

DURHAM, BERTHA, 1888-1976.

Bertha Durham papers, 1903-1910

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Durham, Bertha, 1888-1976.
Title: Bertha Durham papers, 1903-1910
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1239
Extent: .25 linear ft. (1 box)
Abstract: Papers of Georgia teenager Bertha Durham including correspondence, gift books, a diary, and photographs.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

Bertha Durham (1888-1976) was born in Cobb County, Georgia, to Albert and Louvenia Durham. She had seven brothers and sisters: Leetha Durham, Cleo Durham, Albert Durham,

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Emma Durham, Carl Durham, Howard Durham, and Sidney Durham. The family lived in Chattahoochee, near Proctor Creek.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Bertha Durham while she was a teenager, including correspondence, gift books, a diary and photographs from 1906-1910. Correspondence consists of greeting cards and post cards sent to Durham by friends and acquaintances. Most of the gift books were given to her at Christmas and are inscribed. The photographs contain one photo of Carl Durham, and one photo of an unidentified man.

The 1903 diary documents a complete year in Durham's life and details much of the activity in her community, including the pursuits of her family and neighbors, especially her siblings. It includes descriptions of church and community functions such as baptisms, a foot washing, picnics, and entertainment at a convicts camp. Family illnesses and medical treatments are well documented, as is the Durham family's economic endeavors. Albert Durham was a farmer, while Louvenia Durham and her daughters often sewed and sold clothing, and the diary includes descriptions of several transactions between the Durham family and African American neighbors. The diary contains additional descriptions of African Americans, including several accidental deaths. Finally, Durham mentions many towns and neighborhoods around Atlanta and Cobb County including Kirkwood, East Point, Smyrna, Woodstock, Nickajack, Brick Church, and Marietta.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Correspondence, circa 1906-1908
1	2	Book, <i>Flowers of Friendship</i> , inscribed to Bertha from Hortence, 1910
1	3	Book, <i>Gems from Shakespeare</i> , inscribed to Bertha from Annie Humphreys, 1908
1	4	Book, <i>Pansy Blossoms</i> , inscribed to Bertha from Jessie, 1910
1	5	Book, <i>A Violet Offering</i> , no date
1	6	Diary, 1903
1	7	Photographs, no date
