

Register for Collection 294A

Walker-Wood Family

Folder Number

1. Control folder, with notes written by Alex Wood, 2007
2. Photo of Harry Walker's mother, Hettie? Heddie? Hattie? Adams and family
3. Photo of Blandome, painted gray with black pointing, 1919
4. Photo of Blandome in winter. N.D.
5. Photo of Clarence M. Wood as a football player at Va. Union U., c. 1916-17
6. Photo of Clarence M. Wood making money for college dollars, c. 1917
7. Photo of Clarence M. Wood at Va. Union U. 1918?
8. Photo of the Walker-Wood families, 1920s
9. Photo of the C.M. Wood family, Aug. 1, 1943
10. Photo of Clarence Wood Family receiving word that they had won second place in the Irish Sweepstakes 6/7/47
11. Photo/article of the Wood family and their connection to North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company
12. Photo of Delta Sigma Sorority members, 1955
13. Photo (newspaper) and article about Edward T. Wood, 1957
14. Photo of Nannie Walker (Wood) on her wedding day, June 18, 1919
15. Photo of Walker-Wood relative
16. Eliza Walker's address book, etc.
17. 2 of Harry Walker's account books
18. Nannie Wood's account book of boarding school expenses of her children
19. Nannie Wood notebook of income from rental property
20. Invitation to reception re *Streets of Lexington*, 1985
21. Funeral program of Nannie Walker Wood (1900-1993)
22. Stars for window during WWII
23. Letter to C.M. Wood from Governor Price, July 3, 1940
24. Misc. items given on July 11, 2007, including photos of Lylburn Downing First Aid Class, 1944, + Mrs. Jesse H. Woodley, Alex's teacher, 1936-1938; memorial booklet of Nannie Marie Wood Hayes, 1992

Interview with Alex and Freddy Wood on June 20, 2007 at W&L

Alex Wood and his wife Freddy came to W&L on June 20, 2007, to bring several more items. These have been organized into 294 A. Comments that he made about the items are written on the folders themselves for the most part. However, he did have several other things to say as follows:

1. Clarence Wood won 2nd prize in the Irish Sweepstakes (about \$47,000) on June 7, 1947, Alex's birthday. With the money, he bought land and built Lexington Motors, an Esso station about where Arby's is today, Dairy Delite (run by Harry Walker Wood and his wife, Olivia), etc. Rumors that this is how the Woods attained wealth are unfounded. Most of their property stemmed from the hard work and enterprises of Harry Walker and his wife Eliza. "The farm" was bought in 1901; Blandome in 1917. Clarence M., his father and Clarence's Uncle Joe owned many properties including the Willson-Walker House, the Ruff House, etc. The winning horse in the Sweepstakes was Pearl River. Mogoli was second.
2. The tract of land on which Blandome was built was owned by James McDowell, father of Governor McDowell and father-in-law of the famous Thomas Hart Benton.
3. We did not get to the identification of photographs in Box 1, folder 1, in 294 or of Box 4, folder 13.

Additional notes from June 20, 2007

Eliza at one time rented a bus and filled it with school children. She gave them bells to ring. They drove all around the streets of Lexington, ringing the bells. This was done to draw attention to the bad school situation (separate but unequal). Alex was about 9 then. He thinks it was c. 1936-37.

Alex remembers the McCormick fete in 1931 though he was just two.

Green Pastures recreation area near Clifton Forge was for blacks only. C.M. Wood was administrator, appointed by Gov. Price. Wood had found Price's son's fraternity ring and had gained the admiration of the governor.