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Durham County Extension Service Photograph Collection

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North Carolina Collection Archives

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Summary Information

Repository:	North Carolina Collection Archives
Creator:	North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service
Title:	Durham County Extension Service Photograph Collection
ID:	NCC.0044
Date [inclusive]:	1920-1965
Physical Description:	.9 Linear Feet (6 folders)
Language of the Material:	English .

Preferred Citation

[Item, folder, and box information], Durham County Extension Service Photograph collection (NCC.0044), North Carolina Collection, Durham County Library, NC

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Biographical / Historical

In 1908 North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts (now North Carolina State University) signed a memorandum of understanding with the United States Department of Agriculture to work cooperatively on home demonstration, which aims to introduce to rural communities new or useful methods of doing household tasks and farming, the first such agreement in the nation. It was from this agreement that extension services started in each county in the state. The Durham County Extension Service worked to teach the women of Durham, both black and white, how to properly grow and preserve food as well as other homemaking tasks, to ensure the safety and healthfulness of the citizens of Durham. In addition to supporting home demonstration efforts, county extension agents also worked with farmers to help them keep up on the latest knowledge in agriculture and apply it to their work, including diversifying crops, mechanization of harvest, and pesticide use. In 1948, the extension service started the Curb Market, which featured produce and other foodstuffs produced by local farmers in Durham. It lasted until the mid-1960s and operated out of the Extension building on Foster Street. The extension service continues to operate in Durham today, assisting Durham County farmers in their work and other local citizens with gardening. Visit <https://www.ces.ncsu.edu/history/> to learn more about the history of cooperative extension in North Carolina.

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Scope and Contents

The Durham County Extension Service Photograph Collection consists of 32 photographs of work done by the Extension Service in the 1920s through 1940s. All of the images can be viewed online here: https://dur.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/default/search/results?qu=Durham+County+Extension+Services&te=ASSET

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Arrangement

The collection is organized by subject.

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Durham County Extension Service

Conditions Governing Use

There are no restrictions on the use of this material except where previously copyrighted material is concerned. It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain all permissions.

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Related Materials

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Durham Jaycees Records (NCC.0049)

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North Carolina State University Cooperative Extension Records (UA 102.200)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Women -- Societies and clubs
- Home demonstration work -- North Carolina
- Agricultural education -- North Carolina
- Durham (N.C.) -- History
- North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Photographs, 1933	box 6 - Small Collections folder 1
Durham County Home Demonstration Club photographs, 1929-1955	box 6 - Small Collections folder 2
Durham County Curb Market photographs, 1930-1965	

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	box 6 - Small Collections	folder 3
Women's meeting/class at Farmer's Exchange, 1929	box 6 - Small Collections	folder 4
Fashion show photographs, 1950s	box 6 - Small Collections	folder 5
Durham County 4-H photographs, 1930-1953	box 6 - Small Collections	folder 6