



Inventory of the Susie B. Dudley Collection

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Descriptive Summary

The Susie B. Dudley Collection contains biographical information, family and home information, handwritten notes, partial and complete play scripts & speeches by the former First Lady of North Carolina A&T State University (1896-1925). Also included are rare photographs of Mrs. Dudley, her family and the legendary president's home the Magnolia Castle

Repository

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Creator

Susan "Susie B". Wright Sampson Dudley

Title

Susan B. Dudley Collections

Language of Materials

English

Extent

2 archival boxes, 68 items, 2.2 linear feet

Administrative Information

Restrictions to Access

No Restrictions

Acquisitions Information

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Collection Overview

Abstract/ Biographical Note

Susan “Susie B.” Wright Sampson Dudley (c. 1852 – 1933) was a public school educator, A & T faculty member, civic leader, missionary aide, dramatist, artistic writer and spouse of Dr. James B. Dudley (1859-1925), A & T's second college president. Some of her achievements as faculty member at A & T include; founding the dramatics program, writing the A & T Alma Mater “Dear A&T”, and designing the historic arch used as the entrance to campus. Several of her plays were written for the “Industrial Night” events of the spring commencements. Mrs. Dudley was also heavily involved with religious and civic activities. She organized various community clubs and became president of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She and James B. Dudley had two daughters, Inez and Vivian. Inez preceded her parents in death. Vivian was married to Dr. Samuel Benjamin Jones. The collection includes biographical information, family and home information, photographs, handwritten notes, partial and complete play scripts, as well as scripts for speeches.

Collection List

Please note that a majority of speeches and scripts in the Susie B. Dudley Collection have unknown dates and titles.

Box 0001: Folders 1-8, Biographical Information, The Dudley Home, Fellowship Correspondence, The A & T Alma Mater, Assorted Writings/Notes, Event Programs

Folder 1: Assorted Biographical Documents

- 1.1.1 Susan B. Dudley, A Short Biography
- 1.1.2 Photocopy Portrait Image of Susan B. Dudley
- 1.1.3 Selected pages from *History of the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro, North Carolina* by Dr. Warmoth T. Gibbs, 1966
- 1.1.4 Susan B. Dudley's Teacher's First Grade Certificate
- 1.1.5 "Alma Mater's Greatest First Lady" from *Great Recollections From Aggieland* by Albert W. Spruill
- 1.1.6 Photocopy Images of Members of the Dudley Family
- 1.1.7 Photo of Summer School Class, 1913
- 1.1.8 James Benson Dudley Biography
- 1.1.9 James Benson Dudley Death Notice, *A & T Register*, May 1925
- 1.1.10 Chronological History of A & T by Virginia D. McKee, 1987
- 1.1.11 The Life of James B. Dudley by Women's College of Greensboro & A & T College
- 1.1.12 James B. Dudley Biography, date, author unknown.
- 1.1.13 Inez Dudley Death mentioned in the *Greensboro News and Record* - Sunday, March 21, 2004
- 1.1.14 S. B. Jones Biography, "The Man With A String of Degrees" from "*Great Recollections From Aggieland*" by Albert W. Spruill
- 1.1.15 Susan B. Dudley 1906 Commencement Play Mentioned in News and Record-Sunday, April 23, 2006

Folder 2 The Dudley Home, "Magnolia Castle"

- 1.2.1 A & T Bulletin, 1967 includes Image of Dudley Home from 1910
- 1.2.2 Photocopy Image of Dudley Home
- 1.2.3 Photocopy Image of Dudley Home, Unknown Children Standing on Porch
- 1.2.4 "The Dudley Property on Dudley Street Survives" *Carolina Peacemaker*, 2003
- 1.2.5 "Dudley Property Given to A & T College" Newspaper Article n.d.
- 1.2.6 Original Photograph of Dudley Home

Folder 3 The A & T Alma Mater

- 1.3.1 Photocopy of Dear A & T Original Sheet Music
- 1.3.2 Photocopy of Written Alma Mater
- 1.3.3 Photocopy The Star Spangled Banner/Alma Mater
- 1.3.4 Photocopy "Alma Mater" from History of A & T by Warmoth T. Gibbs

