

# Inventory of the Mary Norton Kratt, 1886 - 2000

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	University of North Carolina at Charlotte Special Collections
<b>Creator:</b>	Mary Norton Kratt
<b>Title:</b>	Mary Norton Kratt, 1886 - 2000
<b>Language of Material:</b>	Material in English
<b>Extent:</b>	2 (linear feet) 2 (archival boxes)
<b>Location:</b>	For current information on the location of these materials, please consult University of North Carolina at Charlotte.
<b>Abstract:</b>	Collection 113 consists of manuscripts and other material relating to Mary Norton Kratt's writing: including some of her books and articles, and a great deal of her poetry (published and unpublished). The collection also includes taped interviews that she used in researching her writing, and photographs that she used in the development of <i>Legacy: The Myers Park Story</i> , and <i>Charlotte: Spirit of the New South</i> .

## Administrative Information

### Access Restrictions

Unrestricted

### Copyright Notice

Not held by UNC Charlotte Library.

### Preferred Citation

Mary Norton Kratt Papers, Atkins Library, Special Collections, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA.

### Acquisitions Information

Gifts of Mary Norton Kratt, 1985-2001.

### Processing Information

Processed by Robert A. McInnes, June 2006

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## Biographical Note

Mary Norton Kratt is an author of varied talents and whose chief interests centered on traditional Southern culture, which is evidenced in nearly all of her writing--documentary, essays, and poetry. According to a promotional flier for one of her poetry books (*On the Steep Side*) she grew up in West Virginia, and was born there around 1937. She attended Charlotte Central High School, and worked on the school newspaper there. Later, she married Emil Kratt, and lawyer, and had three children: Bill, Laura and Mary Hunter.

Kratt matriculated through Agnes Scott College and the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, receiving degrees in English literature from both schools. She later won the Blumenthal Writers and Readers Series twice, and the Fortner Writer-in-Community Award from St. Andrews College in 1994. She has also won the Brockman/Campbell Poetry Book Award. She has at least sixteen published books to her credit--on poetry, history and biography, all of which is centered around Southern life and culture.

## Collection Overview

Mary Norton Kratt's papers concern her career as a writer, newspaper journalist, biographer and poet. She wrote on a range of topics, but for the most-part, her interest was in Southern culture in the twentieth century. This collection contains large and significant subseries on Carlyle Marney, the famed Baptist preacher; and another on the culture that surrounded the textile mill working class.

Kratt did a great deal of research before writing her books. Her research on Rev. Carlyle Marney involved interview of many people who knew him. Kratt taped these interviews, and the tape cassettes are a part of this collection. However, these tapes have been transferred to the Oral History Section.

Photographs from two of Kratt's books, *Charlotte: Spirit of the South* and *Legacy: the Myers Park Story*, are also included in this collection. The last series of

the Kratt collection itemizes the photos and also indicates which book it came from as well as the page number.

## Collection Arrangement

As this collection has arrived at this repository in bits and pieces, the latest accession has required complete reworking. The collection is now arranged in seven series: the first containing articles about M.N. Kratt; series 2 contains her written work (subdivided into subseries on articles, books and poetry); series 3 contains her collected information on other authors; series 4 contains subject files concerning her research, followed by a series of audio tape recordings, and lastly a series of photographs.

## Online Catalog Headings

American wit and humor-Southern states.  
 American wit and humor, Pictorial-Southern states.  
 Baptists-Clergy-Biography  
 Charlotte (N.C.)-History.  
 Clergy-United States-Biography  
 Dabbs, Ethel Thomas  
 Dwellings-North Carolina-Charlotte.  
 Hanchett, Thomas W.  
 Kraemer, Charles  
 Kratt, Mary Norton  
 Marney, Carlyle, 1916-1978  
 Mecklenburg County (N.C.)-History.  
 Myers Park (Charlotte, N.C.)-History.  
 Myers Park (Charlotte, N.C.)-Photographs  
 Poetry, Modern-20th century.  
 Real estate development-North Carolina-Charlotte.  
 Southern States-Caricatures and cartoons.  
 Southern States-Social life and customs-1865-  
 Southern States-Social life and customs-Anecdotes, facetiae, satire, etc.  
 Textile workers-North Carolina-Gastonia.  
 Textile industry-North Carolina-Gastonia.

