

**Preliminary Inventory of the Alice Morgan Person
Collection, 1881-1943, 2007, undated**
(Manuscript Collection #1116)



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Descriptive Summary

Title: Alice Morgan Person Collection
Creator: Alice Morgan Person
Repository: J.Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University
Language: English
Extent: 5 cubic feet, 694 items.

Administrative Information

Accessions Information

October 19, 2007, (unprocessed) 6 items, 0.001 cubic feet; Collection (1913, 2007, undated) related to Alice Morgan Person, the noted pioneer North Carolina woman inventor, manufacturer and saleswoman of "Joe Person's Remedy" a patent medicine including an obituary clipping, a funeral clipping and digital reproductions of the items. Donor: Mrs. Graham Barden, Jr.

February 26, 2008, (unprocessed addition 1) 686 items, 4.99 cubic feet; Collection (1881-1943, undated) of bills, receipts, ledgers, correspondence, papers, clippings, & printed materials, etc. related to Alice Morgan Person (Mrs. Joseph Arrington Person) the noted pioneer North Carolina woman inventor, manufacturer and saleswoman of "Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy" a patent medicine; also related to her son Rufus M. Person, who continued to produce the medicine following his mother's death in 1913. Donor: Mr. Michael Boyce

March 7, 2008, (unprocessed addition 2) 1 item, 0.002 cubic feet; *A Collection of Popular Airs As arranged and played only by Mrs. Joe Person at the Southern Expositions: Italian Waltz. Nelly Bly. Dixie. Weird Waltz and Polka. Shoo Fly. De Year of Jubilo. Polka. Dance, the Boatman Dance. Billy in the Low Grounds. Carolina Racket. I Bet my Money. Oh! Carry me back. 'Liza Jane. I'm gwine down Town. Walk Around.* Printed. Sheet Music. (Richmond, VA: Hume, Minor & Co. & Kittrell, NC: Mrs. Joe Person, © 1889.) Donor: Ms. Peggy Brinkley & Susan J. Joyner

June 3, 2008, (unprocessed addition 3) 2 items, 0.012 cubic feet; *A Collection of Popular Airs As arranged and played only by Mrs. Joe Person at the Southern Expositions: Italian Waltz. Nelly Bly. Dixie. Weird Waltz and Polka. Shoo Fly. De Year of Jubilo. Polka. Dance, the Boatman Dance. Billy in the Low Grounds. Carolina Racket. I Bet my Money. Oh! Carry me back. 'Liza Jane. I'm gwine down Town. Walk Around.* Printed. Sheet Music. (Richmond, VA: Hume, Minor & Co. & Kittrell, NC: Mrs. Joe Person, © 1889.) See preliminary inventory attached. Donor: Ms. Alice Ritter

June 9, 2009, (unprocessed addition 4) 2 items, 0.002 cubic feet; Letters (11/15/1878; 3/22/1880) from Mrs. Alice Morgan Person. Holograph letters. See preliminary inventory attached. Donor: Mrs. Graham Barden, Jr.

August 31, 2009, (unprocessed addition 5) 7 items, 0.002 cubic feet; Digital photographs (2004-2008) including Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy shipping crate and bottles, front view; Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy shipping crate and bottles, side view; McGhee-Person house; McGhee-Person house, corner view; Graves of Alice Person's husband and son; Graves of Alice Person and her daughter; & Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy bottles taken by the donor, near the Tar River, Franklinton, Franklin County; & Charlotte, North Carolina; also printed copies of digital images. See inventory attached. Donor: David Hursh

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Gift of Alice Ritter
Gift of David Hursh
Gift of Michael Boyce
Gift of Mrs. Graham Barden, Jr.
Gift of Peggy Brinkley & Susan J. Joyner

Processing Information

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Related Collections

-- [Alice Morgan Person Papers \(#3987\)](#) at the Southern Historical Collection, Manuscripts Department, Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Online Catalog Headings

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog.

Subject Entries

Person, Alice Morgan, 1840-1913
Businesswomen—North Carolina
Women inventors—North Carolina
Patent medicines

Preliminary Inventory

Below is material taken from a preliminary inventory and represents content from the collection that is unprocessed.

Box 1

Folder a1

Portrait of Alice Morgan Person and two of her sons (undated)
Photographic print. Black & White. 1 item. 1 p. Note: captioned "Alice Pearson (?). Rufus Morgan's sister & sons." See also digital reproduction.

