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Blake (Robert) Photographs

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Summary Information

Repository:	North Carolina Collection Archives
Source - dnr:	Blake, Kennard
Creator:	Blake, Robert
Title:	Robert Blake photographs
ID:	NCC.0007
Date [inclusive]:	1944-2001, undated
Physical Description:	7 Linear Feet (7 album boxes, 1 file folder)
Language of the Material:	English

Preferred Citation

[Item, folder, and box information], Robert Blake Photographs (NCC.0007), North Carolina Collection, Durham County Library, NC

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Biographical / Historical

Robert (Bob) Blake was born on December 24, 1916, in New Jersey and moved to Durham in 1942. A Duke Hospital employee for 42 years, his last position was as head of medical illustration in the Division of Audio-Visual Education. His illustrations appear in over 50 textbooks and approximately 500 scientific articles in medical journals. He was also a well-known watercolor artist and a founding member of the Durham Allied Art Guild, averaging 60 paintings a year until 2008. He died in Durham on December 30, 2014, at the age of 98.

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Scope and Contents

This collection includes over 1,000 photographs taken by Blake between 1945 and 1998 for inspiration for his drawings and paintings. Most of the photographs are black and white and feature rural scenes in Durham County, particularly tobacco barns in various stages of decay. There are also photographs of locations around downtown Durham, as well as images of tobacco being harvested, prepared for curing, and sold at the Liberty Warehouse auctions.

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Arrangement

The collection is organized into two main, format-based series: Artwork and Photographs. The Photograph series is further divided into subseries based on the topics of Downtown Durham, Eno River, Rural Durham, Tobacco, and Unknown locations.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Kennard Blake

Conditions Governing Use

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Related Materials

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Jean Bradley Anderson Papers (NCC.0002)

Stephen M. Cruse Papers (NCC.0026)

Durham Historic Photographic Archive (NCC.0055)

Louise Hall Slide Collection (NCC.0093)

Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church Archives (<http://divinityarchive.com/handle/11258/13607>)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Photography -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Historic buildings -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Dwellings -- North Carolina -- Durham County
- Rural churches -- North Carolina -- Durham County
- Tobacco barns -- North Carolina -- Durham County
- Tobacco farms -- North Carolina -- Durham County
- Blake, Kennard

Collection Inventory

Artwork, 1991, undated

box 1 - Small
Collections

folder 6

folder
33450160349377

Physical Description: 1 Folders (Folder 1)

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Photographs, 1944-2001, undated

Physical Description: 7 Boxes (Boxes 1-7)

Downtown Durham, 1944-2001, undated

Physical Description: 1 Box (Box 1)

Title/Description	Instances
Churches, 1959-1995	box 1
Carolina Theatre, 1959	box 1
Main Street and Mangum Streets, 1959-2001	box 1
Herald Sun building, 1976, 1991	box 1
Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital, 1989	box 1
Liggett and Myers, 1944-1959	box 1
Five Points, 1959	box 1
I-85, 1958	box 1
Public library, 1976	box 1
Durham High School, undated	box 1
Brogden Junior High School, undated	box 1
Skyline, 1974	box 1
Union Station, 1945, 1959	box 1
Reservoir, undated	box 1
West Durham lumber yard, 1952	box 1
Residential, 1944-1989	box 1

Eno River, 1982, 1988, undated

Physical Description: 1 Box (Box 1)

Rural Durham, 1959-1990, undated

Physical Description: 5 Boxes (Boxes 2-6)

Churches, 1977, 1986, undated

Physical Description: 1 Box (Box 2)

Title/Description	Instances
Harris Grove, 1977, 1986	box 2

Farms, 1945-1987, undated

Physical Description: 2 Boxes (Boxes 2-3)

Title/Description	Instances
Sein Bowling house and barn, 1975	box 2
Bennett Place, 1987	box 2
Bradford farm, undated	box 2
Brown home, undated	box 2
Cameron home, 1975	box 2
Carr Farm "Windy Hill", 1974	box 2
Lawrence Crabtree farm, 1974-1977	box 2
Dr. Ferguson farm, undated	box 2
Wiley Franklin farm, 1977	box 2
Freeman farm, 1973	box 2
Hall home, 1982	box 2
Haunted house, 1968	box 2
Horton farm, 1957-1971	box 2
Hot Springs, 1972	box 2
Kirkland farm, undated	box 2
Latta, undated	box 2
John McBroom home, 1977	box 2
Noell home, undated	box 2
Lee Oakley farm, undated	box 2
Old Saunders farm, undated	box 2
Orange Factory, 1982	box 2
Onis Parrish farm, 1977, 1984	box 3
Willy Lee Parrish farm, 1971, 1977	box 3
Pearse farm, 1971	box 3
Quail Roost, undated	box 3
Rose farm, 1972	box 3

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Stagville, 1985	box 3
Stem, 1975	box 3
Teasley farm, 1977	box 3
J Walker farm, 1977	box 3
Wilkins home, undated	box 3
Miscellaneous rural views, 1945-1986	box 4
	box 5
	box 6

Service Stations and Stores, 1945-1990, undated

Physical Description: 1 Box (Box 7)

Title/Description	Instances
L. D. "Cat" Belvin, mid 1950s	box 7
Brown's Grocery, undated	box 7
Carver's, undated	box 7
Catsburg Country Store, late 1940s	box 7
Clover Hill Mill, undated	box 7
Crabtree Grocery, undated	box 7
Garden Street Grocery, undated	box 7
Walter Hite store, undated	box 7
S. B. Hunt store, 1977	box 7
Lakewood Grocery, 1976	box 7
Parrish service and grocery store, 1990	box 7
Rainey Grocery, 1959	box 7
Riley's service station, 1973	box 7
Stainback store, undated	box 7
Teasley's food and fuel services, undated	box 7

Tobacco, 1950, undated

Physical Description: 1 Box (Box 7)

Title/Description	Instances
Farming, 1950	box 7
Liberty Warehouse auction, undated	box 7

Unknown Locations

box 7

Physical Description: 1 Box (Box 7)

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