



## University Libraries Special Collections & University Archives

### Depression Era Relief Requests from Residents of North Carolina

---

#### Collection Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Depression Era Relief Requests from Residents of North Carolina
<b>Call Number:</b>	MS 80-01
<b>Size:</b>	0.5 linear feet
<b>Acquisition:</b>	Donated by Margaret Elizabeth Dolley, granddaughter of Ray Melton Brown
<b>Processed by:</b>	DRS, 6-26-1980; SMC, 4-20-1998; MN, 2-23-2012
<b>Restrictions:</b>	None

---

#### Literary Rights

Literary rights were not granted to Wichita State University. When permission is granted to examine manuscripts, it is not an authorization to publish them. Manuscripts cannot be used for publication without regard for common law literary rights, copyright laws and the laws of libel. It is the responsibility of the researcher and his/her publisher to obtain permission to publish. Scholars and students who eventually plan to have their work published are urged to make inquiry regarding overall restrictions on publication before initial research.

---

#### Content Note

The collection consists of transcriptions of 234 letters sent by residents of 47 North Carolina counties to various relief agencies and individuals during the Great Depression. The letters mainly date between 1934 and 1936 and are arranged by county name. They originally belonged to Roy Melton Brown, head of the School of Public Welfare and Social Work at the University of North Carolina. Faithfully reproduced in terms of spelling and grammar, these typed transcriptions embody the correspondents' desperation and stress during the 1930s.

---

#### Box and Folder Listing

Box 1	FF 1	Brunswick County, May 27, 1935-October 17, 1935 (includes two undated letters)
Box 1	FF 2	Catawba County, June 25, 1934-September 18, 1935
Box 1	FF 3	Chatham County, April 24, 1935-March 3, 1936
Box 1	FF 4	Cherokee County, January 14, 1934-November 6, 1935

Box 1	FF 5	Chowan County, June 4, 1935-September 2, 1935 (includes one undated letter)
Box 1	FF 6	Cleveland County, undated
Box 1	FF 7	Columbus County, June 6, 1935-March 2, 1936
Box 1	FF 8	Craven County, January 8, 1934-January 23, 1936
Box 1	FF 9	Cumberland County, October 2, 1934-February 4, 1936
Box 1	FF 10	McDowell County, October 12, 1934-November 16, 1935
Box 1	FF 11	Mecklenburg County, January 23, 1935-January 16, 1936
Box 1	FF 12	Mitchell County, January 16, 1935-February 12, 1937
Box 1	FF 13	Montgomery County, August 22, 1935-March 23, 1936
Box 1	FF 14	Moore County, January 8, 1934-August 24, 1936
Box 1	FF 15	Nash and Edgecombe County, undated
Box 1	FF 16	New Hanover County, January 17, 1935-March 5, 1936
Box 1	FF 17	Northhampton County, August 28, 1933-September 13, 1935
Box 1	FF 18	Onslow County, April 13, 1935-July 6, 1936
Box 1	FF 19	Orange County, undated
Box 1	FF 20	Pamlico County, January 11, 1934-December 7, 1936
Box 1	FF 21	Pasquotank County, January 13, 1934-June 16, 1936
Box 1	FF 22	Person County, December 7, 1934-July 12, 1935 (includes one undated letter)
Box 1	FF 23	Pitt County, December 30, 1934-March 5, 1936
Box 1	FF 24	Raleigh City County, January 26, 1935-June 16, 1935
Box 1	FF 25	Randolph County, January 4, 1934-March 30, 1936
Box 1	FF 26	Richmond County, April 22, 1935-November 26, 1935
Box 1	FF 27	Robeson County, March 8, 1934-August 1936
Box 1	FF 28	Rockingham County, January 7, 1934-August 31, 1935
Box 1	FF 29	Rowan County, September 29, 1934-November 9, 1935 (includes two undated letters)
Box 1	FF 30	Rutherford County, September 25, 1934-June 10, 1935
Box 1	FF 31	Sampson County, July 12, 1935-March 23, 1936
Box 1	FF 32	Scotland County, January 21, 1935-November 25, 1935
Box 1	FF 33	Stanly County, March 9, 1936
Box 1	FF 34	Stokes County, April 18, 1935-May 22, 1935
Box 1	FF 35	Surry County, July 1, 1935-January 27, 1936

Box 1	FF 36	Swain County, March 16, 1935
Box 1	FF 37	Transylvania County, January 21, 1935-October 22, 1935
Box 1	FF 38	Tyrrell County, December 20, 1933-June 4, 1934
Box 1	FF 39	Union County, September 11, 1935-October 10, 1935 (includes one undated letter)
Box 1	FF 40	Vance County, January 8, 1935-December 4, 1935
Box 1	FF 41	Wake County, January 16, 1934-February 26, 1936 (includes two undated letters)
Box 1	FF 42	Warren County, undated
Box 1	FF 43	Washington County, February 13, 1935-March 20, 1936
Box 1	FF 44	Watauga County, March 20, 1935
Box 1	FF 45	Wayne County, January 1, 1934-March 17, 1936 (includes one undated letter)
Box 1	FF 46	Wilkes County, December 14, 1933-August 10, 1936
Box 1	FF 47	Yadkin County, June 17, 1935-February 19, 1936

---

For information, please contact us at:

[Special Collections and University Archives](#)

Wichita State University Libraries

1845 Fairmount, Wichita, KS 67260-0068

E-mail: [specialcollections@wichita.edu](mailto:specialcollections@wichita.edu)

Telephone: 316-978-3590