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Heflin (Theodore S. and Maude) Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	North Carolina Collection Archives
Creator:	Heflin, Theodore S. , 1895-1936
Title:	Theodore S. and Maude Heflin papers
ID:	NCC.0095
Date [inclusive]:	1917-1925
Date [bulk]:	1925-1929
Physical Description:	1 Linear Feet (2 document boxes)
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Theodore S. and Maude Heflin Papers span 1917 to 1929. Theodore Heflin, a World War I veteran, worked for Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company and his wife Maude Heflin worked as a teacher in Durham. In addition to documenting her letters to him during the two years prior to marrying, the collection illustrates 1920s examples of insurance coverage for veterans, business correspondence for a tobacco sales employee, Durham retailers' payment records, personal banking records, Durham city tax and Durham Township / Durham County tax receipts including for poll tax, and automobile licensing and registration records. Items in the collection include personal and business correspondence, personal records, tax records, invoices and statements.

Preferred Citation

[Item, folder, and box information], Theodore S. and Maude Heflin papers (NCC.0095), North Carolina Collection, Durham County Library, NC.

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Biographical / Historical

Theodore Simeon Heflin, (born 1891, died 30 June 1936) served in World War I, was licensed from 1926 to 1927 as an insurance agent, and worked for Liggett and Myers during 1927 to 1929. Maude Dillard Bass (born 1895, died 3 January 1956) married Theodore on June 29, 1929 in Dinwiddie, Virginia with Methodist minister J. E. Brooks officiating. Maude was a teacher in Durham City Schools, including Junior High School. Addresses for Theodore vary and include 618 Shepherd Street (1926 and 1929), c/o Liggett and Myers, Farmville NC, 201 Watts Street Durham NC (1927), Valdosta Georgia (1928), 314 1/2 Liberty Street Durham NC (1929), Magnum Street Durham NC (1929), and Box 281 Salisbury NC (1929). The Heflins were buried in Maplewood Cemetery.

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Scope and Contents

The Theodore S. and Maude Heflin Papers illustrate personal and business correspondence and 1920s business records such as tobacco shipment receipts, personal records such as bank deposit books and cancelled checks, city and county tax including poll tax and automobile registration payment receipts, veterans insurance coverage descriptions, as well as the Heflins' 1929 marriage license, Theodore Heflin's Elks membership, and his 1927 license to sell insurance. Loose materials arranged by subject include six folders of letters handwritten by Maude to Theodore from 1927 to 1929 while he worked for Liggett Myers tobacco company's operations in Farmville and Salisbury, North Carolina, other personal and business correspondence to Theodore, account records from several Durham and Salisbury banks, Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company correspondence and other materials, United States Veterans Bureau insurance coverage correspondence, a variety of invoices and or receipts from four Durham retailers and one dentist along with city and county tax including poll tax receipts, automobile related records including a 1926 automobile registration card and payment due notice, a portrait of uniformed soldiers from a World War I military unit circa 1917-1918, and advertising ephemera.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged in the following series: personal correspondence from Maude Dillard Bass, personal correspondence, personal records, bank records, Liggett and Myers Tobacco

Company correspondence, U.S. Veterans Bureau insurance correspondence, receipts and bills of sale, automobile records, photograph of World War I military unit, advertising ephemera.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Cigarette industry
- Life insurance -- United States -- History
- Tobacco industry -- North Carolina
- Heflin, Theodore S. , 1895-1936
- Heflin, Maude Dillard Bass, 1895-1956

Collection Inventory

1. Personal correspondence from Maude Dillard Bass, 1927-1929

Physical Description: 6 Folders (Box 1, Folders 1-3; Box 2, Folders 1-3)

Scope and Contents

Series includes letters mentioning social outings and visits, as well as school choir and band concert practice at Durham City Schools Junior High School, among other topics.

