and Carving. By a married lady. Sixth edition. (Hartford: 1845); Miss Beecher's Domestic Receipt Book; and two editions of The Young Housewife's Counsellor and Friend: Containing Directions on Every Department of Housekeeping, Including The Duties of Wife and Mother. By Mrs. Mary Mason. One edition (1871) was published by J. B. Lippincott, Philadelphia, and the other (1875) by E. J. Hale, New York.

Other printed material includes: Turner's Almanac for 1865 and 1898; a pamphlet entitled "Joel Lane, Pioneer and Patriot; one on "Charlotte, The Queen City, the Commercial and Industrial Center of North Carolina, 1904," and "Raleigh Today, The Capital City of North Carolina, 1904"; a catalog "The Convict Ship 'Success' Exhibited at the World's Ports Since 1890"; and two magazines Atlantic Educational Journal, Vol. VI (June, 1903), No. 6, Richmond, Atlanta, Dallas and Demorest's Monthly Magazine. The Ladies' Literary Conservator, September, 1867.

There are manuscripts and typescripts of Lillian Dodd's poetry.

Two notebooks contain notations on location of domestic items; one is a "list of preserves, etc. shelves, closets, attic" and another lists towels, sheets, candlesticks, silver, etc.

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WILLIAM H. DODD PAPERS (1862)

These are records of Company A, Raleigh District, No. 1, 38th Regiment, North Carolina Militia, of which Dodd was an officer. Included are muster rolls, list of men between the ages of 18 and 40, conscript list, notice of a meeting of the company on Capitol Square, a letter from Captain Dodd to Colonel William E. Anderson enclosing a list of donations for the army collected from citizens of the western ward (Raleigh District, No. 1), and a letter from Thomas Carter, July 8, 1862, to Captain Dodd, explaining why it was unnecessary for him to attend muster. The muster and conscript lists show the ages and occupation of many of the men.

A newspaper clipping gives the obituary of former Raleigh Mayor William Henry Dodd.

JAMES DODD PAPERS (1842-1909)

Account Books (1842-1899) - An undated notebook contains, in addition to a few miscellaneous accounts, notes on the War of 1812. Other books contain: records of the employment of James Dodd by M. B. Royster (1846-1849) and by W. H. and R. S. Tucker (1852); records of men (apparently employed by Dodd) working for W. W. Holden; account of repairs, etc. by Dodd for Richard Battle, Romulus M. Saunders, and Dr. Haywood; time books and receipts for Briggs and Dodd (1854-1865); yearly charts indicating work periods by the month and statements of payments to workers; cash received and paid out by Briggs and Dodd; shop work at West Morgan Street; James Syke's removal to Dodd's plantation to be in charge and records of hands employed and pounds of cotton; and expenses on the Howell farm at Swift Creek.

Miscellaneous Items (1848-1889) - These consist of transactions relative to land in Oberlin village; an account with W. H. Dodd (1872-1879); tax lists (1888-1889); a bond for the purchase of a Negro girl (1848) and one to Thomas H. Briggs and James Dodd "known as Firm of Briggs & Dodd" (1862); an honorary certificate as member of the Rescue Steam Fire Engine Company of the City of Raleigh (1870); estimates for repairs on his residence and on rental property on Market Street; and an undated, unsigned copy of his will making his wife Sylvania Catherine and son William H. Dodd his heirs.

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Estate Papers (1896-1909) - In the settlement of James Dodd's estate, his wife S. C. Dodd was executrix. These papers consist of receipts for the board of two delegates to the Methodist Conference; a contribution to the pastor's salary at the Raleigh Tabernacle Baptist Church, and for a payment on the F. B. Dancey property; and for receipts from J. M. Broughton and Company, Real Estate Agents, for repairs and collections from rental property; report of T. B. Moseley, receiver for James Dodd's estate, April 1, 1902 - March 31, 1903, for real estate at 413 Hillsboro, 406 and 410 West Morgan, 111 Fayetteville, and 11 Market streets; a lease from Mrs. S. C. Dodd to John U. Smith for storehouse and lot on Exchange Place; deed from Mrs. Dodd to the trustees of Rex Hospital for lots 1 and 2 of the Martin lands (1906); cancelled checks (1896-1897); and paid promissory notes (1897-1909).

HOWELL PAPERS (1779-1909)

Correspondence (1908-1909) - The few letters addressed to Mrs. S. C. Howell are from her granddaughters Ceyce and Lillian Dodd and one from Lillian's friend, Jennie Buquo.

