

North Carolina Collection

Orange County Account Ledger, 1812-1821

Title:	Orange County account ledger, 1812-1821
Inclusive Dates:	1812-1821, 1896-1897, 1910
Extent of Materials:	1 ledger book and three file folders
Location:	NC Office Shelf 47
Date of Accession:	January 2016
Donor:	Sarah Kate Fishback
Relationship of donor or materials to the DCL/NCR	
Processor:	Kristen Merryman
Description:	The ledger book was found by the donor in a locked filing cabinet in a shed on their property off Latta Road in Durham. The donors are new to the area and did not know the history of the book or the filing cabinet. The ledger details accounts of residents of what was Orange County at the time and includes many well known early Durham families such as the Lattas, Rigsbees, Mangums, Holloways, and Leighs. In addition to the ledger, several materials relating to the public school in Fish Dam in 1897 were found tucked within the pages of the book.
Subject Headings:	Orange County (N.C.)--History.
	Durham County (N.C.)--History.
	Account books.
	Public schools--North Carolina--Durham--History.
Abstract:	
Scope and Content:	The collection consists of a ledger book that has "Book B" written on the cover, and, on the top of each page, "Orange County for Contra Credit." Starting in 1812 and ending in 1821, the ledger appears to be an accounting of credits of citizens of Orange County. Well-known Durham family names such as William Mangum, Samuel and Thomas Holloway, Richard Leigh, Lamanuel Alston, Thomas Carrington, King Barbee, and several Lattas are all found within the ledger. Based on the emphera found within the pages of the book, it appears to have been owned by the Latta family. The miscellaneous materials found within the pages of the book have been pulled out and put in a separate file folder. Included in the folder are minutes of School Committee of District No. 27 Durham County from 1897. The committee consisted of J. A. Dunnagan, G. A. Latta, and J. G. Tilley. A notice that the public school in the 27th district will commence on November 2, 1896, a letter to the sister of a student of the school with details about his education, receipts from 1910 from Allen-Owens Company in Durham to J. A. Latta, and an undated sermon about sinners are also in the collection.
Related Materials:	Mangum and Latta Family Collection
	Jean Bradley Anderson Papers
	A. B. Markham Land Grant and Genealogy Correspondence and Notebooks

Restrictions:	This collection is open for research.
Biographical/Historical Note:	<p>Durham County was created from the eastern portion of Orange County and a small part of western Wake County in 1881. Many of the prominent early families in Durham have roots that extend back to the early 1800s in Orange County.</p> <p>Latta was a common last name in Orange County and early Durham County history. Lattas are documented as having lived in the area that became known as South Lowell, which was located at the north fork of the Little River. John Leathers had a mill in the community that became South Lowell and at one time owned a store with James Latta. The South Lowell community declined as the town of Durham became the center of commerce, industry, and education for Durham County.</p>
Condition Notes:	The ledger book is very fragile and the cover has broken off. Should be handled with gloves.
Organization of Collection:	
Container List	
Box 1	Ledger, 1812-1821
	Public school materials, 1896-1897
	Allen-Owens Company receipts, 1910
	Sermon, undated

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