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Summary Information

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Physical Description:	15 Cubic Feet (22 document boxes, 1 oversize folder, 4 oversize boxes, 2 reel-to-reel tapes, 4 cassette tapes, 2 compact discs)
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection consists mainly of material compiled by J. C. Littlejohn for a history of Clemson College. He died before completing this project. It is a rich source of documentation on every aspect of Clemson, from information on the Calhoun and Clemson families to student life and college administration.

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Biographical Note

James Corcoran Littlejohn was born November 27, 1888 at Jonesville, South Carolina. He graduated from Clemson Agricultural College in 1908 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. He worked for the college as electrician and instructor in woodwork and engineering until he was appointed Clemson's registrar in 1910. Littlejohn

became Clemson College's Business Manager in 1926, a post he held until his retirement in 1954. He served under three Clemson presidents and witnessed the period of the college's greatest growth.

In 1952, Littlejohn was awarded an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree. He was active in the Clemson Baptist Church, the Rotary Club and the Masons and was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi, Tau Beta Pi and Blue Key fraternities, the Tiger Brotherhood and the Alumni Association. He was instrumental in planning class reunions. He was married to Mary Poats and they had two sons, James P. and Samuel M., and one daughter, Mary Katherine. Littlejohn died on January 30, 1959.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains material relating the history of Clemson Agricultural College from its conception by Thomas G. Clemson in the 1880's to its designation as a University under President Robert C. Edwards in the early 1960's. It includes correspondence of James Corcoran Littlejohn, Walter Merritt Riggs, Henry Hartzog, Robert Franklin Poole, Robert Cook Edwards, Rupert Fike and other individuals prominent in the history of Clemson University. The material was compiled and created by Littlejohn and organized by his secretary, Mary Ritchie, as the research material for a history of Clemson College which he intended to write. As such, its organization has some of the characteristics of a narrative history. Littlejohn's writings on the history of Clemson College were supplemented by a great deal of research material which includes both printed items and some correspondence.

There is extensive documentation dealing with Thomas G. Clemson and his relationship with the Calhoun family; the will which established Clemson as a land-grant college and military academy; the court battles which surrounded its founding in 1889; and the growth of Clemson to the early 1960's. Prominent in the records is the role of Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, who promoted Clemson as an institution for the betterment of the farmers of South Carolina.

The collection also includes information on the college itself, its facilities and curricula. Items of particular interest include an annotated holograph copy of the Code of Ordinances drawn up by the Board of Trustees in 1900; an essay on industrial education written by Clemson's first history professor, William S. Morrison, in 1906; and a file of clippings recounting Clemson's early years as a football power. The material on Clemson College pays particular attention to the presidents, trustees, and buildings. Also of value is an extensive clippings file on the construction of the Hartwell Dam and its immediate impact on Clemson.

The collection includes various typescript drafts of parts of the narrative history of Clemson. Among these are "The Story of the Fort Hill Lands", "The Story of the Clemson Bequest" and "Mr. Clemson's Dream Becomes Reality—Almost" by Professor Charles M. McGee. Littlejohn's correspondence file sheds light on how he administered the college's finances, as well as

aspects of his personal life. Finally, the papers contain an alphabetical listing of faculty and prominent employees of Clemson College from 1908-1945.

An important component of the Littlejohn collection is its photographs, many of which are unique. The subjects of photos parallel the scope and content of the papers, and include candid shots of Thomas Clemson; portraits of Clemson's presidents and trustees; and photos documenting the construction and destruction of many campus buildings.

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Arrangement

Littlejohn's secretary Mary Ritchie arranged the manuscript drafts and supplementary material into groups similar to chapters in a book which she called "volumes." Ritchie continued to gather material and annotate it until 1961. She also produced a card file which indexed the collection and serves as a useful finding aid.

The photographs were originally housed in five 3-ring binders but have been transferred into folders for preservation reasons. The original binder numbers are indicated on the list of photographs. Each photograph is numbered; the numbers correspond to a card file in the Special Collections Reading Room. The numbering system consists of the manuscript collection number (68) followed by the catalog number of the photo. The binders were numbered first, followed by the loose photos, and then the oversize material. Photographs 68-1 through 68-206 are arranged chronologically. Photographs 68-207 through 68-277 are arranged by subject. Additional loose photos are arranged by size and subject.

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Separated Materials

Ritchie occasionally added clippings of little value for documenting the history of Clemson. This material was discarded and in cases where nothing remains in the folder, this fact is noted.

Photographs of miscellaneous campus views were moved to Series 100, Clemson University Photographs.

Related Archival Materials

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- College trustees -- South Carolina.
- McGee, Charles M.
- Edwards, Robert C. (Robert Cook)
- Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell)
- Riggs, Mary
- Poole, Robert F. (Robert Franklin)
- Clemson, Thomas Green
- Riggs, Walter M. (Walter Merritt)

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Interviews, Early 1950s

Scope and Contents

Recorded interviews with William "Uncle Bill" Greenlee of the black community and James Harrison "Uncle Bud"/"Mr. Mc" McHugh of the white community.

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William "Uncle Bill" Greenlee interview	box 20	disk 1
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 item(s) (1 compact disc)		

Biography

William "Uncle Bill" Greenlee was born March 4, 1871 and was on the Clemson College payroll for 51 years.

Description

Bill Greenlee and Littlejohn discuss topics including: Thomas G. Clemson, Tom Fruster [Fuster?], Mrs. Cox, the keeper of the covered toll bridge, Cherry's "flat" ferry, Dr. Lewis, Andrew Lewis, Aaron Boggs, D.K. Norris, [?] Tate, George Cherry, "salting hogs", brick making and hauling, first constructions, housing, Gus Shanklin, Dr. Sloan, Jim Hall, Jules [?] Shanklin, Walt Cochran, Dr. Brackett, Dupre (Walhalla), and Mr. Newman.

Existence and Location of Originals:

Existence and Location of Originals

The original reel-to-reel tape is stored in the box with the copies.

Existence and Location of Copies:

Existence and Location of Copies

The interview is also available on two cassette tapes.

James H. McHugh interview	box 20	disk 2
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Physical Description: 1 item(s) (1 compact disc)

Description

McHugh and Littlejohn discuss topics including Bill Goodman, Lee McHugh, Jack Shelton [Shetland?, Skelton?], Dr. Riggs, J.D. Smith, Colonel Simpson, chemical lab, machine shop, Mechanical Hall, hand brick, "nigger quarters" (Calhoun's), Dr. Sloan, Colonel Bowen, Strode, Craighead, Jim Hall (foreman on Mechanical Hall, owned downtown store and Cateechee mill), cornerstone at main building, power plant, barracks, toilets, electricity, plumbing, Ernest Dillard, George Fike, A.E. "Shorty" Schilleter, main building fire, Tom Wright, [?] Little, Simon Hunt (headache for 25 years), Mr. Hewell, Will Gresham, "Big Sam" Earle, John Goodman and Colonel Donaldson and their "drams" and arguments, the "straight, upstanding Goodman sons", Robert Lindsay, and the Sears boys.

Biography

James Harrison McHugh came to Clemson in 1890 when he was 15 or 16 years old.

Existence and Location of Originals:

Existence and Location of Originals

The original reel-to-reel tape is stored in the box with the copies.

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