

HARRIS SCRAPBOOKS COLLECTION, 1966-1982

[14 scrapbooks]

ABSTRACT

William Thomas Harris was born on June 15, 1909, in Cordele, Georgia. He was the second of nine children born to Jarvis Barney Harris (1883-1955) and Mary Estelle Owens Harris (1889-1979). William Harris later married Connie Laverne Childers, with whom he had a son and two daughters.

W.T. Harris, as he came to be known, began his grocery store in Charlotte, North Carolina, in 1949. In 1960, he merged his company with Teeters Food Mart, based in Mooresville, North Carolina, and formed Harris Teeter Supermarkets, Inc. The first store opened in Kannapolis, North Carolina. Harris Teeter Supermarkets continued to be successful, and in January 2014, was acquired by The Kroger Company, although Harris Teeter retained its name, brand, and headquarters in Matthews, North Carolina.

W.T. Harris died in Greensboro, North Carolina, on November 14, 1989, following a collapse while giving a speech. He was living in Charlotte, and was buried in Sharon Memorial Park.

ACCESS

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ACQUISITION

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RELATED MATERIALS

Grocery Stores—Harris-Teeter. (CALL NUMBER: NCR VERTICAL FILES)

Harris, W.T., (William Thomas), 1909-1989. (CALL NUMBER: NCR VERTICAL FILES)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of 14 scrapbooks of memorabilia kept by W.T. Harris and his family. The bulk of the materials are from the 1970s, with a few scrapbooks from the 1960s and 1980s.

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY

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