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Hope Valley Country Club Records

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Summary Information

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| Repository: | North Carolina Collection Archives |
| Creator: | Hope Valley Country Club |
| Source: | Estes, E. Harvey (Edward Harvey), 1925- |
| Title: | Hope Valley Country Club records |
| ID: | NCC.0101 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1925-2009 |
| Physical Description: | 3.5 Linear Feet (7 boxes: 6 document boxes, 1 oversize box, and 1 oversize folder) |
| Language of the Material: | English . |

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Biographical / Historical

Hope Valley Country Club was established in Durham in 1926 by real estate developers R. Jesse Mebane and Walter E. Sharpe on a site carved from four existing farms. The community was conceived of as an "automobile suburb" and country club designed to serve the young professionals in Durham's tobacco, textile, and healthcare industries, as well as the faculty of Duke University and the University of North Carolina. Initial progress was made in the 1920s, including the opening of an 18-hole golf course designed by Donald Ross in 1926, which was featured in a 1929 book, *Golf and Country Clubs* by Clifford Charles Wendehack, an architect of clubhouses. Houses built in the era were built in an eclectic mix of revival styles. During the Great Depression, development stalled due to financial difficulties, despite backing from Smith Richardson, president of Vicks, Inc. Not until after World War II did Hope Valley Country Club begin to seem a viable country club and real estate venture, and the 1940s saw the addition of dozens of homes, a new pro shop, caddy house, and grill room. Many of Durham's businessmen, medical professionals, and professors have lived in Hope Valley. Furthermore, the golf course has been played by professional golfers Byron Nelson and Mike Souchak, and

was managed by Will Mann, who went on to become the president of the Professional Golf Association (PGA). Additional material includes research compiled by Dr. Harvey Estes for a 2006 exhibit commemorating the club's 80th anniversary. Included within his research files are histories of the club and notes and photographs of many of the original houses and homeowners.

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Scope and Contents

The Hope Valley Country Club (HVCC) Records include documents, correspondence and financial materials documenting the club's formation; membership rosters and lists of club officers; original deeds; and blueprints. The collection also includes records that document later functions and activities of the club: administrative records, club charter, constitutions and by-laws, reports and letters from the club president, committee minutes and reports, petitions, newsletters, and financial material. Also included are records of social functions and organizations, recreational activities, and the golf course, as well as photographs of the club members and employees, and social and recreational events. These records are supplemented by the research files produced by Dr. Harvey Estes, compiled while researching the history of Hope Valley Country Club for an 80th anniversary exhibit in 2006. Prominent within these files are histories of many of the original homes and homeowners. People featured within this collection include club developers R. Jesse Mebane and Walter E. Sharpe, financier Smith Richardson, golf course architect Donald Ross, professional golfer Byron Nelson, golf professional Marshall Crichton, club manager Bill Berutti, historian Mena Webb, and researcher Dr. Harvey Estes.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged in the following series: Series 1: General Administrative Files. Series 2: Financial Materials. Series 3: Subject Files and Harvey Estes' Hope Valley Research Files. Series 4: Photographic Materials. Series 5: Yearbooks. Series 6: Hope Valley Country Club Construction and Renovation. Series 7: Maps, Plats, and Plans

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Administrative Information

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Dr. Harvey Estes

Conditions Governing Use

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Durham Civil Rights Heritage Project Collection (NCC.0040)

Related Materials

Sprinkle-Stanley Architectural Drawings (NCC.0171)

Related Materials

Frank DePasquale Collection (NCC.0030)

Related Materials

Gregory Real Estate Photograph Collection (NCC.0090)

Related Materials

Steed and Mozette Rollins Collection (NCC.0158)

Related Materials

Preservation Durham Records (NCC.0144)

Related Materials

Elizabeth ("Libby") Parker Roberts Scrapbook Collection (NCC.0154)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Golf courses -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Ross, Donald J., 1872-1948
- Nelson, Byron, 1912-2006
- Hope Valley Country Club
- Estes, E. Harvey (Edward Harvey), 1925-

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Collection contains fragile material. Series 4: Photographic Materials (Box 4) contains original glass negatives from *Golf and Country Clubs* by Clifford Charles Wendehack and photos of golf framed in glass. Series 6: Hope Valley Country Club Construction and Renovation (Oversize Folder 1) and Series 7: Maps, Plats, and Plans (Oversize Folder 1) contain brittle material. Please consult with staff for information on access.

