

## **CHARLES PATY COLLECTION, 1888-2001**

3 document boxes (1.2 cu. ft.)

### **ABSTRACT**

This collection spans items related to the John C. and Ruth Kilgo family, as well as Charles Paty. The Kilgos were residents of Mecklenburg County and active members of the community. Charles Paty is a World War II veteran and was a friend of the Kilgo family. Both the Kilgos and Paty lived in the Plaza Midwood area of Charlotte, North Carolina.

This collection includes Clippings, Correspondence, Ephemera, Postcards, Printed Materials, Rosters, Negatives and Photographs.

### **ACCESS**

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### **PREFERRED CITATION**

Cite as: Charles Paty Collection, 1888-2001, Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library.

### **ACQUISITION**

Presented by Charles Paty, 2003.

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### **HISTORICAL NOTE**

The John C. Kilgo, Jr. family lived in Charlotte, North Carolina, in the early 1900s. Kilgo married Ruth Robinson and together they had one daughter, Ruth Kilgo [Hall].

John Kilgo was president and founder of Kilgo Motor Freight in Charlotte, North Carolina. Ruth Robinson Kilgo attended North Carolina College for Women and graduated in 1920. She traveled to the American Legion convention in Paris in September 1927.

Charles Malvern Paty, Jr., a friend of the Kilgo family, was a student at Central High School, enlisted in the military on December 8, 1941 and served on the USS North Carolina. In May 2000, Charles Paty attended a graduation ceremony sponsored by the Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County and received his High School

Diploma. Mr. Paty was a local photographer, contributing photos to publications about the community and its residents.

The Kilgos and Paty lived in the Plaza Midwood neighborhood in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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John Kilgo Family (CALL NUMBER: NCR VERTICAL FILES)

Kilgo Family (CALL NUMBER: NCR VERTICAL FILES)

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Charles Paty Collection consists of items belonging to the Kilgo family and Charles Paty. The bulk of the collection is from the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, with some outliers. There are six textbooks once owned by Ruth Robinson Kilgo as well as six

booklets related to military service that belonged to Charles Paty. A large part of the collection is made of photographs and negatives, many unidentified. The overarching series includes Clippings, Correspondence, Ephemera, Postcards, Printed Materials, Rosters, Negatives and Photographs, with subseries as indicated below.

**Clippings, 1940-1953, 2001 and undated**, includes articles about the community, a story about Harley Moore, Jr., a soldier who was presumed dead, and the obituary for Ruth Kilgo Hall.

**Correspondence, 1916-1943 and 2001**, includes letters primarily to Ruth Robinson Kilgo.

**Ephemera, 1942 and undated**, consists of an advertisement and a gasoline ration book.

**Postcards, 1988-2002 and undated**, consists primarily of postcards from Amish towns across the country.

**Printed Materials, 1889-1988**, includes booklets related to the military, textbooks belonging to Ruth Kilgo, a copy of *The Elizabethan News* newsletter, pamphlets and programs, two copies of A Brief History of Mecklenburg County and a variety of programs from graduations and other gatherings.

**Rosters, 1927-1988**, includes a Queens College Alumni Homecoming Registration List, a list of passengers on American Legion bound for Paris Convention and a Central High School Class of 1939 25<sup>th</sup> reunion directory.

**Negatives, undated**, includes five unidentified black and white negatives.

**Photographs, 1888-1943, 1988 and undated**, includes both identified and unidentified people from and places around North Carolina. It includes a photo from about 1932, possibly taken at Elizabeth School in Charlotte as well as photos of prominent local figures like Billy Graham and J.B. Ivey.

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| Going back to civilian life, 1945   | 1 | 6 |
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