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# Durham Civic Association membership application card

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	North Carolina Collection Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	Durham Civic Association
<b>Title:</b>	Durham Civic Association membership application card
<b>ID:</b>	NCC.0254
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	ca. 1900s to 1910s
<b>Physical Description:</b>	.08 Linear Feet (1 folder)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

[Item, folder, and box information], Durham Civic Association membership application card (NCC.0254), North Carolina Collection, Durham County Library, NC.

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## Biographical / Historical

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The Durham Civic Association was established "for the promotion of civic improvement", "in health, growth, cleanliness, prosperity and attractiveness", and to organize efforts to encourage residents and businesses to keep up the appearance of their properties. Also known as the Civic League and as a women's group, one early effort proclaimed March 15 as Grand Cleaning Up Day. In a 1909 issue of the Farmer and Mechanic newspaper, the Durham Civic Association was cited as giving a \$5 prize for best decorated shop window. The group was led by president Mrs. T.D. Jones, who was Mrs. Thomas Decatur Jones, also known as Mattie Southgate Jones (October 4, 1864 - March 13, 1936), daughter of Durham civic leader and insurance company founder James Southgate.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection consists solely of a membership application card from the Durham Civic Association listing cost of memberships (annual \$1, sustaining \$5, life \$50), to whom to apply, and the officers (president Mrs. T.D. Jones, vice-president Mrs. I.F. Hill, secretary Mrs. G.C. White, treasurer Mrs. S. W. Tucker).

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## Administrative Information

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## Related Materials

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Southgate-Jones Family Papers (Duke University – Rubenstein Library)

### Related Materials

Early Durham flyer for "Grand Spring Cleaning Up Day" by the Board of Aldermen at the request of the Civic League ([https://dur.ent.sirsi.net/client/en\\_US/search/asset/1010534/0](https://dur.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/search/asset/1010534/0))

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Citizens' associations -- United States
- Durham Civic Association

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
Durham Civic Association membership application card, ca. 1900s to 1910s	box 4 - Small folder 16 Collections