

Panel Sources

Introduction:

- Billy Austin, an eighth-grade student at the Waughton School in Winston-Salem, created [this poster](#) during World War II, WWII 12.P29, State Archives
- [Constitution of the United States as approved by North Carolina, 1789](#), vault collection 47.5, State Archives

Transcription: “We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common Defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity; do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

- [Revision of the North Carolina State Constitution, 1945](#), vault collection 47.5 & 48.15, State Archives
- The Cardinal Singers posed with an Uncle Sam character at a naturalization ceremony in Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh, 1992, *News & Observer* negative collection NO.94457.1, State Archives
- [Visitors salute the flag at Chimney Rock, c. 1920](#); N.C. State Parks Collection, State Archives
- [Elmer H. Gibson, son of military chaplain Elmer P. Gibson, poses with a flag c. 1943](#), Military Collection, MMP 9, State Archives
- [Pauli Murray](#), Southern Oral History Program interview, 1976, UNC
- [Ben Jacobs](#), *Carolina Indian Voice*, June 23, 1983, p. 4, newspaper collection, UNC
- [Alma Islas](#), Southern Oral History Program interview, 2015, UNC

Immigration:

- Detail of North Carolina on a 1940 immigration map, “[America—A Nation of One People from Many Countries](#),” military collection, WWII posters 11.6, State Archives. Artist Emma Bourne created this art for the Council Against Intolerance in America, acknowledging the nation’s diverse ethnicities.
- State of North Carolina Superior Court of Law, Wilkes County Fall Term 1839, October 12, 1839, CR.104.311.3, State Archives

Transcription: “Chang & Eng – nation of the Kingdom of Siam exhibited here in Open Court Their petition to take the Oath of allegiance to the State of North Carolina which we allowed & thereupon The Oath of allegiance was duly administered to the in Open Court...State of North Carolina Superior Court of Law, Wilkes County Fall Term 1839”

- [tobacco label](#) c. 1890, Melvin Miles collection, Surry Digital Heritage
- [Broadside](#), “An Act to Establish a Bureau of Immigration, Statistics and Agriculture,” ratified Feb. 16, 1874 in Raleigh, Duke University collection

- [Some of the first Italian settlers at the St. Helena farming colony](#), Pender County, c. 1909. Hugh MacRae collection Ph.C. 150, State Archives
- [Tina Boerema](#), Southern Oral History Program interview, 1998, UNC
- [Alba Sanchez](#), New Roots project, Southern Oral History Program interview, 2019, UNC
- [Victoria Drab](#), Alamance County records CR.1.902.1; [William Coleman](#), Rowan County records, CR.85.902.1.039, Alien, Naturalization and Citizenship Records, State Archives

Integration:

- [James Slade](#), Southern Oral History Program interview, 1997, UNC
- [Handshake tag](#), 1963, MS91.0959, [Huldah \(Beth\) Taylor Collection](#), [Civil Rights Greensboro](#), Quaker Archive, Guilford College, Gateway Digital Collection
- [Lunch counter sit-in, Raleigh](#), February 1960, *News & Observer* collection, 2-1960, folder 2, State Archives
- [Andrew Best](#) Southern Oral History Program interview, 1997, UNC
- [Andrew Best receives his certificate of membership to the UNC Board of Governors](#) from Governor Robert Scott, 1972, Laupus Library history collections, East Carolina University Digital Collection
- [Hyde County School Integration Protest march](#), February 11, 1969, *News & Observer* collection, State Archives
- Chapel Hill High School basketball team, 1969-1970, [Hilllife, yearbook 1970, p. 93](#) Chapel Hill Historical Society collection, Digital NC
- [Helen Poole's sixth grade class making marionettes](#), 1972, Troy Elementary School, Montgomery County, School Puppets Photograph Album collection, Montgomery County Public Library collection, Digital NC
- [Floyd McKissick, Sr.](#), Southern Oral History Program interview, 1973, UNC
- [Soul City souvenir book cover](#), Soul City Foundation records, org. 206, State Archives

Basic Rights:

- [Civil Rights march on Fayetteville Street, 1963](#), *News & Observer* collection, folder 42, 4.15.1963, State Archives
- [North-Carolina Gazette, Sept. 2, 1775](#), p. 2, National Archives, London.
- North Carolina Constitution, 1868, State Archives
- ["Declaration of Rights,"](#) North Carolina State Constitution, 1868

Transcription: "That the great, general and essential principles of liberty and free government, may be recognized and established, and that the relations of this State to

the Union and government of the United States, and those of the people of this State to the rest of the American people, may be defined and affirmed, we do declare;”

- [Campaign to free Kwame Cannon, 1999](#) a project of the Greensboro Citywide Poor People’s Association, Marnie Thompson papers, UNC Greensboro special collections and Gateway Digital collections.
- [Floyd McKissick, Sr.](#), Southern Oral History Program interview, 1973
- [Migratory worker at Belcross, North Carolina, grading station, 1940](#), Farm Security Administration photo, Library of Congress
- [W.W. Finlator](#), Southern Oral History Program interview, 1985, UNC
- [Chandrika Dalal](#), Southern Oral History Program interview, 1999, UNC

Beyond Bondage:

• [North Carolina’s copy of the 13th Amendment](#), vault collection 42, State Archives
Transcription: “To all whom these presents shall come, Greeting: I certify, That annexed is a true copy of a Joint Resolution of Congress, entitled, ‘A Resolution submitting to the Legislatures of the several States a Proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States,’ approved February 1, 1865; the original of which is on file in this Department. In testimony whereof, I William H. Seward, Secretary of State of the United States, have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of the Department of State to be affixed.”

