

North Carolina Collection

Parker Family Papers

Title:	Parker Family Papers	
Inclusive Dates:	1890-2010, Bulk 1940s – 1950s	
Extent of Materials:	2 Hollinger boxes	
Location:	Duke Storage	
Date of Accension:	Jan. 11, 2014	
Donor:	Rev. Joyce Daye Clayton	
Processor:	Holly Withrow	
Subject Headings:	Durham (N.C.)—History	
	African-American Farmers—North Carolina—Durham County	
Scope and Content:	<p>The Parker Family Papers consist of materials donated by Joyce Daye Clayton, granddaughter of Nancy and Hubert Parker. The papers contain a large quantity of correspondence, mostly of Nancy and her sons. They also include financial records and other materials that document the everyday life of the Parker family as African-American farmers in the 1940s and 50s.</p>	
Restrictions:	The collection is open for research	
Biographical/Historical Note:	<p>Hubert Parker was born September 1884 in Mangum, Orange County, and Nancy Langford Parker was born in March of 1899 in Durham County. The two were married in December 1916 in the midst of World War I. They were farmers in Rougemont, Durham County, until the the farm was repossessed during hard times. Hubert had four daughters from a previous marriage, and Hubert and Nancy had nine children: Emma Lois, Stroud Thomas, Nancy Rebecca, Allie Alberta, Linein Howard, Darnell Thomas, William Eris, Columbus Warren, and Hubert Benson Parker. After her husband died in 1936, Nancy strove to take care of her family during the Depression and afterward by cleaning and cooking for others and with help from her family. For a brief period during the Depression the family reluctantly resorted to receiving federal assistance. Nancy died in 1965.</p>	
Condition Notes:	Newspapers are very fragile, handle with care.	
Organization of Collection	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bills, receipts, and other papers and materials from the daily lives of the Parkers 2. Letters to various family members 	
	Description	Date
	Box 1	
	How We Made It Over: The Hubert & Nancy Parker Family Story	9/14/2010
	A booklet put together by Joyce Daye Clayton covering the genealogy and history of the Parker family	
	Parker Family Financial Materials	1926-1957, N.D.

Container List:	Langford Family Financial Materials	1890-1947, N.D.
	Obituaries and Death Notices	1947-2004
	World War II Ration Books	1942-1945, N.D.
	Hubert Benson Parker's French Book	1936
	Including inscriptions on the front and back by Hubert Benson Parker's girlfriend	
	Other Parker Family Papers	1931-1952, N.D.
	Including newspaper clippings, church service pamphlets, and certificates and records of various family activities and events	
	Box 2	
	Correspondence to Nancy Parker	1951-1954, N.D.
	Including letters from Hubert Benson Parker while he was in the army	
	Correspondence to William "Fats" Parker, Son of Nancy Parker	1947-1954
	Correspondence to Columbus Parker, Son of Nancy Parker	1950-1953, N.D.
	Correspondence to Hubert Benson Parker, Son of Nancy Parker	1948-1952, N.D.
	Other Correspondence	1946, 1954, N.D.
Including letters to Nancy's sister, sister-in-law, and father		

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