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Durham County Youth Home Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	North Carolina Collection Archives
Creator:	Durham County Youth Home
Title:	Durham County Youth Home records
ID:	NCC.0070
Date [inclusive]:	1933-1968
Physical Description:	3.5 Linear Feet (6 document boxes, 1 oversize folder)
Physical Description:	The earlier files in the collection are on brittle paper and should be handled with care.
Language of the Material:	English

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

In 1945 Durham County established the Durham County Juvenile Detention Home (later known as the Durham County Youth Home) at the suggestion of juvenile judge Mamie Dowd Walker. It was her belief that young offenders needed a separate facility apart from the general population of prisoners. How badly such a facility was needed became clear to the public after a boy hung himself in the detention center at the county home. The Youth Home, built on a plot of land appropriated by the county, was operational by 1947. The maximum capacity of the home when built was eight children.

There is no record of who managed the youth home before 1947. According to documentation in the collection, a Mr. Richard Thompson and his wife, Mary B. Thompson, were hired in 1953 to serve as superintendent and matron of the home. In the mid-1950s, a Mr. and Mrs. Byrd took over these positions, which they resigned in 1957. Sam and Norma Womack took over in 1957 and served until 1966, when a Mr. Fred Elkins was given management responsibility. In 1972, the home was moved to the Durham County Personnel Department at the request of Mr. Elkins. Ms. Angela G. Nunn was appointed interim director of the Youth Home in September 2001 and was named director in December 2001.

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Scope and Contents

The Durham Youth Home Records consist mostly of administrative records for both the Juvenile Court and the Durham Youth Home from 1933-1968. Three main types of records are included: monthly reports, money reports, and age-of-delinquent reports. The monthly reports provide information on the types of crimes that youth in Durham were being charged with and include breakdowns by sex and race. The money reports are budget reports for the Youth Home, and the age-of-delinquent reports contain more statistics on the children being charged with crimes. The collection also includes several maps that show where the youths being charged with crimes lived. Since the data the map depicts is split by race, it can give researchers a good idea of the settlement patterns in Durham in the mid-1900s. No personal identifying information for any of the youths is present in the collection.

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Arrangement

The collection is organized in the way it was received.

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Durham County Government

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Related Materials

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Mamie Dowd Walker Scrapbook (NCC.0192)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Juvenile courts -- North Carolina -- Durham County
- Juvenile detention homes -- North Carolina -- Durham County
- Women judges -- North Carolina -- History
- Walker, Mary Rebecca Dowd

Collection Inventory

Age of Delinquents Reports, 1956-1966

Physical Description: 9 Folders (Box 1)

Title/Description	Instances	
Age of delinquents reports, 1956-07-1957-06	box 1	folder 1
Age of delinquents reports, 1957-07-1958-06	box 1	folder 2
Age of delinquents reports, 1958-07-1959-06	box 1	folder 3

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Age of delinquents reports, 1959-07-1960-06	box 1	folder 4
Age of delinquents reports, 1960-07-1961-06	box 1	folder 5
Age of delinquents reports, 1961-07-1963-10	box 1	folder 6
Age of delinquents reports, 1963-07-1964-06	box 1	folder 7
Age of delinquents reports, 1964-07-1965-06	box 1	folder 8
Age of delinquents reports, 1965-07-1966-05	box 1	folder 9

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Correspondence, 1952-1966

Physical Description: 5 Folders (Box 1)

Title/Description	Instances	
Labor laws, 1960	box 1	folder 10
Reciprocal non-support, 1965	box 1	folder 11
Survey on juvenile courts and probation services, 1966	box 1	folder 12
Thomson, Richard D., 1952-1953	box 1	folder 13
Womack, Sam and Norma, 1957-1960	box 1	folder 14
Correspondence--general, 1960-1963	box 1	folder 15

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Money Reports, 1960-1966

Physical Description: 12 Folders (Box 1)

Title/Description	Instances	
Money reports--Budget, 1960-1963	box 1	folder 16
Money reports, 1955-07-1956-06	box 1	folder 17
Money reports, 1956-07-1957-06	box 1	folder 18
Money reports, 1957-07-1958-06	box 1	folder 19
Money reports, 1958-07-1959-06	box 1	folder 20
Money reports, 1959-07-1960-06	box 1	folder 21
Money reports, 1960-07-1960-09	box 1	folder 22
Money reports, 1961-07-1962-06	box 1	folder 23
Money reports, 1962-07-1963-06	box 1	folder 24
Money reports, 1963-07-1964-06		

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	box 1	folder 25
Money reports, 1964-07-1965-07	box 1	folder 26
Money reports, 1965-07-1966-06	box 1	folder 27

