

Finding Aid of the Claudeous and Sudie (Murry) Oates Photograph Collection -- PhC.22, c.1900-1920

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	North Carolina State Archives.
Creator:	Claudeous (Claudius) and Sudie (Murray) Oates
Title:	PhC.22 Claudeous and Sudie (Murray) Oates Photograph Collection, c.1900-1920
Language of Materials:	Materials in English
Location:	For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Public Services Branch, North Carolina State Archives.
Extent:	55 items

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Available for research.

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Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], PhC.22, Claudeous (Claudius) and Sudie (Murry) Oates Photograph Collection, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, NC, USA.

Acquisitions Information

This photograph collection was donated to the North Carolina State Archives by Mrs. Jean F. Hodges, PO Box 156, Lillian, Alabama 36549. Mrs. Hodges was the granddaughter of Claudeous (Claudius) and Sudie (Murry) Oates of Clinton, NC. The Photographs were received 28 October 1985, and accessioned 29 January 1986.

Processing Information

Processed by James Mark Valsame 7 November 1990, Updated by Ian F.G. Dunn May 2015

Historical Note

Collection contains many scenes and collected card photographs from Claudeous (Claudius) and Sudie Oates, of Clinton, NC ca. 1900-1910. Clinton, NC is located approximately 30 miles east of Fayetteville, NC. Many of the snapshots depict the old Sampson County courthouse before its 1938 renovation. These snapshots (PhC.22.2) were taken ca. 1910-1915 and also depict several unidentified houses and structures in the town of Clinton after a snow event. Much of the collection consists of Card photographs ranging in size from 5.5"x5.5" to 11"x12". These card photographs depict various subject matter not necessarily in Clinton, NC. These include group pictures of church events, rail stations in South Carolina, and posed pictures of infants.

Collection Overview

The 55 photographs in this collection contain views of landmark houses, buildings, and streets in Clinton, NC in the early 20th century. The collection also contains scenes of WWI soldiers, former slaves of the Oates family, group portraits of men and women in Clinton, NC, Church dinners, picnics, and portraits of infants. There are several photographs which depict the interiors of railroad ticket offices of the Atlantic Coast Line and the Southern Railway.

Collection Arrangement

Arrangement of the photographs in the collection follows the original numeric identification scheme established by Mr. Jean F. Hodges donor of the Collection.

Online Catalog Headings

Acker, Annie Mae
Acker, Charles M.
African Americans
Atlantic Coast Line
Campbell, J. C.
Card Photographs
Courthouses
Hodges, Jean F.
National Guard
Oates, Claudeous
Oates, Claudius
Oates, Sudie Murry
Portraits
Sampson County Courthouse
Slaves

Smith Mercantile Company
Soda Fountain
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Southern Express Company
Southern Railway
Wootten Studio
World War, 1914-1918

Clinton (N.C.)
Honea Path (S.C.)
Columbia (S.C.)

Container list

PhC.22.1--Group portrait of eleven young men in a line. The men are standing on a wall to show the height of flood waters. No date; estimated 1900-1910 (Card photograph 5"x5")

PhC.22.2—Twenty seven black and white photographs of houses, buildings and streets in Clinton, NC after a snow storm. Includes several views of the Sampson County Courthouse and First Baptist chapel. No date; estimated 1910-1915 (27 original black and white prints 2.25"x5")

PhC.22.3—Two photos of former slaves of the Oates family (great-grandparents of Mrs. Jean F. Hodges). One photo depicts an elderly woman sitting outdoors in a chair with a stick in her hand. The second photo depicts a young woman sitting in a chair holding a young child with another young woman standing beside. No date; estimated 1905-1915 (2 original black and white prints 2.5"x3.5")

PhC.22.4—Group photo of a troop of WWI soldiers. Back of photograph is captioned, "I have a friend in this group. Made during world war I- 1917". No date; estimated 1917-1918 (original black and white print 1.75"x2.5")

PhC.22.5—woman is seen crossing the street toward Sampson County courthouse. Early automobile is seen. No date; estimated 1910-1915 (original black and white print 3.75"x2.25")

PhC.22.6—Muddy, tire tread rutted road. Possibly in Clinton, NC. No date; estimated 1910-1915 (original black and white print 2.5"x4")

PhC.22.7— Two Wootten Studio photo postcards. One depicts men (possibly National Guard or Sons of Confederate Veterans) in uniform loosely arranged in a field with guns-possibly target practice. Other postcard is a group picture of same men in uniform posing with guns. July 1910 (two real photo postcards 5.5x3.5)

PhC.22.8— Photo postcard of an infant child lying down with hand in mouth. Back is captioned, "Aunties, I have two little white teeth- Can sit alone and nearly crawl- and I'm only six month old- I tell

you I'm nearly grown. I am so full of fun and tricks I _____ (?)" No date; estimated 1910-1915 (real photo postcard 3.5"x5.25")

PhC.22.9— Photo postcard of an infant seen in a wicker carriage. No date; estimated 1910-1915 (original black and white print 2.5"x4")

PhC.22.10— Two photographs of the front of Smith Mercantile Co. in Clinton, NC. No date; estimated 1910-1915 (original black and white print 2.5"x4")

PhC.22.11— Candid group portrait of five women laughing and smiling. No date; estimated 1900 (card photograph 5.5"x5.5")

PhC.22.12— Exterior of Southern Express Company Columbia, SC. No date; estimated 1908 (card photograph 7"x9")

PhC.22.13— Interior of Railway ticket office. Two men are seen working. 18 June 1908 (card photograph 8"x10")

PhC.22.14— Interior of a soda fountain with marble bar. Advertisements including Bull Durham poster, full tobacco display, patrons, spittoon, and soda taps are seen. No date; estimated 1910 (card photograph 9.75"x11.75")

PhC.22.15— Interior of Southern Railway station. Four men are seen posing for a picture. Man at far right is Charles M. Acker, Sr. No date; estimated 1910-1915 (card photograph 9.75"x11.75")

PhC.22.16— Large picnic outing in the woods with approx. 35 people all sitting on the ground looking at camera. Black servants can be seen in background. No date; estimated 1900 (card photograph 10"x12")

PhC.22.17— Large group of people posing for a picture outside of a church. A long table is seen with food. People and children are formally dressed. Photographer: J. C. Campbell of Honea Path, SC. No date; estimated 1900-1910 (card photograph 10.5"x11.75")

