

Reference Code MS 52

Repository: Georgia Room, Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System, 823 Telfair St. Augusta, GA 30901

Title: Don Rhodes Papers

Date: ca.1962 - 2014

Extent: 32 binders 6 scrapbooks and 6 boxes.

Scope and Content: contains vertical files, research, clippings, thematic binders, and scrapbooks

Arrangement: Collection is arranged at folder level, retaining the creator's labels and the original order as much as possible.

Name of Creator: Rhodes, Donald O. d. June 9,2023

Administrative/Biographical History: Material was donated to the Augusta-Richmond County Georgia Room through accruals from ca, 2010 to ca.2023

Donald O. Rhodes, better known as Don "Ramblin'" Rhodes died in Augusta GA June 9<sup>th</sup> 2023. An Augusta fixture, he wrote for the Augusta Herald, The Augusta Chronicle and The Augusta Magazine during the course of his career from 1970 to 2023. His nationally known column Ramblin' Rhodes observed its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020. His books include *Down Country Roads with Ramblin' Rhodes* (1982), *Entertainment in Augusta and the CSRA* (2004), *Ty Cobb: Safe At Home* (2008), *Say It Loud! My Memories of James Brown, Soul Brother No.1* (2009), *Mysteries and Legends of Georgia* (2010), *Icons of Georgia 50 Views of the Peach State* (2011), *Legendary Locals of Augusta* (2014), and *North Augusta, The Western Gateway of South Carolina, Little Known Stories About A Little Known Town* (2021).

Conditions governing access: no restrictions

Related materials: MSS 298 Don Rhodes Research Collection Special Collections Reese Library Augusta University 2500 Walton Way 30901

#### Binders

6 binders - National Barrel Horse Association Championship Programs 1993-2017

1 binder – Barrel Horse News National Barrel Horse Association Creation

3 binders – The Lewis Family (Country Gospel Music, Lincolnton, GA

1 binder – Grand opening Augusta-Richmond County Museum

1 binder – Augusta Museum exhibits evolution

6 binders - Country Music Fan Fair 1984-1989

5 binders – Fan Fair and Music City News Show 1990-1994

7 binders – James Brown 1970-2006 to the present (?)

1 binder-How Don Rhodes Entertainment Book Developed

1 binder – Hamburg South Carolina: The Forgotten Town

1 photo album – Atlanta County Music Hall

1 binder – Don Rhodes Western History

1 binder – The Arizona Bandit Ernest “Pete” Hart

6 scrapbooks – Don Rhodes “Rainy Day” Scrapbook of Augusta History and Popular Culture

Boxes

Box 1.

James Brown research

- Folder 1 [Estate debate and assorted papers]
- Folder 2 J.B Statue dedication and book
- Folder 3 The Legacy and the Future
- Folder 4 The Last Years 2000-2006
- Folder 5 [1985, 2003-2006]
- Folder 6 Death and Funeral
- Folder 7 James Brown Toccoa and Bobby Byrd/Velma Warren

Box 2

James Brown research

- Folder 1 James Brown transcripts
- Folder 2 James Brown Friends – Leon Austin, Charlie Reid, Al Sharpton
- Folder 3 James Brown News Articles – Death
- Folder 4 James Brown New Articles and Other
- Folder 5 James Brown – Other
- Folder 6 Return to Augusta and early [mos?] 3<sup>rd</sup> World Diedre (OPRY?)
- Folder 7 Articles

Box 3

Don Rhodes research files for Georgia Icons

- Folder 1 Ray Charles statue
- Folder 2 Guido Gardens
- Folder 3 Antebellum Homes
- Folder 4 Appakellan [sp?] [Appalachian] Trail Start
- Folder 5 Martha Berry College
- Folder 6 Augusta National Clubhouse
- Folder 7 MLK Jr. – Ebenezer Church
- Folder 8 Crawford Courthouse (movies)
- Folder 9 Ty Cobb House
- Folder 10 Ocmolgee Indian Mounds

- Folder 11 Andalusia- Flannery
- Folder 12 Uncle Remus Statue
- Folder 13 Douglas Theater
- Folder 14 Otis [Redding] Statue
- Folder 15 FDR [Franklin Delano Roosevelt] Little White House
- Folder 16 JB [James Brown] Statue
- Folder 17 Claxton Fruitcake
- Folder 18 Forsyth Park Fountain
- Folder 19 Butt Bridge
- Folder 20 J.G. {Juliette Gordon} Low Birthplace
- Folder 21 Springer Opera House Columbus [Georgia]
- Folder 22 State Capital Atlanta [Georgia]
- Folder 23 Georgia Guidestones
- Folder 24. Eatonton – Rock Eagle Mound
- Folder 25 Stone Mountain
- Folder 26 Coca-Cola
- Folder 27 Waving Girl
- Folder 28 Shrimp Boats
- Folder 29 Tybee Lighthouse
- Folder 30 Watson Mill Covered Bridge
- Folder 31 Varsity Restaurant
- Folder 32 Bon Adventure Cemetery
- Folder 33 Apple Water Tank Cornella [sp?] [Cornelia Georgia]
- Folder 34 Okefenokee Swamp
- Folder 35 Vidalia Onion
- Folder 36 Jimmy Carter
- Folder 37 Turner Stadium
- Folder 38 Coca-Cola 1962
- Folder 39 Augusta [Georgia] Kroc Center

