

Cornelia Berry Fore Papers  
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Cornelia Berry Fore was born in Wilmington, North Carolina in June of 1864. Her father, Benjamin Berry was a blockade-runner and constructed ships for the Confederacy, including the famous "Ironclad." Educated at Salem Academy in Winston-Salem, she married James Albert Fore in 1883. The couple moved to Charlotte, North Carolina in 1899.

Upon moving to Charlotte, Fore became very active in Charlotte's civic and social life. The city's history was her passion and she wrote numerous articles on the subject and became an advocate for establishing historical markers. For eleven years, Fore was the historian of the Stonewall Jackson Chapter of the UDC. She was elected to this same position with the State UDC in 1916 and served for two years. Fore was also active in the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Charlotte Women's Club.

Cornelia Fore was instrumental in organizing the Mecklenburg Sesquicentennial in 1925. Author of numerous essays on Charlotte's roll during the Civil War, and two pamphlets, *North Carolina's Firsts and Lasts* and a history of the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte. In addition to her many civic and literary interests, she and her husband had four children, two boys and two girls. Fore died in 1946 at the age of 82.

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Jane Renwick Smedburg Wilkes to Mrs. Walker. 30 March 1901, Charlotte, North Carolina. Account of Jefferson Davis in Charlotte at the close of the war in April 1865.

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L.B. Walker to Jane Wilkes, 27 May 1901, Spray, North Carolina. Apology for article appearing in a New York newspaper with misinformation regarding Jefferson Davis in Charlotte.

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Daniel A. Tompkins to Cornelia Fore, 29 April 1913, Charlotte, North Carolina. Debate of location of the last minute of the Confederacy.

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Junius Davis to Fore, 1 October 1913, Wilmington, North Carolina. Account of Jefferson's Davis time in Charlotte, by the son of George Davis, the Attorney General of the Confederacy.

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James Sprunt to Fore, 2 September 1917. Asheville, North Carolina. Regarding Jefferson Davis.

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George Stephens to Fore, 7 September 1922, Asheville, North Carolina. Stephens, editor of the Asheville Citizen, requesting an article from Fore.

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unknown to Fore, 13 June 1923, Baltimore, Maryland. The American Creed office responding to Fore's request for a booklet by this organization.

Box 1, Series 1, C8

H. M. London to Fore, 21 May 1930, Raleigh, North Carolina. Letter accompanying \$1,500 from the General Assembly towards the construction of a monument at Kings Mountain.

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Dr. Chalmers Davidson to Fore, 21 October 1939. Letter encouraging Fore to do more work on a variety of subjects.

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J. Frank Wilkes to Fore, 24 January 1944. Charlotte, North Carolina. Thank you letter for clippings and provided information regarding Admiral John Wilkes' discoveries in the South Pacific.

## **Series 1: Correspondence: Box 1**

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Cornelia Fore to ? April & May 1919.

Letter from the daughter of Cornelia and James Fore, describing her trip to France in 1919.

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Cameron Morrison, US Senate to Fore, 9 April 1931. Charlotte, North Carolina  
Thank you note.

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A.J. Ellis to Fore, 27 Sept 1917. Raleigh, North Carolina  
List of reminiscences forwarded.

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Mrs. Edwin C. Gregory to Fore. 11 January 1930. Salisbury, North Carolina  
Appointment to Robert E. Lee Memorial Foundation.

Box 1, Series 2, C15

L.B. Walker to Fore, 27 May 1901. Spray, North Carolina  
Concern over publication of article.

Box 1, Series 2, C16

Mrs. W.H. Craddock to Fore, 24 August 1918. Lenoir, North Carolina  
Informing on the forwarding of papers from the G.B. Vance Chapter.

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Lila Ripley Barnwell to Fore, 23 March 1917. Hendersonville, North Carolina  
Information on journal of Judge Schenck.

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Jessica Smith to Fore, 3 September 1917. Faison, North Carolina  
Information on papers sent.

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Jennie Smith to Fore, 20 September 1918.  
Information on papers sent.

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Isabel Fairley Harrell to Fore, 7 September 1917. Tarboro, North Carolina.  
Information on historical papers sent.

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Mrs. A. J. Ellis to Fore, (no date)  
Use of sketch sent.

## **Series 2: Other Correspondence: Box 1**

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Thank you note.

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US Treasury Dept to Stonewall Jackson Chapter, 16 April 1935  
Permission to place a bronze tablet commemorating the US Mint in the Post Office, Charlotte, NC,

Box 1, Series 3 C24  
Walter Clark to Fore, 29 May 1930. Charlotte, North Carolina.  
Thank you for radio address on Kings Mountain battle.

## **Series 2: Histories: Box 1**

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History behind the lyrics of The Old North State, state song of North Carolina.

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"The American Flag: Origin, History and Meaning of Stars and Stripes," essay by Fore.

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"The American Flag," handwritten version by Fore.

Box 1, Series 2, H4  
The Nationality and Character of the People Who Settled North Carolina, handwritten essay by Fore.

Box 1, Series 2, H5  
Play entitled "Charlotte Receives Her First Charter," Typed version by Fore.

Box 1, Series 3, H6  
"North Carolina, One of the 13 Original Colonies, Except Virginia, the most historic Southern State." Handwritten by Fore.