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Durham Juvenile Court Documents, 1949

Title/Description	Instances	
Publications, 1949	box 1	folder 28
"The Work of the Durham Juvenile Court," Duke University, Department of Education, 1949	box 1	folder 29

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Monthly Reports, 1933-1968, undated

Physical Description: 54 Folders (Boxes 2-5)

Title/Description	Instances	
Requirements, undated	box 2	folder 1
Monthly reports, 1933	box 2	folder 2
Monthly reports, 1934-1935	box 2	folder 3
Monthly reports, 1936	box 2	folder 4
Monthly reports, 1937	box 2	folder 5
Monthly reports, 1938	box 2	folder 6
Monthly reports, 1939	box 2	folder 7
Monthly reports, 1940	box 2	folder 8
Monthly reports, 1941	box 2	folder 9
Monthly reports--Juvenile Court, 1942	box 2	folder 10
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1943	box 3	folder 1
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1944	box 3	folder 2
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1945	box 3	folder 3
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1946	box 3	folder 4
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1947	box 3	folder 5
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1948	box 3	folder 6
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1949	box 3	folder 7

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Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1950	box 3	folder 8
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1951	box 3	folder 9
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1951-07-1952-06	box 3	folder 10
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1952	box 3	folder 11
Monthly reports, 1952-07-1953-06	box 4	folder 1
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1953	box 4	folder 2
Monthly reports, 1954-01-1954-05	box 4	folder 3
Monthly reports, 1954-07-1955-06	box 4	folder 4
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1954-07-1955-07	box 4	folder 5
Monthly reports--Juvenile Court, 1954-07-1955-06	box 4	folder 6
Monthly reports, 1955-07-1956-06	box 4	folder 7
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1955-07-1956-06	box 4	folder 8
Monthly reports--Juvenile Court, 1955-07-1956-06	box 4	folder 9
Monthly reports, 1956-07-1957-06	box 4	folder 10
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1956-07-1957-06	box 4	folder 11
Monthly reports--Juvenile Court, 1956-07-1957-06	box 4	folder 12
Monthly reports, 1957-07-1958-06	box 4	folder 13
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1957-07-1958-06	box 4	folder 14
Monthly reports--Juvenile Court, 1957-07-1958-06	box 4	folder 15
Monthly reports--Juvenile Court, 1958-07-1959-06	box 5	folder 1
Monthly reports, 1959-07-1960-06	box 5	folder 2
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1959-07-1960-06	box 5	folder 3
Monthly reports--Juvenile Court, 1959-07-1960-06	box 5	folder 4
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1960-07-1961-06	box 5	folder 5
Monthly reports--Juvenile Court, 1960-07-1961-06	box 5	folder 6
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1961-07-1962-05	box 5	folder 7
Monthly reports--Juvenile Court, 1961-07-1962-06	box 5	folder 8
Monthly reports--Juvenile Court, 1962-07-1963-06	box 5	folder 9
Monthly reports--Juvenile Court, 1963-07-1964-06	box 5	folder 10
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1963-07-1964-06	box 5	folder 11
Monthly reports--Juvenile Court, 1963-07-1964-06	box 5	folder 12
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1964-07-1964-12	box 5	folder 13

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Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1965	box 5	folder 14
Monthly reports--Juvenile Court, 1965-07-1966-06	box 5	folder 15
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1966-01-1966-12	box 5	folder 16
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1967-01-1967-12	box 5	folder 17
Monthly reports--statistical analysis, 1968-01-1968-11	box 5	folder 18

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Requisitions, 1953-1966

Physical Description: 13 Folders (Box 6)

Title/Description	Instances	
Requisitions, 1953-07-1954-06	box 6	folder 1
Requisitions, 1954-07-1955-06	box 6	folder 2
Requisitions, 1955-07-1956-06	box 6	folder 3
Requisitions, 1956-07-1957-06	box 6	folder 4
Requisitions, 1957-07-1958-06	box 6	folder 5
Requisitions, 1958-07-1959-06	box 6	folder 6
Requisitions, 1959-07-1960-06	box 6	folder 7
Requisitions, 1960-08-1961-07	box 6	folder 8
Requisitions, 1961-08-1962-06	box 6	folder 9
Requisitions, 1962-07-1963-06	box 6	folder 10
Requisitions, 1963-07-1964-06	box 6	folder 11
Requisitions, 1964-07-1965-06	box 6	folder 12
Requisitions, 1965-07-1966-06	box 6	folder 13

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Juvenile Delinquents and Probation Maps, 1950-1968

Physical Description: 1 Folders (Oversize folder 2)

Title/Description	Instances	
Juvenile delinquents and probation maps, 1950-1968		

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