#### Assorted Subjects

- Folder 1 Brenda Lee
- Folder 2 Brenda Lee
- Folder 3 Western History (local etc.)
- Folder 4 Jose Andonegui (1877-1941)
- Folder 5 Augusta Music and Theater History
- Folder 6 Ty Cobb Children
- Folder 7 Ty Cobb will and chronology
- Folder 8 “Cobb” the play
- Folder 9 Other Baseball Players
- Folder 10 Town Tavern History
- Folder 11 Matthew Preston McLemore and Catherine E. Nichols [Piquet sp?] McLemore
- Folder 12 Tennis History of Augusta – Fielding Wallace

## Box 4

### Black [African-American] History

- Folder 1 Trinity CME Church
- Folder 2 Dent Brothers [Richard “RA” Dent and Benjamin “BL” Dent]
- Folder 3 “Sweet Daddy Grace” [Bishop Charles Manuel Grace]
- Folder 4 Judson Lyons
- Folder 5 “Ike” Washington
- Folder 6 Black [African-American History]
- Folder 7 Black [African-American History]
- Folder 8 Black [African-American History]
- Folder 9 Reverend Charles T. Walker 1858-1921
- Folder 10 Reverend Charles T. Walker 1858-1921
- Folder 11 Reverend Charles T. Walker 1858-1921
- Folder 12 Reverend Charles T. Walker 1858-1921
- Folder 13 Reverend Charles T. Walker 1858-1921
- Folder 14 Reverend Charles T. Walker 1858-1921

## Box 5

### Partial Research [on] North Augusta [for] 2020-2021 Book

- Folder 1 Arts and Heritage Center
- Folder 2 Authors
- Folder 3 Billie Burke – Good Witch of the North
- Folder 4 Airplanes-Aviation
- Folder 5 Berry Benson
- Folder 6 Entertainment
- Folder 7 Festivals – Circus
- Folder 8 Hamburg – Floods – Red Cross- Fatal Blow
- Folder 9 Hamburg Ladies Save Mount Vernon
- Folder 10 Hamburg – Sibley and Capon
- Folder 11 Hampton Terrace Hotel
- Folder 12 Walter Jackson co-founder North Augusta “the other Jackson”
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- Folder 14 Murphy Village
- Folder 15 Lubbocks – Texas governors – Henry Shultz steamboats – “Lubbock brothers who went to Texas – Steamboat blow up
- Folder 16 Radio WTHB – WBBQ- WSUS
- Folder 17 Palmetto Park and Pond- Duke Lambeck
- Folder 18 Edison Marshall

- Folder 19 Military – World War I – World War II – [American] Legion
- Folder 20 Military – World War I – World War II – [American] Legion
- Folder 21 Sports Figures
- Folder 22 Strange Incidents – Preacher Disappears – Preacher Who Was Poisoned – Death Foretold – Ghosts Ga. Ave.
- Folder 23 Television
- Folder 24 Television
- Folder 25 Visitors
- Folder 26 Frank Wills Watergate Guard
- Folder 27 Woodward, Joanne, Wade Sr., Wade Jr.

#### Box 6

##### Assorted subjects

- Folder 1 Three Faces of Eve
- Folder 2 Moutrie – Elephant
- Folder 3 Savannah – Button [Gwinnett]
- Folder 4 Washington – Lost Gold
- Folder 5 Rossville – John Ross
- Folder 6 Carrollton – Susan Heyward
- Folder 7 Leary- Jimmy Carter
- Folder 8 Howes- Door-Lapham – [sp?]
- Folder 9 Buena Vista – Passaquan
- Folder 10 George Washington Nephew and Dog
- Folder 11 Cedartown – Lula Hurst
- Folder 12 My Cobb Articles
- Folder 13 Ty Cobb
- Folder 14 Ty Cobb
- Folder 15 Ty Cobb
- Folder 16 Buffalo Bill and Annie Oakley [see binder Early Movies Filmed Locally]
- Folder 17 Walter Jackson
- Folder 18 Walter Jackson
- Folder 19 Haskell's Dairy
- Folder 20 {Leland "Lou"} Brissie
- Folder 21 Entertainment
- Folder 22 Marshall Robert Forsyth and Beverly Allen
- Folder 23 Don Rhodes Resume