

Rose Leary Love Papers Biography

Rose Leary Love, a former schoolteacher was born near the turn of the century and grew up in the Brooklyn neighborhood in the Second Ward of Charlotte, North Carolina. She taught school in Greensboro and Charlotte public schools from 1925 and 1964. Love wrote and published poetry. She also wrote a memoir of her life in the Brooklyn neighborhood of Charlotte entitled *Plum Thickets and Field Daisies* is Rose Leary Love's. Following her death, she left the original manuscript in the care of her friends. When the Brooklyn she described ceased to exist, the historical value of the manuscript increased. Realizing this, her friends transferred the memoir to the Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room for care and preservation.

Since then, it has provided valuable insight for students, scholars and authors as they compiled research papers, doctoral theses and even the script for a play. Because of the warmth, humor and joy discovered in Mrs. Love's writings, it became evident that her memories of Brooklyn should be shared with a wider audience. In 1996, the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County published Love's memoir.

The Leary Collection contains correspondence, manuscripts, lesson plans, music, poetry and other private papers.

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