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Pearl Cotton Mill Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	North Carolina Collection Archives
Creator:	Pearl Cotton Mills (Durham, N.C.)
Source - dnr:	Cook, Aylene
Title:	Pearl Cotton Mills records
ID:	NCC.0135
Date [inclusive]:	1918-1930
Physical Description:	.5 Box (1 document box)
Language of the Material:	English

Preferred Citation

[Item, folder, and box information], Pearl Cotton Mill records (NCC.0135), North Carolina Collection, Durham County Library, NC.

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Biographical / Historical

Brodie Duke built the Pearl Cotton Mills in 1892, naming it after his daughter. After financial complications in 1893, his father Washington Duke, his two half brothers Benjamin and James B., and George Watts helped him reestablish the company. William Branson managed the mill until his death in 1899, when Jessie Harper Erwin took over. Owned by Erwin Mills after 1899, the mill became Erwin Mill #6 in 1932. It shut down in the 1950s and was demolished in 1971 to make way for condominiums, though the original tower and smokestack were incorporated into the new structure.

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Scope and Contents

The Pearl Cotton Mills Records consist of financial records documenting the running of the mills from 1918-1930.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged chronologically.

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Related Materials

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Bobbin and Shuttle Company Ledger (NCC.0008)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Cotton manufacture -- North Carolina
- Cotton textile manufacture -- North Carolina
- Pearl Cotton Mills (Durham, N.C.)
- Cook, Aylene

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Profit sharing plan, 1918-1923, undated	box 1	folder 1
Scope and Contents		
Resolutions and documents determining the amount of money given out yearly under the mill's profit sharing plan		
Employee earnings, 1918-1923	box 1	folder 2
Tax materials, 1919-1928	box 1	folder 3
Other financial materials, 1918-1930	box 1	folder 5
Scope and Contents		
Including other resolutions, statements, and inventories.		
Depreciation ledger, ca. 1931	box 1	folder 4