Miscellaneous (1779-1873) - Land grants (1779-1785) are: one to John Jones (1779) of a tract of 150 acres on the south side of Crabtree Creek in Wake County; one to Francis Jones in Edgecombe County (1785); and a grant and plat of the land of John Bradford of 208 acres on the north side of Williams Creek in Wake County (1785).

Deeds and Covenants (1803-1873) include a deed from Joseph Lane, Wake County, to Jesse Howell, Franklin County, for 324 acres (1803), several for land on the waters of Crabtree Creek in Wake County to Benjamin N. Howell (1861-1866), and one from N. J. and B. N. Howell, Wake County, to John Lewis for several small tracts adjoining the lands of Henry and Rufus Howell and Peter Knight (1873). There are two covenants - one for the sale of a house and lot on Blount Street, Raleigh, between Susan and Emma C. White and Eleanor H. Swain of North Carolina, and Elizabeth Felton, Lagrange, Alabama, to Benjamin N. Howell (1871), and one

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between N. J. Howell and Sidney King, Howard and William Lowe, and Merritt Jones, Wake County, for the rental of Howell's low-grounds on both sides of Black and Crabtree creeks for the year 1872.

Other miscellaneous papers are: a suit of Nancy Jane Howell vs. B. N. Howell relative to a tract of land purchased from Willis Whitaker, in the Court of Equity (1868), and another, Joseph Botlee et. al. vs. Benjamin N. Howell, Wake County Superior Court (1872), report of R. H. Battle, referee, in regard to a land plat; a survey of land sold by B. N. Howell to Willis Sorrell (1874); and an authorization for B. N. Howell to sell individual and county rights for the Improved Mendenhall Hand Loom from W. H. Cummingin, General Agent, Raleigh (1868).

MRS. S. C. (JAMES) DODD (1877-1909)

Correspondence (1877-1909) - Most of Mrs. Dodd's correspondence is from Lillian at Knoxville and New York when she was in college and from Dothan, Alabama and Tyner, Tennessee, when she was teaching, and from Ceyce in Charlotte and South Carolina.

From Knoxville Lillian wrote of studying, writing a thesis, and about graduation invitations. In the fall of 1905 she was teaching at Dothan, Alabama; her letters contain references to faculty meetings and examinations, descriptions of the town and people, plans for a trip to Montgomery to take certification examinations, requests for books to be sent, and a trip at Christmas time to Columbia. During 1909 and 1910 Lillian studied at Columbia University in New York. From time to time she reported her impressions of the city, sightseeing trips, plays, and classes in Domestic Science. The following year she taught home economics and history at Tyner High School in Tennessee. She describes her first cooking lessons, preparing a tea for the teachers of the Horace Mann School, giving canning lessons, and class baking for a benefit party. She also answered inquiries from Mrs. Dodd and made suggestions about the garden repairs to the house, and upkeep of rented property.

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Ceyce's letters from Charlotte contain numerous suggestions for management of her mother's estate, tell of visits from Lillian and their plans for vacation trips, and mention office work and real estate investments. Prior to her marriage she wrote her mother giving her fiance's background and genealogy; after they were married, her letters contain frequent references to his work. After their removal to South Carolina, she did temporary office work with the Insurance Commission, the Department of Education, and with a railroad supply office. Her letters also contain accounts of her purchase of land and plans to put up cottages to rent.

Mrs. Dodd's other correspondents were her Howell relatives (a brother R. P. in Method and Roseboro and a cousin Clarence in Wilson), members of the Buquo family, Lillian's and Ceyce's friends, and her friends who had left North Carolina. Another relative, R. M. Dodd, wrote when she was away from Raleigh of local happenings - a Baptist revival, marriages, and deaths.

CEYCE DODD EASTMAN (1897-1939)

Correspondence (1902-1939) - Ceyce Eastman's correspondence contains letters from her mother, Lillian and friends, and a few business letters.

A long letter from Mrs. Dodd describes in detail the death and funeral of a brother-in-law. Shepherd and Shepherd, Raleigh attorneys, wrote relative to settlement of her father's estate and suggesting grounds for divorce from Fanning Craig. Several of Craig's relatives wrote expressing their friendship. Mrs. Eastman (her second husband's mother) wrote from Cambridge, Massachusetts, delineating her ancestry. Early letters from Lillian tell of studying Latin under Professor Hugh Morson and many years later of her studies at Columbia University.

Miscellaneous (1897-1909) - These papers include a notebook containing a small stamp collection, notebooks on mathematics, a certificate from St. Mary's in Raleigh (1897), and a memorial card to Thomas A. Craig, her eight months old son who died June 14, 1908.

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ACQUISITION INFORMATION:

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Will. 1 item

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION: Copy of Miss Dodd's will.