## Container List

### Box:Folder Contents

1:1	Series I Articles about MNK
	<b>Series II MNK's writing</b>
1:2	<b>Articles-in manuscript form</b>
	"Dr. Frank H. Caldwell: a man with union on his mind"
	"Summers on the Chesapeake"
	"Passionate publishing: a small press story"
	"Going out of style: in praise of clotheslines"
	"On Traveling with Forethought"
	"Moving into the Marketplace"
	"Special to the Christian Science Monitor"
	"A Wistful Loss of Beauty"
	"Finding the River"
	"What's Amusing and Confusing about the Queen City"
	"The Ferry Queen"
	"A Bird in the House"
1:3	Articles-Charlotte Observer, 1976-1981
1:4	<b>Articles-published in magazines, 1976-1996 (arranged chronologically)</b>
	The Christian Home, "Can you survive the Crowded Years?"
	Vista, "Running Crooked and Straight"
	The Christian Century, "The Church: Always Resistant to Change"
	Tar Heel, "On Blackberries"

**Box:Folder Contents**

Presbyterian Survey, "Variations of a Theme"  
 Outer Banks Magazine, "Of Swiss Bears and Grand Palaces"  
 North Carolina Literary Review, "Aunt Becky's Way"

**Books**

1:5 A Bird in the House  
 Legacy: the Myers Park Story  
 1:6 A Little Charlotte Scrapbook  
**Marney**  
 1:7 Notes  
 1:8 Marney's writing  
 1:9 Death  
 1:10 Marney, by John J. Carey  
 1:11 Correspondence  
 1:12 Interview transcripts  
 1:13 Manuscript  
 1:14 Book  
 1:15 My Dear Miss Eva  
 1:16 On the Steep Side  
 1:17 The Only Thing I Fear is a Cow and A Drunken Man  
 1:18 Remembering Charlotte  
 1:19 Small Potatoes  
 1:20 Southern Is...

**Poetry (arranged by publication title. See appendix in the back of this inventory).**

1:21 Arts Journal  
 1:22 Ashville Poetry Review  
 1:23 Blue Pitcher  
 1:24 Briarpatch  
 1:25 Brief Encounters  
 1:26 Calliope  
 1:27 Cardinal  
 1:28 Carolina Literary Companion  
 1:29 Charlotte Observer  
 1:30 Chattahoochee Review  
 1:31 Christian Century  
 1:32 Christian Century  
 1:33 Christian Home  
 1:34 Coastal Plains Poetry  
 1:35 Cold Mountain Review  
 1:36 Connecticut Writer  
 1:37 Cotton Boll  
 1:38 Crescent Review  
 1:39 Crucible  
 1:40 Davidson Miscellany  
 1:41 DeKalb Literary Arts Journal

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1:42	Doors of the Morning
1:43	Earth's Daughters
1:44	EMRYS Journal
1:45	Four Quarters
1:46	Georgia
1:47	Greensboro Review
1:48	Icarus
1:49	Independence Boulevard
1:50	International Poetry Review
1:51	Iris
1:52	Journey of a Spirit
1:53	Kansas Quarterly
1:54	Lactuca
1:55	Literary Journal of the Sandhills Community College
1:56	Louis Review
1:57	Lyricist
1:58	MacGuffin
1:59	Main Street Rag
1:60	My Livingstone
2:61	Negative Capability
1:62	New North Carolina Poetry
1:63	New Renaissance
1:64	Nimrod
1:65	North Carolina Folklore Journal
1:66	North Carolina's 400 Years
1:67	North Carolina Poetry Society
1:68	Pembroke Magazine
1:69	Poem
1:70	Poet Lore
1:71	Poets Pick of Charlotte
1:72	Portfolio
1:73	Potato Eyes
1:74	Potomac Review
1:75	Primer
1:76	Raccoon
1:77	Rhino
1:78	Saint Andrews Review
1:79	Shenandoah
2:1	South Carolina Review
2:2	Six Poets Reading
2:3	South Florida Poetry Review
2:4	Southern Humanities Review
2:5	Southern Poetry Review
2:6	Spoon River Quarterly