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Collection Inventory

1. General Administrative Files, 1926-2007, Undated

Physical Description: 1.5 Boxes (Boxes 1, 6, 7)

Scope and Contents

Material related to the club's charter, administration, and other activities. Included are club publications "Down in the Valley" and "Proclamations," as well as early advertisements and promotional material.

| Title/Description | Instances |
|---|-----------|
| Charter, Constitutions, and By-Laws, 1985-1994, Undated | box 1 |
| Reports of the President - Includes list of Hope Valley Country Club presidents, 1926-1966 | box 1 |
| Year-End and Quarterly Reports from the President, 1972-2002 | box 1 |
| Board of Governors reports, 1964-1988 | box 1 |
| Letters from the President, 1983-2006, 1930 | box 1 |
| Homeowners and Membership Rosters, 1927-2007, Undated | box 1 |
| Letter of Agreement Creating Durham Country Club, 1926 | box 1 |
| Formation of Homeowners Association, 1949-1950 | box 1 |
| Committee Minutes, 2006 | box 1 |
| Committee Reports, 1972-1985 | box 1 |
| Petitions, 1953-1987 | box 1 |
| Correspondence: Richardson, Mebane, and Sharpe - Copied with permission from Richardson-Vicks, Inc. Records (#4468) from Southern Historical Collection, Wilson Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1928-1930 | box 1 |
| Correspondence: General , 1974-2002 | box 1 |
| Newsletters: "Down in the Valley," "Proclamations", 1995-1998, 1992-2006 | box 1 |
| Advertisements for Hope Valley Country Club in Durham Morning Herald, 1926-1928 | box 1 |
| Newspaper Clippings, 1996-2001, Undated | box 1 |
| Charter, Constitution, By-Laws, and Activity Rules, 1977-1982 | box 7 |
| Charter, Constitution, By-Laws, and Activity Rules, 1983-1988 | box 7 |

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| Newspaper Clipping: "Hope Valley: Ross design will test amateurs" | Oversize Box 6 |
| Advertisements for Hope Valley Country Club in Durham Morning Herald, 1926-1928 | Oversize Box 6 |
| Census Data, 1930 | Oversize Box 6 |
| Posters: Officers, Board of Governors, and Committees, 1960-1967 | Oversize Box 6 |

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2. Financial Materials, 1925-1995

Physical Description: 1 Box (Box 2)

Scope and Contents

Includes tax records, loan information, budgets, and a comprehensive club operation consultation conducted in the 1990s.

| Title/Description | Instances |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Financial Material, 1974-1995 | box 2 |
| Checks, 1934, 1941 | box 2 |
| Paid Bills, 1941-1942 | box 2 |
| Deeds, 1926-1937 | box 2 |
| Deeds, 1940-1993 | box 2 |
| Deeds, 1925-1951 | box 2 |

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3. Subject Files and Harvey Estes' Hope Valley Research Files, 1926-2009, Undated

Physical Description: 0.75 Box (Box 3)

Scope and Contents

Contains material related to Donald Ross, golf course architect; Will Mann, former Hope Valley Country Club golf course superintendent and later president of the PGA; and Mike Souchak, "The Man Who Shot the Lowest Score in PGA History." Also contains material on Marshall Crichton, Hope Valley Country Club's first golf professional, and Byron Nelson, a professional golfer who won a record 11 PGA tournaments in a row, including one at Hope Valley in 1945. Also included is *Golf and Country Clubs* by Clifford Charles Wendehack, which includes a feature on Hope Valley Country Club.

| Title/Description | Instances |
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Hope Valley Country Club Records

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| Golf Course | box 3 |
| Marshall Crichton , 1996 | box 3 |
| Byron Nelson, 1991-1995 | box 3 |
| Golf and Country Clubs by Clifford Charles Wendehack, 1929 | box 3 |
| <u>Separated Materials:</u> Separated Materials Original glass negatives from Golf and Country Clubs by Clifford Charles Wendehack can be found in Series 4: Photographic Materials. | |
| "Come Alive at 55" Club, 2005-2009 | box 3 |
| Programs and Menus, 1972-2001 | box 3 |
| Recipes, Undated | box 3 |
| Histories of Hope Valley Country Club, 1982, Undated | box 3 |
| Correspondence: Harvey Estes' Hope Valley Country Club Research, 2006 | box 3 |
| Research: Harvey Estes' Hope Valley Country Club History Folder (1 of 2) | box 3 |
| Research: Harvey Estes' Hope Valley Country Club History Folder (2 of 2) | box 3 |
| Research: Hope Valley Houses and Owners, 2002-2009 | box 3 |
| Hope Valley Country Club 80th Anniversary Exhibit Materials | box 3 |
| Scope and Contents Includes photographs used in exhibit. | |
| Material related to other country clubs | box 3 |

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4. Photographic Materials, circa 1920s - circa 2000s

Physical Description: 2.25 Boxes (Boxes 4-6)

Scope and Contents

Includes photographs of Perry Como, Edmund "Eddie" Cameron, Mike Souchak, and club manager Larry Harris.