Folder a2	Obituary article (6/14/1913) entitled "Mrs. Joe Person Dies in New Mexico of Apoplexy; With Sister Was en Route to Arizona When Overtaken by Death . . . Accomplished Greatest Work Ever Done by Any Women in State -- Heroic, Noble, Brilliant Woman -- Inventor of Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy." 1 item. 2 p.
Folder a3	Funeral article (June 1913) entitled "Mrs. Joe Person Laid to Rest Today; Remains Reached Charlotte Last Night From Santa Fe New Mexico -- Masons of Santa Fe and Others Shown Great Kindness," Charlotte News (June 1913) 1 item. 2 p.
Folder a4	Digital reproductions (2007) of clippings and photographic print. 3 items. 3 p.
Folder b	Abernethy Lumber Company, North Charlotte, NC. Receipts (1940) 5 items. 5 p.
Folder c	Baytor, Blanche, Boynton, VA. Correspondence (1939-1940) 17 items. 17 p.
Folder d	Bowie, Thomas C., West Jefferson, NC. Correspondence (1940) 3 items. 3 p.
Folder e	Charlotte, NC. Collector of Revenue. Letters (1939) 2 items. 2 p.
Folder f	Clippings (1881-1882, 1913, undated) 4 items. 7 p.
Folder g	Commercial Printing Service, Charlotte, NC. Receipts (1940) 3 items. 3 p.
Folder h	Dayton Pump & Manufacturing Co., Dayton, OH. Order & Memos. (1937) 3 items. 3 p.
Folder i	Douglas, Ben E., Charlotte, NC. Credit Report (1939) 1 item. 2 p.
Folder j	Dixie Tag & Envelope Co., Charlotte, NC. Receipts (1941) 2 items. 2 p.
Folder k	Ephemera (undated) 3 items. 3 p.
Folder l	Fox, Burke W., DDS, Charlotte, NC. Notes (1941) 2 items. 3 p.
Folder m	Lee A. Folger, Inc. Buick Sales Service, Charlotte, NC. Receipts, Etc. (1940-1941) 13 items. 14 p.
Folder n	Finch, P. B., General Merchant, Kittrell, NC. Letter (1940) 1 item. 2 p.
Folder o	Broome's Garage, Charlotte, NC. Bills & Receipts (1926-1932) 3 items. 3 p.
Folder p	Gordon, Annie May (Mrs.) Birthday card. (undated) 1 item. 2 p.
Folder q	Glenn, F. H., Shelby, NC. Correspondence (1941) 3 items. 3 p.
Folder r	Handbook of the University of North Carolina (1919-1920) Presented by the Y. M. C. A. Printed. 5 items. 88 p. Note: Fragile. Insect damage. Loose pages.
Folder s	Industrial Loan and Investment Bank, Charlotte, NC. Loans & Receipts (1941-1943) 40 items. 70 p.
Folder t	Johnston Brothers Grain, Flour, Feed . . . , Charlotte, NC. Statements & receipts (1938-1941) 7 items. 7 p.
Folder u	Kistler Hardware Company, Charlotte, NC. Receipt. (1938) 1 item. 1 p.
Folder v	J. Van Lindley Nursery Company, Pomona, NC. Brochure for Apple Trees (undated) 1 item. 3 p.
Folder w	Masons, Charlotte, NC. File (1937-1942) 45 items. 124 p.
Folder x	Mecklenburg County, NC. Collector of Revenue. Bill (1938) 1 item. 1 p.
Folder y	Mecklenburg Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Charlotte, NC. Receipts. (1929-1938) 16 items. 16 p.
Folder z	Mecklenburg Times, Charlotte, NC. Bill (1939) 1 item. 1 p.
Folder za	C. C. Montgomery Tubular Well Drilling, Charlotte, NC. Receipt (1937) 1 item. 1 p.
Folder zb	Morgan, Ralph, Penland, NC. Letter (1940) TLS. 1 item. 1 p. Note: "Dear Cousins"
Folder zc	Old Dominion Box Co., Charlotte, NC. Correspondence, Bills, Receipts

