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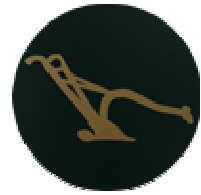
The Museum of Western York County archives nearly twenty collections; among these are contained old text books, newspapers, ledgers, day books, photographs, post cards, awards, certificates, family and church histories, diplomas, Civil War era letters, account books, estate and organizational records.

Many of these may aid teachers in local history studies. Contact the museum to inquire about copies. A number of objects dealing with farm life may be obtained on loan basis as teaching tools. Listed are several of the collections and a sampling of what they contain.

The Wilkerson Soil & Water Conservation Collection Records Group 14

This collection contains the papers of the late W. B. Wilkerson, Jr. of Hickory Grove who served several decades on the York County Conservation Committee. It is probably the largest collection of its kind in the state and has been made accessible and researcher friendly by volunteer workers and a grant from the South Carolina State Historical Records Advisory Board of the SC Department of Archives & History, Columbia, SC. Topics covered:

- Association of Young Farmers York County
- General Hospital
- Rural Electrification
- SC Wildlife Conference 1970-1990
- York County Farm Bureau 1951-1990
- Westside Health Clinic 1977-1982
- Clemson Extension Service 1940-1991
- York County Cattlemen's Association 1945-1981
- Farmer's Cooperative Exchange 1959-1991
- Spartanburg Jr. Methodist College
- Governor's Conference on Water Resources
- SC Assoc. of Conservation Districts 1947-1990
- Agricultural Stabilization Service 1936-1991
- Land Resources Conservation Commission 1967-1985
- East Piedmont Soil Conservation Service 1953-1958
- Resources Conservation Project 1974-1988
- SC Soil & Water Conservation 1935-1991
- SC Seed Certification Service Association 1950-1988
- Agricultural Conservation on Wilkerson Farm 1943-1972



The Witherspoon Collection Records Group 12

Contains promissory notes, newspaper clippings, account papers, tax receipts, legal documents, land surveys, the making of Kings Mountain into a state and national park and early activities of local chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution.

- **1856 \$5 note on Commercial Bank of Columbia, SC.**
- **1862 List of members of the “Carolina Rifles.”**
- **“The Real Battle of Kings Mountain” by Albert Mason Grist.**
- **1862 Petition of E. Planks, Joseph Wylie of Chester named “alien enemy.”**
- **1909 Post card of Kings Mountain.**
- **1859 Diploma from Yorkville Female College.**

The Mendenhall Collection Records Group 1

This collection contains more than 200 legal processes involving land dating from the late 1700s to early 1900s. The collection is divided into watersheds and communities as a finders aid:

- **Allison Creek**
- **Beaver Dam Creek**
- **Blacksburg**
- **Black Jacks**
- **Broad River**
- **Buckhorn Creek**
- **Buffalo Creek**
- **Bullocks Creek**
- **Catawba River**
- **Cherokee Township**
- **Clark’s Fork**
- **Clay Hill**
- **Cleveland Co. NC**
- **Dephos Community**
- **Fishing Creek**
- **Fort Mill**
- **Guyon Moore Creek**
- **Kings Creek**
- **Lancaster County**
- **Langham’s Branch**
- **McConnellsville**



- **Pacolet River**
- **Smith's Turnout**
- **Steele Creek**
- **Taylor's Creek**
- **Turkey Creek**
- **Yorkville**

The Kennedy Collection

This collection contains a wide variety of memorabilia of the Western York County Kennedy family.

- **1866 Labor claim of a black worker and his family.**
- **1816 Plat of the Kennedy home place.**
- **1839 Subscription list for Smyrna A.R.P. Church.**
- **Poems of Erskine Kennedy.**
- **Tax Receipts 1860-1870.**