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Donations
Donated items are appreciated. Many people have donated items that have been useful and valuable to our researchers. If you have items related to Chowan University, local history or Baptist heritage, please contact the Cataloger/Archives Librarian.
The University Archives houses many special and rare items. The Archives consist of two special collections the McDowell Collection of Archives and Antiques and the Creech Collection of Baptist Materials. The University Archives are located on the ground floor of Whitaker Library. Hours are from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday. Advance appointments are recommended.

Creech Collection of Baptist Materials

The purpose of the Creech Collection of Baptist Materials is to collect, organize, make available, and preserve records of research materials relating to Southern Baptist history, including local and regional associations. The Creech Collection will seek materials, especially minutes, from the Baptist regions in the area. It will attempt to maintain full runs of the North Carolina and Virginia state Baptist newspapers, as well as Baptist convention annuals from North Carolina, Virginia, and the Southern Baptist Convention. It will attempt to collect church histories. This collection is named for the late Reverend Oscar Creech of Ahoskie, North Carolina, Baptist pastor in the Roanoke-Chowan area. He was a member of the Chowan University staff and a co-author of A History of Chowan College.

McDowell Collection of Archives and Antiques

The purpose of the McDowell Collection of Archives and Antiques is to collect, organize, make available, and preserve records of rare or fragile materials for research relating to Chowan University and local history. Materials may be collected in all formats and will include any item acquired by the University relating to the purpose of this collection. Specific items may include:

- Yearbooks, catalogs, student and employee handbooks
- Chowan University publications
- Programs from university events
- Books by Chowan faculty, staff, or students
- Chowan University textbooks before 1900
- Roanoke Chowan News Herald and early newspapers.

This collection, dedicated in 1975, is named for the late William Herbert and Emily Biggs McDowell of Scotland Neck, North Carolina. Below is a sample of archival holdings:

- Bernice Kelly Harris papers
- Valentine Diary (8 volumes)
- Gerald White Collection
- Wayland L. Jenkins, Jr. Collection

A division of the McDowell Collection is the Whitaker Collection of Presidential Papers. The purpose of the Whitaker Collection is to collect and make available for research materials pertaining to the presidencies of Chowan University.

This collection was initially funded by Dr. and Mrs. Bruce E. Whitaker. Dr. Whitaker served as the nineteenth president of Chowan University from 1957-1989. Mrs. Esther Whitaker served for many years as a faculty member at the University.

Collection of these items is contingent upon their availability from the President’s Office.