

JOHN PRICE CARR PAPERS, 1881-2008

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ABSTRACT

John Price Carr was born in November 1854 in the Hopewell community. Carr's father died while he was still young, and he left school to help support his family. Carr quickly rose to become a leader in the First Ward community, owned a thriving moving company, and helped rescue Presbyterian Hospital following a devastating fire. Carr died from pneumonia in April 1927. His home, built in 1904 and known as the J.P. Carr house, can be seen at 200-206 North McDowell Street in Charlotte.

This collection contains deeds and indentures, newspaper articles, genealogical information, receipts, and a land survey.

ACCESS

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ACQUISITION

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HISTORICAL NOTE

John Price Carr was born to Thomas Milton and Rebecca Price Carr on November 25, 1854. Thomas Carr was a Methodist minister, and John was born in the Hopewell section of Mecklenburg County. John's father died while he was young, and he had to leave school to help support his family. John Carr married Anna Elizabeth Little on February 14, 1878. Anna was the daughter of William Price and Hannah Sifford Little.

Her father had served as a Confederate soldier, and was a farmer and former Mecklenburg County Sheriff. After their marriage, John Carr pursued several business opportunities. For a time, he raised and sold cattle alongside his brother, held an interest in a cotton gin, H.M. Bassamon & Co., and after selling this interest in 1891, he began buying land near North McDowell and East 5th Street. By 1895, Carr owned and operated a moving company, in which business he continued throughout his life.

John Price Carr's moving business thrived, and he, Anna, and their five children, (Daisy Rebecca, Jonnie Little, Fannie Alice, Annie Price Wurzburg, and Laurie Milton), moved into a newly built house at 200 N. McDowell Street in 1904. Carr became known as the local expert on moving heavy equipment, and was part of the transportation of materials to Charlotte's World War I Camp Greene. Carr was also attentive to the needs of his community, and served as the representative of First Ward on the Charlotte Board of Aldermen, was a member of the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party in Mecklenburg County, a trustee of the Carnegie Public Library, and was an active member of the Second Presbyterian Church. He and four other local businessmen rescued Presbyterian Hospital from destruction by undersigning a \$40,000 loan to purchase the vacant Elizabeth College for the hospital grounds.

John Price Carr died from pneumonia on April 7, 1927, and he was buried in Elmwood Cemetery. His widow, Anna, continued living at their home with her daughters until 1951, when they sold the home. She then moved with her youngest daughter and son-in-law to Hermitage Road, where she lived until her death in 1956. Anna was also buried in Elmwood Cemetery.

REFERENCES

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RELATED MATERIALS

Carr Family. (CALL NUMBER: NCR VERTICAL FILES)

Churches—Presbyterian—Covenant Presbyterian. (CALL NUMBER: NCR VERTICAL FILES)

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Historic Buildings—Carr House. (CALL NUMBER: NCR VERTICAL FILES)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The John Price Carr Papers contains materials relating to Carr and his family from 1881-2008. Some items included are Deeds and Indentures from 1896-1936, a Daughters of the American Revolution application from 1940, a physical survey of a lot on North McDowell Street, "*The Charlotte Section Excerpt*" concerning the Family of John Price Carr, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, 2008, along with genealogical information for the Price family, receipts, and newspaper articles.

Applications, 1940, consists of Jonnie Little Carr's 1940 application to become a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Includes a family genealogy chart.

Blueprints, 1934 and n.d., comprises a 1934 survey of the Carr property and a later map of the interior of the John Price Carr house after renovation.

Churches, 1927, includes bulletins from April 1927 from Second and West Avenue Presbyterian Churches.

Clippings, contains newspaper articles on the Carr family, such as the 89th birthday of Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Little Carr, the Carr family home, and obituaries for John and Anna Carr and two of their children.

Financials, 1901-1945, includes ration checks and receipts, including tax receipts.

Genealogies, contains a genealogy of the Price family.

Legal Documents, 1881-1936, consists of copies of a death certificate and marriage license, as well as deeds and indentures for the Carr family.

Writings, 2008, includes an excerpt on the John Price Carr family, taken from **Folk Tales, A Family Chronicle and Remembrance**, by John Hershey.

Photographs, consists of copies of Carr family photographs.

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