



Title: Ruth White & Nancy Wrenn Collection

Date: Bulk, 1940-1982

Creator(s): Ruth White (1922-2003), Nancy Wrenn (1922-2017), Camp Awa-Niko (1952-1974)

Physical Description: Collection contains photos of camp Awa-Niko and campers, documents from Awa-Niko, envelopes, newspaper clippings, transcripts, censuses, photos of Nancy Wrenn and Ruth White, certificates, cards and letters to Ruth and Nancy, pamphlets for class reunions, books, and journal entries from Ruth about her time in Okinawa.

Description/ Historical Note: Ruth White was born in Greensboro, NC. She graduated in 1943 from the Women's College of the University of North Carolina, now University of North Carolina in Greensboro. Nancy Wrenn was born in Southern Pines, NC. She graduated in 1943 from Duke University. They met overseas in 1945 where they were both serving in the American Red Cross in Okinawa, Japan. When they returned home to North Carolina, Nancy and Ruth became high school teachers and started teaching at the old Swannanoa High School, now Owen High School, in 1948. In the summers when they were not teaching, Nancy and Ruth opened and ran a summer camp on Jones Cove Road in Riceville called Awa-Niko, which is Okinawa spelled backwards. Nancy and Ruth were active members of St. James Episcopal Church. They were well known in the Swannanoa Valley. In 1982 they both retired from teaching. They lived together on Jones Cove Road and co wrote the book *Jones Cove Road, Memories and Stories* (Self Published, 2004).

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Box 1	
Subject	Contents
Paper Goods	Awa-Niko notepads (6), Awa-Niko stationary paper (68)
Envelopes	Empty brown envelopes (61), Empty envelope with campers address. Full brown envelopes (2) inside; Campers booklet, Application for membership, and Payment form.
Books	Camp Awa-Niko Bible: Old and New Testament, Campers informational booklet (11), Campers informational booklet covers (14)
Wooden Box	Card catalog of staff 1951-1966, Catalog of campers. Campers cards have a name, address, religious affiliation, and dates attending the camp.
Miscellaneous	Carved wooden stamp of an Awa-Niko landscape.
Folder 1: Camp Awa-Niko	Photos (34) : Buildings, Activities, Camp "Class" photos 1950's - 1970's 2-3 photo calendars Paper Items: Collection of camp songs, Camp Awa-Niko clothing list, Physical Examination Certificate, "FLASH" letter to campers attached is an arrival notice dated 7 June 1970, Directions to Awa-Niko (4), Map of Awa-Niko campsite and copies (21), Newspaper clipping, Terms of enrollment for 4 weeks session of camp, Application for enrollment form, "How to Use Your Soil Test

	Report” brochure by the NC Department of Agriculture.
Box 2	
Subject	Contents
Folder 1: Wrenn/White Riceville History and Loom	Photo of loom, several copies of photos of family and loom, Jones land sales records 1891-1994, Transcript from Roy “Ronnie” King on September 17 2003, Transcript from Frank Roberson on October 15 ‘03, hand drawn map of Riceville Road, typed letter to Moris Hughey from Frank Roberson regarding the family graveyard dated 9/24/03, Transcript from Raphael Rice 7/2/03, Map/drawing of “Happy Valley”, Family tree of Thomas Jefferson Jones.
Folder 2: Jones Cove Road Book	Book <i>Jones Cove Road Memories and Stories</i> (Self Published, 2004) by Starr Cash, Marion Sigmon, Ruth White, and Nancy Wrenn. Letter to Nancy Wrenn from Joyce Ray Lea March 15 2005. Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society thank you letter. Book Reviews for “Jones Cove Road Memories and Stories”. Letter to Nancy Wrenn from Jones Cove Road local L. Holt Felmet, 1840-1870 census.
Folder 3: St. James Episcopal Church	The Arctic Brotherhood Card: “Honorary Member- Camp skagway No. 1”, Church Agenda Brochure for January 31 1993, copy of front of brochure , copy of front and back of brochure.
Folder 4: Wrenn, Nancy Certificates	Photo of Nancy Wrenn 2001. Southern Pines High School Diploma June 1 1939 Emanuel Church: Certificate of Confirmation February 17 1937. Strategic Air Command: Bachelor of Strategic Air Command (B.S.) The American

Red Cross: Volunteer Special Services June 1944. August 11 1977. Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College: Study of Small Engine Repair- 33 hours March 26 1984, Study of Advanced Small Engine Repair - 33 hours June 25 1984, Study of Pilots Instruments - 36 hours April 26 1984. Department of Community Colleges: Study in Hot Air Ballooning- 15 hours, Study in Reading Improvement November 12 1964. Close Up North Carolina: Teacher Appreciation May 17 1980. Exploration Cruise Lines: Certificate for Transiting the Panama Canal March 5 1987. 48 hour ground instruction: Instrument Rating. Department of Transportation: Federal Aviation Administration, Certificate of completion December 1 1977. Federal Aviation Administration: "Operation Rain Check" Certificate December 1 1977. FAR 61.65 (b): Certificate January 16 1975, NC Pilots Association: Course "Pilot Update" Completion certificate April 1976. The American Society of Aerospace Education: Membership Recognition 1976. NC Department of Public Instruction: Participation certificate May 20 1978. Proclamation of Ruth White and Nancy Wrenn Day on June 7th 1982. Piedmont Aerospace Institute: Completion of the Aviation/Aerospace Teacher Institute June 27th 1975. National Aerospace Education Association: Member Certification 1976. Alpha Chi Chapter: Certificate of Appreciation December 8 1990. The National Geographic Society: Member Certificate January 1 1965. University of North Carolina: Study of Radiological Monitoring Instructor February 12 1964. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society: Certificate of Initiation by Gamma