Title/Description	Instances	
Personal correspondence from Maude Dillard Bass, 1927	box 1	folder 1-2
Personal correspondence from Maude Dillard Bass, 1928	box 1	folder 3
Personal correspondence from Maude Dillard Bass, 1929	box 2	folder 1-3

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2. Personal correspondence, 1927-1929

box 2 folder 4

Physical Description: 1 Folders (Folder 4)

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3. Personal records, 1926-1929

box 2 folder 5

Physical Description: 1 Folders (Folder 5)

Scope and Contents

The series includes marriage certificate, 1929; Elks Lodge membership card, 1927; insurance agent's license, 1926.

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4. Bank records, 1927-1929

box 2 folder 6

Physical Description: 1 Folders (Folder 6)

Scope and Contents

The series includes deposit book, records, statement, cancelled checks, and correspondence from Fidelity Bank, Durham NC; items from First National Bank, Durham NC; check statements and deposit book from Davis and Wiley Branch, Atlantic Bank and Trust Co., Salisbury, NC; items from Hood System Industrial Bank; bank notes, payment books, and correspondence from Morris Plan Industrial Bank, Durham, NC.

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5. Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company correspondence, 1926-1929

box 2

folder 7

Physical Description: 1 Folders (Folder 7)

Scope and Contents

Series includes letter addressed to "My dear Henry" dated January 16, 1926 on Budd-Piper Roofing Co. letterhead. Also includes shipping receipts; completed order form for drop shipment May 1929; "Note Carefully" typewritten lists of sales priorities and "basic facts" on numbers of product cigarette, pipe and chewing tobacco users will go through; May 1929 telegram requesting meeting; July 1928 "Price List of Cigarettes, Smoking Tobacco, Chewing Tobacco, Little Cigars, and Cigarette Papers"; completed "Salesman's Daily Report" form; April through June 1929 business correspondence from F.L. Walker Jr. including regarding drop shipments.

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6. U.S. Veterans Bureau insurance correspondence, 1923-1929

box 2

folder 8

Physical Description: 1 Folders (Folder 8)

Scope and Contents

Series includes 1923 premium rates booklet, 1923 annual statement for US Government Life Insurance Fund (converted), 1924 form letter detailing terms of 30 Year Endowment Life Insurance Policy and insurance reinstatement or conversion, 1925 letter issuing an Adjusted Service Certificate for \$1016 from Adjusted Compensation Division, blank application form for reinstatement of yearly renewable term insurance, blank application form for conversion to US government life insurance, 1927 letter assigning a "K number" to application for "Government Life (converted) Insurance" noting large volume of applications, US Veterans Bureau Insurance Division quarterly premium receipts for life insurance from 1928 and 1929.

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7. Receipts and bills of sale, 1925-1929

box 2

folder 9

Physical Description: 1 Folders (Folder 9)

Scope and Contents

Includes a variety of receipts and or invoices from retailers including Five Points Drug Company, Lipscomb-Gattis Company, R. Blacknall & Son, Markham Rogers Co., Dr. D.K. Lockhart, dentist, unopened 1929 bill? from Markham Rogers Co., 1925 and 1926 receipt for City taxes, 1925 and 1927 receipts for Durham township/Durham County poll tax.

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8. Automobile records, 1925-1929

box 2

folder 10

Physical Description: 1 Folders (Folder 10)

Scope and Contents

Includes State of North Carolina Motor Vehicle Department 1926 Registration Card for 1923 Ford Roadster, City of Durham 1925 and 1926 Automobile License Tax Receipts, blank application for registration of automobile, blank application for a certificate of title, 1929 letter from Five Points Automobile Company reminding payment due.

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9. Photograph of World War I unit, 1917-1918

box 2

folder 11

Physical Description: 1 Folders (Folder 11)

Scope and Contents

Series is one item, a torn, undated and unlabeled large group portrait of uniformed soldiers sitting and standing on lawn.

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10. Advertising ephemera, 1925

box 2

folder 12

Physical Description: 1 Folders (Folder 12)

Scope and Contents

The series includes blank preprinted notepad from Prudential Insurance of America, product tag from Lilley

Luggage, and Western Union small leaflet "Want a Quick Reply?" on using XU symbol in telegraphs.

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