- [“The Effects of the Proclamation...at New Bern”](#) *Harpers Weekly*, February 21, 1863, 116, Internet Archive
- [Ezekiel Ezra Smith](#), Arthur Bunyan Caldwell, *History of the American Negro and His Institutions*, 258, New York Public Library
- Dr. E.E. Smith quoted in [“Emancipation Day,”](#) *Goldsboro Weekly Argus*, [January 6, 1898](#), UNC newspaper collection, Digital NC
- [Patsy Michner](#) interview, Federal Writers' Project: Slave Narratives, Vol. 11, North Carolina, Part 2, Library of Congress
- Snake from illustration in the [Zebulon Record](#), [January 15, 1937](#), 21, Little River Historical Society collection, Digital NC
- [Students and school with church in the background, Randolph County](#), c. 1923-1924, Department of Public Instruction, School Planning Section, school photographs file, box 6, 104.310.6.8.13.1, State Archives
- [“Speech of Hon. Henry P. Cheatham, At Raleigh, N.C., January 1, 1898,”](#) *The Gazette*, p. 2, UNC newspaper collection, Digital NC
- [Henry P. Cheatham](#), *Harper’s Weekly*, [March 2, 1889](#), Unites States House of Representatives Digital Collection

Protest:

- [“A Society of Patriotic Ladies at Edenton, North Carolina,”](#) R. Sayer & J. Bennett, March 25, 1775, British cartoon collection, Library of Congress, UK
- [Female Benevolent Societies of Jamestown, Springfield, and Kennet petition,](#) General Assembly Session Records, December 1826- February 1827, State Archives

Transcription: “and meliorate the condition of this unhappy people as much as possible; by prohibiting the separation of the mothers from their tender infants; and restricting Masters in the administration of corporal punishments from the shameful practice of stripping the black matron’s back, - it is a sight too shocking to behold in any Country, and much more in this civilized land of boasted Liberty. Your memorialists solicit you to plead for the oppressed, & render our country the delight & glory of the earth. Jamestown...Abigail Albertson, Directress/ Elizabeth S. Mendenhall, Clerk/ Springfield...Nancy D. Hunt, Directress/ Martha Tomlinson [Junior Clerk]/ Kennet...Rebecca Frazier, Directress/ Lois Kersey, Clerk”

- [March in Gastonia, 1929,](#) Lucy R. Penegar Collection, Gaston Museum of Art & History collection, Digital NC. Labor strikes of 1929 erupted in violence in Marion and Gastonia.
- [“Marion Massacre”](#) lyrics, Margaret Tufts Neal, *Folk Songs from Appalachia*, 1930, Lees-McRae College special collections, Digital Library of Appalachia
- Welling and McGhee [“The North Carolina Textile Strike”/ “Marion Massacre,”](#) Paramount recording, 1929, 78-16684 Southern Folklife Collection, UNC
- [“Elaine Massey at MLK Rally,”](#) John Kenyon Chapman photo collection, 05441, UNC special collections. UNC housekeeper Elaine Massey protested the Confederate soldier statue in the center of campus on Martin Luther King Day 1999. Nearly thirty years later, another protest toppled the statue.
- [“National March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights”](#) flyer, 1987, Marnie Thompson papers, UNC Greensboro, Gateway Digital Collections

Voting Rights:

- [Counting votes in Harnett County courthouse, 1950s,](#) by Talbott McNeill Stewart, Harnett County Public Library collection, Digital NC
- [Suffrage Amendment, 1901,](#) General Statute 132, vault collection 48.7, State Archives
- [North Carolina Constitutional Reader,](#) vault collection 25, State Archives.
- [Equal Suffrage Association of North Carolina broadside,](#) 1915, Minnie Stowe Puett papers, Murrey Atkins Library, UNC Charlotte
- [Sash,](#) private collection 1618, State Archives
- [“A Quick guide: How to Preregister/ Register to Vote Guía De Cómo Preinscribirse/ Inscribirse para Votar,”](#) 2010, state publications collection, State Library of North

Carolina. A bilingual voting guide reflects new populations in North Carolina's ever-changing demographics.

- [Henry Frye interview](#), 2016, Duke University. Frye quoted the title of a campaign the fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha began as a national program to promote African American voting in the 1930s.
- Portrait of the Hon. Henry E. Frye, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of N.C., by John Siebels Walker, 2014, UNC School of Law collection
- Ann Young quoted in "Ann and Howard Young," [Historic Turner House Foundation newsletter, vol. 3](#), 3, June 2023