	<p>April 3 1954. Western Carolina College: Recognition for Personal Service in Teacher Education November 1963. Buncombe County Schools: Certificate of Merit June 9 1982. State of North Carolina Govener : Order of the Long Leaf Pine September 18 1984. Department of Public Education: High School Teachers Certificate July 1 1948.</p>
<p>Folder 5: White, Ruth Certificates</p>	<p>Photo of Ruth White 1995. Department of Community Colleges: Study in Reading Improvement November 12 1964. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society: Certificate of Initiation by Gamma April 3 1954. Veterans Administration Voluntary Services: Recognition of Service May 11 1971. Alpha Chi Chapter: Certificate of Appreciation December 8 1990. NC Teachers Association: Certificate of Appreciation November 16 1979. Outstanding Secondary Educators of America: Recognition 1973. Proclamation of Ruth White and Nancy Wrenn Day on June 7th 1982. State of North Carolina Govener: Order of the Long Leaf Pine September 18 1984. Buncombe County Schools: Certificate of Merit June 9 1982. Appointed Honorary Lieutenant Governor August 24 1984. Newspaper clipping: Obituary, Died on November 6 2003.</p>
<p>Folder 6: Swannanoa High School</p>	<p>Class of 1952 - "Together Again" 40th reunion May 16 1992 program, Commencement program August 6 1983, 1953 class directory- staff and class members. Notes on Reunion of 1955- student body counts. "The Swan" school newsletter, 1949-50 Yearbook Page with superlatives, Class of 1952 45th year reunion booklet. "Your Special Year" page - News, Music, Events, Movies, Prices, and Sports of 1952.</p>

<p>Folder 7: Owen High School</p>	<p>“Owen class of 1961” button with a ribbon with Nancy's name. “Owen class of 1961” button with a ribbon with Ruth’s name. “C.D. Owen High Warhorse Basketball ’81-’82” button. 1958 50th reunion booklet- inside a save the date card and a name tag for Nancy Wrenn. Class of 1961 40th reunion booklet - inside a inside a save the date card and a name plate for Ruth White. 1961 classmate information. “Current events in the life of class of 1961” information revised for reunion. Names of all students 1961-1991 and a brief description of them today.</p>
<p>Folder 8: White/Wrenn OHS Retirement</p>	<p>Photo of Ruth receiving gifts. Newspaper clippings: June 3 1982 “Owen Graduates urged to lead a great life”, February 3 1981 Public Records “Nancy Wrenn and Ruth White... land on Jones Cove Road” Photo of “Owen Seniors at commencement in civic center”, May 13 1982 “Owen Graduates” May 20 1982 “retiring teachers honored” (4) . State Employees Credit Union congratulations letter to Nancy Wrenn about retirement benefits. NC General Assembly letter to Nancy Wrenn August 25 1982. NC General Assembly letter to Ruth White August 25 1982. Buncombe County Schools memo to principals requesting all names of retiring teachers March 26 1982. A letter to teachers April 28 1982. Program for the buncombe county NCAE retirement dinner on May 18 1982. Invite to annual dinner for Ruth White and RSVP card. Programs for Owen awards day (2). “Tribute to Miss.Ruth White and Miss Nancy Wrenn by Lisa A. Ohler. Thank you notes from the Beta Club (2). Class of 1982 commencement program. Enveloped letter of appreciation to Nancy Wrenn from the NC General Assembly.</p>

	<p>Enveloped letter of appreciation to Ruth White from the NC General Assembly. Faculty Bulletin Board post (2) June 3 1982 and June 7 1982. Memo for a luncheon June 7 1982. St. James Church programs (2). Card/Program for retirement. Tribute to Ruth White. "Nancy Wrenn" place maker. "Ruth White" place marker. Photo of Ruth receiving cardinal carving from Mr.Lytle. Speech by Lytle for White and Wrenn. Letter to Mr.Lytle and Faculty. Buncombe County Schools Letter of appreciation to Nancy Wrenn June 14 1982. Buncombe County Schools Letter of appreciation to Ruth White June 14 1982. Enveloped letter to Ruth White from Mrs. Janet C. Ellison May 25 1982. Enveloped letter to Nancy Wrenn from Mrs. Janet C. Ellison May 25 1982. Enveloped card to Ruth White from Alpha Kappa Gamma Society May 1982. Enveloped Card to Nancy Wrenn from Alpha Kappa Gamma Society May 1982. Cards to Wrenn from student and faculty (2). Cards to White from students and faculty (2). Cards addressed to both Wrenn and White (2). Cards that are addressed to Wrenn or White (8). Handwritten notes/ memos (3). Letter to White from Susan T. Ledhetter.</p>
<p>Folder 9: Okinawa- General</p>	<p>"Japanese Phrases Book- for the occupational forces" Book "First Aid Division Okinawa" book- photos of landscapes, homes, families, soldiers, mothers and children of Okinawa.</p>
<p>Folder 10: White, Ruth- Okinawa</p>	<p>Photo of Ruth on Awa-Niko Inn Sign. Women's Veteran Historical Project Program paper. Alumnae News: Interview with Ruth White February 1946. Personal health history record. Journal entries/records of time in the American Red Cross written by White (9</p>

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