	(1940-1941) 10 items. 10 p.
Folder zd	News & Observer, Charlotte, NC. Letter (1940) 1 item. 1 p.
Folder ze	Part 2. Notes by the Wayside: Flowers Plucked from the Hedges, and Thorns from the Briarbrush (undated) by Mrs. Joe Person. Holograph Mss. 1 item. 20 p. Note: Part 1 not found. [folder has been fully digitized]
Item	Preface to The Chivalry of Man
Item	Notes by the Wayside from The Chivalry of Man
Folder zf	Person, Boots. Birthday card to father (ca. 1940) 1 item. 2 p. Note: R. M. Person's son.
Folder zg	Person, Mary, Raleigh, NC. Letters (1940) 2 items. 4 p.
Folder zh	Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy Company, Charlotte, NC. Bills, Etc. (1914) 26 items. 26 p.
Folder zi	Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy Company, Charlotte, NC. Bills, Etc. (1913) 226 items. 227 p.
Folder zj	Person Remedy Company, Charlotte, NC. Bills, Receipts, Etc. (1903-1941, undated) 14 items. 14 p.
Folder zk	Photographic Prints Person Family (1889, undated) 2 items. 2 p.
Folder zl	Postcards of North Carolina (ca. 1900-1910) Black & White. 2 items. 2 p.
Folder zm	W. E. Price & Son Insurance, Charlotte, NC. Receipts (1939, 1941) 2 items. 2 p.
Folder zn	Pump and Lighting Company, Inc., Charlotte, NC. Bills & Receipts, Etc. (1941) 3 items. 3 p.
Folder zo	Stewart Radiator Co., Auto Glass, Charlotte, NC. Receipts (1940-1941) 3 items. 3 p.
Folder zp	Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC. Correspondence (1941-1942) 29 items. 30 p.
Folder zq	Victor Shaw Company Tire Rebuilders, Charlotte, NC. Receipts (1939-1941) 10 items. 13 p.
Box 2	Loose Items found in alphabetical file
Folder a	Loose items found in alphabetical file (1883-1913) 7 items. 42 p.
Item	[Label for Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy]
Item	[Label for Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy]
Item	[Advertisement for Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy]
Item	Advertisement for Decker Brothers' grand, upright & square pianos
Item	[Letter from Barnes to Mrs. Alice Person]
Item	[Testimonial booklet for Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy]
Item	[Booklet for Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy]
Folder b	Loose items found in alphabetical file (1909-1917, 1939-1941, 1943) 19 items. 40 p.
Folder c	Loose items found in alphabetical file (1900-1913, undated) 46 items. 54 p. Note: includes ribbons, Confederate \$2 bill, photographic print, dried leave, clippings, etc.
Item	[Giveaway for best advertisement of Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy]
Item	[Alice Person/Banny bookmark]
Item	[Article about Mrs. Alice Person]
Item	List of Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy sales
Item	Letter from E.F. Kelly to Alice Person
Item	Letter from M. Sue John to Alice Person
Item	Letter from Fernshale Griffithe to Alice Person
Item	Letter from John Powell to Alice Person
Item	Letter from Alice Person to Rufus Person
Folder d	Loose items found in alphabetical file (1897-1912, undated) 55 items. 55 p. Note: includes fabric samples, photographic prints, dried leaves, etc.

- Folder e** Loose items found in alphabetical file (1907-1913, undated) 42 items. 44 p. Note: includes fabric samples, photographic prints, leaves, etc.
- Box 3**
- Folder a** Payable / Receivable Accounts Book (1914-1916) Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 106 p.
- Folder b** Joe A. Person School Notebook Mrs. T. J. Wilson's [Class ?] (Sept. 1925) Bound Mss vol. 1 vol. 75 p.
- Folder c** Account Book, Person Remedy Company (1919-1942) Loose leaf Mss Vol. 1 vol. Ca. 750 p.
- Folder d** Account Book, Person Remedy Company (1916-1920) Loose leaf Mss Vol. 1 vol. Ca. 1000 p.
- Folder e** Ledger, Person Remedy Company (1904-1910) Bound Mss vol. 1 vol. 160 p.
- Box 4**
- Folder a** Person Remedy Company Ledgers
Cash Journal, Person Remedy Company (1899-1900) Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 53 p. Note: Single-Entry ledger. Torn. Insect damage. Pages missing. Needs conservation.
- Folder b** Day Book [Person Remedy Company] (1897-1899) Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 150 p.
- Folder c** Expense Ledger, R. M Person (1916-1917) Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 44 p.
- Folder d** Merchants & Farmers National Bank, Charlotte, NC. Ledger, R. M. Person's Account (1916-1917) Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 94 p.
- Folder e** Merchants & Farmers National Bank, Charlotte, NC. Ledger, R. M. Person's Account (1917-1922) Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 75 p.
- Folder f** Reports of Salesmen, Person Remedy Company (1914) Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 143 p. Note: Only 6 pages used.
- Folder g** Games Daybook (undated) Games in front; Solitaires in centre; conundrums at back. Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 32 p.
- Folder h** Cabbage Plants Daybook (1926-1940) Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 200 p. Note: Cover torn off.
- Folder i** Mrs. Joe Person Journal (1907-1910): Orders Sent; Whereabouts; Cash Paid Out; Report Rendered by Anna; Report of Shipments; Rufus' Salary; Letters of Enquiry. Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 100 p.
- Folder j** Mrs. Joe Person Journal (1909-1912): Orders Sent; Whereabouts; Letters of Enquiry. Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 100 p.
- Folder k** Mrs. Joe Person Journal (1911-1914): Orders Sent; Whereabouts; Letters of Enquiry. Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 100 p.
- Folder l** Mrs. Joe Person Journal (1901-1904): Orders Sent; Whereabouts; Letters of Enquiry; Cash Paid Out; Cash On Hand; Shipments from Laboratory; Sales Misc. Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 100 p.
- Folder m** Mrs. Joe Person Journal (1902-1906): Orders Sent; Whereabouts; Letters of Enquiry; Cash Paid Out; Cash On Hand; Misc. Sold. Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 100 p.
- Box 5**
- Folder a** Person Remedy Company Ledgers
Mrs. Joe Person Journal (1906-1908): Orders Sent; Whereabouts; Letters of Enquiry; Cash Paid Out; Cash On Hand; Misc. Sold. Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 100 p.
- Folder b** Mrs. Joe Person Journal (1910): Reports Rendered by Anna; Reports Rendered by Mrs. J.P.; Cash Paid Out; Cash On Hand & Received; Expense Account for Remedy Co. Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 50 p.
- Folder c** Mrs. Joe Person Journal (1901-1902): Cash Paid Out; Names Given by Dr. Bellamy; Orders Sent In; Cash On Hand & Received; Rufus' Reports;