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2:7 Stone Country  
 2:8 Sun Dog  
 2:9 Suntrust  
 2:10 Synaesthesia  
 2:11 Tar River Poetry  
 2:12 Unidentified publications  
 2:13 Uwharrie Review  
 2:14 Waterways  
 2:15 Wayah Review  
 2:16 Wellspring  
 2:17 Wind

**Series III Authors**

2:18 Bowers, Cathy Smith  
 2:19 Caldwell, Erskine  
 2:20 Davis, Burke  
 2:21 Heckler, Jonellen  
 2:22 Hemley, Robin  
 2:23 Johnson, Mrs. Curtis B.  
 2:24 Naumoff, Lawrence  
 2:25 Series IV Correspondence, 1977-2000

**Series V Subject File**

2:26 Charlotte Post, Inc., 1949  
 2:27 Homosexuality and the Church

**Mill Culture**

2:28 Clark Publishing Company  
 2:29 Clark, David, 1877-1955  
 2:30 Dabbs, Ethel Thomas  
 2:31 Textile Blue Book  
 2:32 Gastonia, NC  
 2:33 Industrial fiction  
 2:34 Industrial fiction: survey results  
 2:35 Industrialization of North Carolina  
 2:36 Labor history-women  
 2:37 Machine song  
 2:38 North Carolina Collection  
 2:39 Southern Textile Bulletin  
 2:40 Todd Interviews  
 2:41 Vorse, Mary Heaton  
 2:42 Tryon Street Mall (see also oversize storage OF3:3)  
 2:43 Tryon Street Mall-Wolf Associates

**Series VI Sound Recordings (transferred to Oral History Section)**

Bobbitt, William--interview  
 Draper, E. S. Draper--interview  
 Hanchett, Thomas--interview

**Box:Folder Contents**

Henley, R.--interview  
 Johnson, Mrs. Curtis B.--interview  
 Marney, L. Carlyle--memorial service  
 Pease--interview  
 Schenck, Sara Moody--interview  
 Thies, Frank--interview

**Series VII Photographs**

Most of the photographs in the Kratt collection were used to illustrate two books: *Charlotte: Spirit of the New South*, and *Legacy: the Myers Park Story*. Most of the descriptions used for the photos in this inventory are the same as those that appear in these two books. In addition, the descriptions below include the book title and page number where those published photos appear.

P12:1 Frank H. Caldwell (n.d.)  
 Laura Kirkpatrick  
 Thomas W. Hanchett and Mary Norton Kratt (1987)  
 1892 map of Charlotte (n.d.) [p.9]  
 Thies residence at 544 Providence Road, Charlotte (n.d.) [p.13]  
 Frank Thies Sr., standing in the garden house (1983) [p.14]  
 1905 map showing Dilworth, Elizabeth College, and Piedmont areas in Charlotte (n.d.) [p.39]  
 1911 map showing Hohn Nolen's proposed Myers Park, Charlotte, NC (n.d.) [p.39]  
 Myers Park community Store, Charlotte (n.d.) [p.59]  
 Ben and Hannah Blair Wither (1984) [p.61]  
 Sketch plan for rearrangement of rear property of Norman A. Cocke, 816 Harvard Place; architect, John Nolen (1916) [p.80]  
 1983 guide map for historical walking tour of Myers Park illustrating areas planned by Nolen and Earle Draper (n.d.) [p.86]  
 Advertisement/description of Myer's Park, including its surroundings and what it has to offer to residents (n.d.) [p.92]  
 1921 sales brochure showing a map of "Myers Park and the Horseshoe," a few roads, and the area within this vicinity (n.d.) [p.94-95]  
 1921 sales map of Myers Park showing the proposed general plan  
 First clubhouse of Myers Park Country Club (previously the Horner Military School administration building (n.d.) [p.101]  
 1935 map showing Myers Park Golf Course (n.d.) [p.103]  
 1830 Queen's Road, Charlotte (n.d.) [p.139]  
 Charlotte's first shopping center complex, East Morehead at Romany and Kings Drive (n.d.) [p.142]  
 Earle Sumner Draper (1983) [p.144]  
 C.G. McManaway house, 1700 Queens Road, charlotte (n.d.) [p. 161]  
 Ben Withers house, 712 East Avenue moved to 1937 Selwyn Road in 1920s, Charlotte (n.d.) [p. 162]  
 Thies family house, 544 Providence Raod, Charlotte (n.d.) [p. 163]  
 J.B. Duke Mansion (n.d.) [p. 164]  
 David Ovens house, 825 Ardsley Road, Charlotte (n.d.) [p.165]  
 David Clark house, 100 Hermitage Road, Charlotte (n.d.) [p. 166]  
 Queens College, Charlotte (n.d.) [p.169]  
 George Stephens house, 821 Harvard Place, Charlotte (n.d.) [p. 171]  
 Norman Cocke house, 816 Harvard Place, Charlotte (n.d.) [p.172]  
 Bungalows on Dartmouth Place, charlotte (n.d.) [p.172]  
 John Bass Brown house, 600 Hermitage Road, Charlotte (n.d.) [p. 176]  
 E.C. Marshall house, Charlotte (n.d.) [p.178]  
 F. W. Bradshaw house, 2200 Selwyn Avenue, Charlotte (n.d.) [p.178]  
 Stuart W. Cramer Jr. house, 200 Hermitage Road, Charlotte (n.d.) [p.180]