Folder 4 Assorted Speeches by Susan B. Dudley

- 1.4.1 Original Speech Script, Women's Day, St. Jos. A.M.E Church
- 1.4.2 Original Speech Script, Central Conference, A.M.E. Church
- 1.4.3 Original Speech Script, Address for Missionary Convention
- 1.4.4 Original Speech Script, Address for Missionary Convention
- 1.4.5 Original Speech Script, Address for Missionary Convention

Folder 5 Assorted Artistic Writings by Susan B. Dudley

- 1.5.1 Original Script, "Emancipation"
- 1.5.2 Original Script for Religious Writing, No title
- 1.5.3 Original Script, "Bishop Payne"
- 1.5.4 Original Script for Short Story, No title
- 1.5.5 Original Script for Short Religious Writing, No title
- 1.5.6 Original Script for "March, Forward March"
- 1.5.7 Original Script for Short Religious Writing, No title

Folder 6 Assorted Handwritten Notes by Susan B. Dudley

- 1.6.1 Miscellaneous Handwritten Notes
- 1.6.2 Miscellaneous Handwritten Notes
- 1.6.3 Miscellaneous Handwritten Notes

Folder 7 Susan B. Dudley Fellowship Correspondence

- 1.7.1 Confirmation of funding for Graduate Student, Mrs. E.P. Bradford, 1945
- 1.7.2 Letter of Application from Mrs. Ellen Boyd Reeves
- 1.7.3 Pay Receipt from A & T College Bursar's Office for student Mrs. E.P. Bradford, 1945

Folder 8 Assorted Event Programs

- 1.8.1 Industrial Night Insert, "Practical Christianity"
- 1.8.2 Industrial Night Program, "Crusades and Crusaders"
- 1.8.3 Annual Mothers' Day Service, Susie B. Dudley Club, 1972

Box 2: Folders 9-15 Assorted Play Scripts by Susan B. Dudley

Folder 9 Assorted Play Scripts by Susan B. Dudley

- 2.9.1 Partial Script for Play-Title Unknown
- 2.9.2 Partial Script for Play-Title Unknown
- 2.9.3 Partial Script for Play-Title Unknown
- 2.9.4 Partial Script for Play-Title Unknown

2.9.5 Partial Script for Religious Play-Title Unknown

Folder 10 Assorted Play Scripts by Susan B. Dudley Continued

2.10.1 Play Script: Third Act of "Land of Opportunity"

2.10.2 Play Script: "The Negro Problem Stated"

Folder 11 Assorted Play Scripts by Susan B. Dudley Continued

2.11.1 Play Script: "How Shall I Go Up To My Father?"

Folder 12: Assorted Play Scripts by Susan B. Dudley Continued

2.12.1 Partial Script for Play-Title Unknown

2.12.2 Partial Script for Play-Christmas Play "Wiseman"

Folder 13: Assorted Play Scripts by Susan B. Dudley Continued

2.13.1 Partial Script for Play-"Old Jasper"

2.13.2 Partial Script for Play-Title Unknown

2.13.3 Partial Script for Play-Title Unknown

2.13.4 Partial Script for Play-Title Unknown

Folder 14: Assorted Play Scripts by Susan B. Dudley Continued

2.14.1 Partial Script for Play-Title Unknown

2.14.2 Partial Script for Play-Title Unknown

2.14.3 Partial Script for Play-Title Unknown

Folder 15: Assorted Play Scripts by Susan B. Dudley Continued

2.15.1 Partial Script for Play-Title Unknown

2.15.2 Partial Script for Play-Title Unknown

2.15.3 Partial Script for Play-Title Unknown

2.15.4 Entire Script for Play: Class of 1901 "The Crusaders"

2.15.5 Partial Script for Play-Title Unknown

Additional Resources

James B. Dudley Collections, F. D. Bluford Library Archives, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

Spruill, Albert W. 1964. *Great Recollections from Aggieland, a Human Interest Account of the Development of the Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina from 1893-1960*. Wilmington, N.C.: Whitehead Print.

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<https://www.ncpedia.org/biography/dudley-susan-sampson>

“Susan B. Dudley Research Guide” Bluford Library, North Carolina A & T State University, <https://libguides.library.ncat.edu/c.php?g=915345>