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ABSTRACT

Carrel Cowan-Ricks, an American historical archaeologist, held a joint appointment from 1991-1993 at Clemson University. With her focus on the cemeteries of enslaved people, she developed the field school program at the university to conduct research in Woodland Cemetery looking for the burial sites of enslaved people at Fort Hill.

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HISTORICAL NOTE

Carrel Cowan-Ricks was an American historical archaeologist. She received her Bachelor in Anthropology, 1984, Master of Arts in Anthropology, 1989, and post graduate work, 1990-1997, at Wayne State University. She published and presented papers at numerous professional conferences on historical archaeology, African American cemeteries, and presentation of African Americans in mainstream museums.

Carrel Cowan-Ricks held a joint appointment at Clemson University in the College of Architecture as a Visiting Professor in the Visual Arts and History Department and as the Historical Archaeologist in University Relations, Department of Historic Houses from 1991-1993. During her time at Clemson, she conducted ongoing archaeological research in Woodland Cemetery, looking for the burial site of the enslaved people of John C. Calhoun's Fort Hill.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers of the Carrel Cowan-Ricks are organized into three series: Archaeology Program Files, Cemetery Hill Archaeological Project Files, and Research Files.

The Archaeological Program files contain information on the development of the program. Details on the promotion of the program and field school, funding, and educational outreach activities document her efforts to build the program especially about African American cemeteries.

The Cemetery Hill Archaeological Project Files contain information on the Field Schools and research in Woodland Cemetery on the Clemson University campus. The main component of this series is the field notes for each of the field schools conducted at Woodland Cemetery from 1991-1993. The field notes are digitized and available online.

The Research Files contain the research and background information Carrel Cowan-Ricks gathered about cemeteries of enslaved people. The majority of her research focuses on Woodland Cemetery and Fort Hill at Clemson University including information on the Calhoun plot, maps, university correspondence and reports about the development of the area. A majority of this series is digitized and available online.

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