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D. Heath Nesbit house, 522 Hermitage Court, Charlotte (n.d.) [p.180]  
 Frank H. Ross house, 2001 Sherwood Avenue, Charlotte (n.d.) [p.181]  
 H. M. Wade house, 530 Hermitage Road, Charlotte (n.d.) [p.183]  
 Charles Lambeth house, 435 Hermitage Road, Charlotte (n.d.) [p.184]  
 Residence on Westfield Road, Charlotte (n.d.) [p.184]  
 2549 Sherwood Avenue, Charlotte (n.d.) [p.185]  
 Little Church on the Lane (n.d.) [p.186]  
 Myers Park Elementary School, 2132 Radcliffe Avenue, Charlotte (n.d.) [p.187]  
 House being moved on Roswell Avenue from 2200 block to 2100 block, Charlotte (1983) [p.194] [NST90/21]  
 Forestry being pulled up, making way for condominiums on 2200 block on Roswell Avenue (ca. 1983) [p.196] [NST70/5]  
 Marathon at Queens Road West, Charlotte (1980s) [p.197]  
 Advertisement picture showing streets in Myers Park, Charlotte (n.d.)  
 Section of a map showing Providence Road and Elizabeth College area, Charlotte (n.d.)  
 Section of a map showing Elizabeth College, Charlotte (n.d.) [NST75/10]  
 Postcard advertisement for Myers Park showing the Queens Road entrance, Charlotte (n.d.)  
 Thies house, Providence Road, Charlotte (n.d.)  
 Party in yard of Thies house [courtesy of Frank Thies Jr.], Charlotte (n.d.)  
 Cossett house, Myers Park, Charlotte (1985)  
 Cameron Morrison house, Queens Road, Charlotte (n.d.)  
 George Stephens house, Charlotte (1984)  
 E. C. Marshall house, Charlotte (1984)  
 David Clark house, 100 Hermitage Road, Charlotte (n.d.)  
 Louis Asbury in his Charlotte office (n.d.) [NSH113/61]  
 Percival Gallagher, Frederick Law Olmstead Jr., and James Frederick Dawson (left to right) [job #2919; courtesy of The National Park Service, Frederick Law Olmstead National Historic Site] (n.d.)  
 Two men in front of a house in early Myers Park, Charlotte (n.d.)  
 Horner Military Institute, Charlotte [courtesy of Louise Smith Thompson] (n.d.)  
 The 1886 Courthouse [Charlotte: Spirit of the New South, p. 117]  
 First Ward students, 1912 [Charlotte, p. 156]  
 Mayo Cunningham, [Legacy, The Myers Park Story, p. 158]  
 George Stephens [Legacy, p. 16]  
 A prominent citizen mows his lawn [Legacy, p. 90]  
 A full page weekly CHARLOTTE OBSERVER ad, "Concerning Myers Park." [Legacy, p. 88]  
 Picking your Easter suit [Legacy, p. 149]  
 Victrola [Legacy, p. 150]  
 A line drawing of a gentleman in a suit [Legacy, p. 148]  
 "In Myers Park the April Showers change the gardens into bowers." [Legacy, p. 97]  
 69 Arial view of Central Piedmont Community College, ca.  
 70 North Carolina Chief Justice William H. Bobbitt