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See also Hope Valley Country Club 80th Anniversary Exhibit Materials (Series 3: Subject Files and Harvey Estes' Hope Valley Research Files) for photographs used in exhibit.

| Title/Description | Instances |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Board of Governors | box 4 |
| Members of Hope Valley Country Club | box 4 |
| Public Figures | box 4 |
| Byron Nelson | box 4 |
| Early Houses in Hope Valley | box 4 |
| Clubhouse and Golf Course | box 4 |
| Country Club | box 4 |

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Items are fragile and access may be restricted. Please consult with staff for more information.

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| Golf | box 4 |
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| Riding Stables | box 4 |
| Tennis, 1988-1996 | box 4 |
| Aerial Photographs | box 4 |
| Miscellaneous | box 4 |
| Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Board, Undated, Undated | box 4 |
| Staff and Unidentified People | box 5 |
| Events and Parties (folder 1 of 2) | box 5 |
| Events and Parties (folder 2 of 2) | box 5 |
| Holidays | box 5 |
| Recreation | box 5 |
| Swimming , 1982-1983 | box 5 |
| Tennis, 1986 | box 5 |

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| Hope Valley Country Club Grounds; Miscellaneous; Negatives | box 5 |
| Hope Valley Country Club Members | box 5 |
| Slides | box 5 |
| Images of Historic Durham | box 5 |
| Photograph: Aerial View, 1982 | Oversize Box 6 |
| Photograph: Board of Governors, 1974 | Oversize Box 6 |
| Photograph: Board of Governors, 1978 | Oversize Box 6 |

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5. Yearbooks, 1942-1970

Physical Description: 0.5 Box (Box 7)

Scope and Contents

Yearbooks include rules, officer and committee lists, constitution and by-laws, financial and operating statements, and membership rosters.

| Title/Description | Instances |
|---|-----------|
| Hope Valley Country Club Yearbooks, 1942-1970 | box 7 |
| Hope Valley Country Club Yearbooks, 1950-1955 | box 7 |
| Hope Valley Country Club Yearbooks, 1956-1970 | box 7 |

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6. Hope Valley Country Club Construction and Renovation, 1927-1988, Undated

Physical Description: 0.75 Box (Boxes 6-7)

Scope and Contents

Contains estimates, contracts, budgets, and other material documenting construction of the club. Included is correspondence regarding the clubhouse renovation in the 1980s.

| Title/Description | Instances |
|---|-----------|
| Correspondence: Clubhouse renovation, 1987-1988 | box 1 |
| Blueprint: Club House | |

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| | Oversize Box 6 | |
| Blueprint: Grill Room | Oversize Box 6 | |
| Blueprints: Miscellaneous | Oversize Box 6 | |
| Estimates, Contracts, and Budgets, 1928 | box 7 | |
| Contract: Summit Avenue Building Company and C.B. Hester, 1927 | box 7 | |
| Agreement between City of High Point, North Carolina and Frank T. Miller, 1940 | box 7 | |
| Blueprint of Grill Room by Archie Royal Davis, Architect, Undated | Oversize Folder 1 | folder Subfolder |

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Item is fragile. Please handle with care.

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7. Maps, Plats, and Plans, 1926-1974, Undated

Physical Description: 0.25 Box (Box 3, Oversize Box 6)

Physical Description: 1 Folders (Oversize Folder 1)

Scope and Contents

Cartographic and other materials depicting the neighborhood and club.

| Title/Description | Instances |
|--|----------------------|
| Maps, 1926-1957 | box 3 |
| Field Survey Plat, 1974 | Oversize Box 6 |
| Map of Hope Valley, Undated | Oversize Box 6 |
| Map of Hope Valley Community, 1963 | Oversize Folder 1 |
| Original Hope Valley Country Club Plans, 1926-1927 | Oversize Folder 1 |

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Map of Hope Valley Community, duplicate, 1963

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