- Notes of Whereabouts; Letters of Enquiry. Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 100 p. Note: Badly torn. Needs conservation.
- Folder d** Mrs. Joe Person Journal (1891-1907) Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 50 p.
- Folder e** Mrs. Joe Person Single Entry Ledger (1899-1900, 1912) Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 50 p. Note: Very badly torn. Pages not in order; Pages Missing.
- Folder f** Merchants & Farmers National Bank, Charlotte, NC Account Book (1910-1914) Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 75 p.
- Folder g** R. M. Persons Account Book (1912-1915) Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 138 p.
- Folder h** R. M. Persons Account Book (1893-1896) Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 64 p.
- Folder i** Mrs. Joe Person's Account Book (1907-1909) Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 100 p.
- Box 6** Oversized Ledgers
- Folder a** Cash Journal, Person Remedy Company (1/1 - 2/23/1917) Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 78 p.
- Folder b** Advertising Ledger, Person Remedy Company (1916-1917) Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 100 p.
- Folder c** Daybook, Person Remedy Company (1916-1925) Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 250 p.
- Box 7** Oversized Ledgers
- Folder a** Cash Book Journal, Person Remedy Company (April - December 1916) Bound Mss Ledger. 1 vol. 150 p.
- Folder b** A collection of popular airs as arranged and played only by Mrs. Joe Person at the Southern Expositions
- Folder c** *A Transcription of the Beautiful Song The Blue Alsatian Mountains! Also "Down-Town Girls" and "Boatman Dance," As Arranged and Played by Mrs. Joe Person, Kittrell, N. C. (Published by Mrs. Joe Person, © 1889) Sheet Music. Printed. 1 item. 4 p. 1889*
- Folder d** *A Collection of Popular Airs As arranged and played only by Mrs. Joe Person at the Southern Expositions: Italian Waltz. Nelly Bly. Dixie. Wierd Waltz and Polka. Shoo Fly. De Year of Jubilo. Polka. Dance, the Boatman Dance. Billy in the Low Grounds. Carolina Racket. I Bet my Money. Oh! Carry me back. 'Liza Jane. I'm gwine down Town. Walk Around. Sheet Music. Printed. (Richmond, VA: Hume, Minor & Co. & Kittrell, NC: Mrs. Joe Person, © 1889). 1 item. 8 p. 1889*
- Box 8**
- Folder a** Letters (11/15/1878; 3/22/1880) from Mrs. Alice Morgan Person to #Boo# wishing him to come before Christmas, discussing a situation in which she feels she has been treated badly; advising Boo to let no one else see the letter and to tear it up as soon as he is done reading it; verso is a typed form letter describing a remedy to get rid of small cancerous sores; second letter is to Mary ask her how Boo is doing; telling Mary that she doesn't write to anyone unless it concerns medicine; & that she is very anxious to make everything and that money is scarce, Etc. Recd. 5/7/2009. Notes: Both items are damaged by insects and in need of conservation.
- Folder b** Digital Photography, 2004-2008 (printouts for 7 photos total)
- Item 1** [Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy shipping crate and bottles](#)
- Item 2** [Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy shipping crate and bottles](#)
- Item 3** [McGee-Person house](#)
- Item 4** [McGee-Person house](#)
- Item 5** [Graves of Alice Person's husband and son](#)

Item 6
Item 7

Graves of Alice Person and her daughter
Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy bottles