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Blacknall (Sadie) Papers

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Summary Information

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| Repository: | North Carolina Collection Archives |
| Creator: | Blacknall, Sadie Fuller Blount |
| Source - dnr: | Massengill, Stephen E. (Stephen Edwin), 1950- |
| Title: | Sadie Blacknall papers |
| ID: | NCC.0006 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1875-1933 |
| Physical Description: | 2 Linear Feet (2 flat boxes) |
| Language of the Material: | English |

Preferred Citation

[Item, folder, and box information], Sadie Blacknall Papers (NCC.0006), North Carolina Collection, Durham County Library, NC

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Biographical / Historical

Sadie Fuller Blount Blacknall (1862-1933) grew up in Durham, the daughter of R.H.J. Blount and his wife Sarah E. Blount. In 1881 she married Richard Doak "Dick" Blacknall (1847-1900), the first pharmacist in Durham. Richard Doak Blacknall was the son of Dr. Richard Blacknall (1809-1881), a physician. Together they established Blacknall's Drugstore, which stood on North Corcoran Street from its establishment in 1873 until it was destroyed by fire in 1914. Blacknall's Drugstore moved into the new building constructed after the fire at the same location. The company remained a tenant until 1932, when it moved west on West Main Street and became Durham Drug Company, which existed until 1986. Sadie and Richard Doak Blacknall were prominent members of the Presbyterian Church. Richard, his father, and brother established the Presbyterian congregation in West Durham in 1892 as a mission, based from First Presbyterian downtown. This collection also contains the ledgers of James "JR" Blacknall (1843-1923), Richard Doak Blacknall's brother, who became the first sheriff of Durham in 1881.

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of two scrapbooks created by Sadie Blacknall between 1875 and 1933 and two ledgers used in the office of her brother-in-law J. R. Blacknall, the first sheriff of Durham County.

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Anonymous through Steve Massengill

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Controlled Access Headings

- Drugstores -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Sheriffs -- North Carolina -- Durham

- Blacknall, Sadie Fuller Blount
- Massengill, Stephen E. (Stephen Edwin), 1950-

Collection Inventory

| Title/Description | Instances |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Ledgers, 1882 | box 2 |

Scope and Contents

Two ledgers used in office of first Durham County sheriff, J. R. Blacknall, including an accounting of the school funds for the various districts, white and black.

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| Miscellaneous material, 1929, undated | box 1 |
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Scope and Contents

Includes photograph of first Durham County sheriff, J. R. Blacknall, genealogy of the Blacknall family, and a 1929 postcard inscribed with a toast to "Durham," among other items.

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| Scrapbook, 1875-1933 | box 1 |
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Scope and Contents

Entitled "All to Myself." Includes newspaper clippings and writings, both by Sadie Blacknall and by others, and other memorabilia.

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| Scrapbook, 1875-1933 | box 2 |
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Scope and Contents

Includes photographs and obituaries of Richard Doak Blacknall, correspondence, religious item, accounts of the Blacknalls' marriage, and other memorabilia.