



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Living the Legacy

Clemson is no stranger to the idea of history. Thanks to Thomas and Anna Calhoun Clemson's generous gift, the University remains a living legacy, paying tribute every day to its many predecessors – but the traditions and the memories and the strong bond that Clemson creates across generations would be meaningless without a way to preserve the past. The Special Collections and Archives fills that vital role by acquiring and preserving Clemson's past, thus guaranteeing that the legacy lives on.

Uniting Past and Present

The Special Collections and Archives (SC&A) works to advance the University in a unique way by providing Clemson with historically significant items for education and research. They house digital archives of publications on their website, including Board of Trustees annual reports, football programs, TAPS yearbooks and The Tiger newspapers. In their physical space, they store archives from all sides of the University, offering tours and class instruction as ways for students to learn more about Clemson's history. SC&A has acquired a variety of materials over the years from some of Clemson's most influential figures, including a draft of Thomas Green Clemson's will, personal correspondence from several of Clemson's presidents, and even John C. Calhoun's certificate of election as U.S. Vice President. Located in the Strom Thurmond Institute behind R. M. Cooper Library, SC&A is a hidden gem on campus, moving Clemson forward by uniting the past with the present.

Reaping the Benefits

By having such a special institution on campus, Clemson benefits from the perpetual reminder of its roots. Thanks to SC&A, history lives on not only in stories and memories but also in tangible documents and artifacts. In addition to the unifying effect of having historical archives on campus, the Clemson community benefits from the research opportunities available in SC&A. Students can use the primary sources in SC&A to learn how to explore a research topic using historical analysis. SC&A also offers private research consultations so that anyone can take full advantage of the resources available.



Preserving the Past

Special Collections and Archives relies heavily on your support as it strives to honor those who paved the way for Clemson to thrive as it does today. Your gift will allow SC&A to acquire, digitize, and preserve historical collections as well as support student research. Carrying on the legacy is a responsibility we all share, and your gift can help to preserve the history of the University and the people who shaped it.

“When I researched my book on Penn Center, I found gems of information from various collections of Clemson professors who have left their papers to Special Collections. The staff at Special Collections always welcome students and faculty. There is no better place for students to learn how to do history.”

- Dr. Orville Vernon Burton, The Judge Matthew J. Perry, Jr.
Distinguished Professor of History



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