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Black Mountain College

About this collection

The Black Mountain College digital collection includes a selection of school publications and photographs primarily from The Black Mountain College Research Project, which was conducted by the North Carolina Museum of Art. Many other materials on Black Mountain College are available for research at the Western Regional Archives in Asheville, N.C.

Black Mountain College (BMC) was an experimental school located in Black Mountains, North Carolina. The college was established in 1933 by John A. Rice and others, many of whom were former students and faculty from Rollins College in Florida. The purpose of the college was to educate the whole person, with an emphasis on the role of the arts and creative thinking. Black Mountain College itself was owned by the faculty, with students playing a significant role in the decision-making process. Although grades were kept for transfer purposes, they were not used to evaluate a student's progress. Both faculty and students participated in the work program, which included the daily chores necessary for the upkeep of the school at the Blue Ridge campus. Later, the college purchased land nearby and the work program was expanded to include the construction of college buildings and the maintenance of an inn and farm on the Lake Eden property.
Family Records Collection
A project of the State Library and State Archives of North Carolina

The Family Records Collection is comprised of North Carolina family history materials from the holdings of the State Archives of North Carolina and State Library of North Carolina. The searchable online collection currently contains:

- Nearly 1,500 Bible records (lists of birth, marriage, and death information written in North Carolina family Bibles) from the 2000+ copies of various donated family Bibles held by the State Archives of North Carolina
- Indexed marriage and death announcements from five North Carolina newspapers (Raleigh Register, North Carolina State Gazette, Daily Sentinel, Raleigh Observer, and News & Observer) from 1799 to 1893
- Photographs of headstones and general views of the Raleigh Hebrew Cemetery and the Hebrew section of Historic Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh
- Copies of genealogical research donated to the Government and Heritage Library.

Resources
The State Library and State Archives house a wide variety of additional genealogical resources.
North Carolina Digital Collections

Treasures

First page of the Carolina Charter of 1663

About this collection

This digital collection includes items from the Vault Collection of the State Archives of North Carolina. Many of these items are fragile and this online collection allows the public to view them without physically handling them. It includes items like the Carolina Charter of 1663, North Carolina's copy of the Bill of Rights, volumes pertaining to African American and Native American
State Archives YouTube Channel

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recoverytruthsbetold Way cool fanniebarfield Loved the Bob Brown visits to the school auditorium! Hair standing on ends! hannabrodie @fanniebarfield I bet you did 😃
TranscribeNC

Help improve access to historic documents by transcribing lists, forms, diaries, letters, and other materials from the collections of the State Archives of North Carolina. Some projects will include current or future additions to the North Carolina Digital Collections, while others focus on indexes to be added to the online catalog. All projects are hosted on From the Page.

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Librarian

[This blog post was written by Elizabeth Crowe, a contract archivist with Private Collections of the Special Collections Branch. The post is released by the Department of History and the North Carolina Historical Society by the editor of the late Francis Roy McPherson.]

Private manuscript collections, part of the State Archives Special Collections Section, can provide a valuable source of information for researchers seeking archival material on local and regional history. Many local, family, and personal collections, both living and archived, exist that can help identify places or individuals who can be traced through federal census records dating from 1790 and later. Such is the case with...

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