Box 1, Series 3, H7  
Jefferson Davis' speech to the citizens of Charlotte, on April 8, 1865.  
Handwritten.

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"North Carolina at Valley Forge." Typewritten by Fore.

### **Series 3: Histories: Box 1**

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“The Battle of King’s Mountain.” Typewritten by Fore.

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“The Battle of Moore’s Creek.” Handwritten by Fore.

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“North Carolina at Gettysburg.” Handwritten by Fore.

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“What Fort Fisher Meant to the Confederacy.” Typewritten by Fore.

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“The Battle of Fort Fisher and its Consequences of the Confederacy.” Typewritten by Fore.

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“North Carolina as the Scene of Warfare in the Confederacy.” Typewritten by Fore.

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“Grasshopper Springs in 1865.” Typewritten by Fore.

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“The Importance of Charlotte to the Confederacy and Her Claim to Have Had the Last Full Cabinet Meeting.” Typewritten by Fore.

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The Battle of the Hornet’s Nest and the Occupation of Charlotte by Cornwallis.” Typewritten by Fore.

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“Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.” Handwritten by Fore.

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“Preparation for the Battle of Charlotte.” Typewritten by Fore.

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“The Occupation of Charlotte by the British and American Armies, 1780-1781.” Typewritten by Fore.

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Newspaper article by Fore, “Occupation of Charlotte by Cornwallis and Battle of Hornet’s Nest Described.”

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Published copy of the "Last Meeting of Confederate Cabinet Held in Charlotte,"  
*The State Journal*, 2 March 1917, p. 11, by Fore.

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"New Bern The Historic City." Handwritten by Fore.

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Fore's notes on Kings Mountain.

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"The Battle of Hares' Hill or The Assault of Fort Steadman. Typewritten by P. R. Young.

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Notes on Charlotte cemetery in 1815. By Fore.

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"The Black Boys of Cabarrus." Typewritten by Fore.

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"Davis' Last Words to a Public Audience was in Charlotte, North Carolina."  
Published in *Land We Love*.

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"President Davis & Cabinet in Charlotte." Handwritten notes by Fore

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A few facts concerning the part Caldwell County took in the War Between the States

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North Carolina Soldiery Army Southern Confederacy, by John Blount

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Flusser and the Bacon: An Episode of the Civil War

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Letter from Joseph H. Saunders to his Mother, March 24, 1862

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North Carolina at Chickamauga, by Maj. G.W. Harper.

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The Capture of Lord Hamby, by S. Finley Harper.

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Our Last Battle and the Davie St. Fight in Raleigh, NC During the Reconstruction Days, Reminiscences, by R.H. Whitaker, DD.

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A Political Campaign of Fifty Three Years Ago, by R.H. Whitaker, DD.

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Old Times Before the War Down in N. Carolina, Reminiscences, by R.H. Whitaker, DD.

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Summary of Anson County Chapter No 357 Eighteen years.

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Hampton's Cattle Raid Sept. 1864.

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Bushwhackers Lenoir. Caldwell County, NC.

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The Nottaway Raid by William A. Jones.

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Reminiscences of CO. A. 14<sup>th</sup> NC Troops, Sketch No. 7

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Reminiscences of the War Between the States 1861 – 1865, by V.L. Pendleton.



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Cumberland County Hospital Association, 1861

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Five Points in the Record of North Carolina in the Great War, 1861 - 1865

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Wilmington Relief Association

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Program UDC Fifth Annual Session North Carolina Division, October 9 and 10, 1901

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North Carolina's Part in the War Between the States, by Ben Beach May, 1917

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Heroes of Two Flags, by Andrew J. Howell

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History of the Ball, By John D. McGeachy, October 19, 1898.

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Oration Delivered before the Light Infantry of their 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Edward Cantrell. May 20, 1877.

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"The Life of Horace L. King." Typewritten by Fore.

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"President Andrew Johnston." Typewritten by Fore.

Box 1, Series 4, B3  
"General Nathaniel Greene." Type written by Fore.

Box 1, Series 4, B4  
"Biography of Waighstill Avery." Typewritten by Fore.

Box 1, Series 4, B5  
"Frank Washington Barnes Biography." Handwritten by Fore.

Box 1, Series 4, B6  
"Biography of Andrew Jackson." Typewritten by Fore.

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"Biography of William R. Davie." Typewritten by Fore.

### **Series 5: Associations: Box 1**

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1901 United Daughters of the Confederacy, NC Division, Brochure.

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History of the Stonewall Jackson Chapter of the UDC. By Fore

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Texas Division of the UDC, 1919 Yearbook.

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Program 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the UDC in Chattanooga, TN, 1917

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Ribbon from the Stonewall Chapter of the UDC, 1898.

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Official Program of the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion of United Confederate Veterans in Charlotte, North Carolina, June 1929. (Fore's personal copy.)

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Memoir of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson by the Mecklenburg Chapter of the DAR.

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Newspaper clippings containing articles by Fore.

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Handwritten copy of Sergeant Mallory's Diary in *McClure's Magazine*, December 1900.

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Invitation to Fore from the Mayor of Philadelphia to attend the official opening of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition by the President of the United States on July 5, 1919.

