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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Georgia College Special Collections
<b>Title</b>	Cherry Waldrep Clements Collection
<b>Dates</b>	1926-1999
<b>Extent</b>	2.0 Cubic feet
<b>Dimensions note</b>	2 cubic feet
<b>Language</b>	English

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## Biographical/Historical note

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velyn Cherry Waldrep was born in Monroe County, Georgia on June 12, 1915 and grew up on a farm near Dublin, Georgia. After graduating from high school at age sixteen she enrolled in the Georgia State College for Women. After graduating in 1933, 18-year-old Cherry began her teaching career at a small school in rural Cabiness, Georgia.

Cherry later attended Georgia Southern University as a prestigious Rosenwald Fellow, earning a B.S. in Education, before going on to earn a M.S. in Math Education at the University of Georgia (making her the first woman to do so). She married classmate Hal Clements in 1941, prior to his enlistment in the United States Navy. At the end of World War II the Clements' began their careers in public education. After stints in Guyton, Claxton, Waynesboro and Canton, they moved to Atlanta in 1958.

Cherry began a 27 year career at Druid Hills High school in DeKalb County, Georgia, where she was chair of the of the Math Department. Throughout her teaching career she was acknowledged for her educational abilities, earning Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) Awards in 1967 and 1971. In 1972 she was deemed Atlanta Woman of the Year in Education. In 1976, the year she retired, she received the Gladys M. Thompson Award for Distinguished Service in Mathematics Education from the Georgia Council of Teachers.

After her retirement, Cherry dedicated herself to tireless volunteer work, and became involved in political and social activism, championing the homeless, the environment, world peace and nuclear disarmament. Along with her husband Hal, she was acknowledged by Georgia Southern University in 1989 for outstanding service to the community. They also received the coveted Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for Senior Citizens Active in Community Service in 1992.

Cherry Waldrep Clements in the classroom. In 1999 Cherry received the "Unsung Heroines" award from the Metropolitan Atlanta Coalition of 100 Black Women. Cherry was active in the North Decatur United Methodist Church, and served ten terms as president of the United Methodist Women's Organization.

Widely known for her cooking abilities, Cherry authored and published three cookbooks: Monga Ma's Legacy (a collection of her mother's recipes), Mama's Bequest: Fifty Years of Good Cooking and Simply Delicious: Quantity Cooking for Churches. She also operated her own catering business, aptly named Cherry's Jubilee.

Cherry Waldrep Clements died on Jan. 5, 2006.

## Scope and Contents note

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Cherry Waldrep Clements and Bill Clinton at a Habitat for Humanity event The bulk of the collection is made up of Mrs. Clements's notes and course materials from GSCW, Georgia Southern University and the University of Georgia; her recognitions as a public school math teacher; a cookbook author; a church member; and community reformer and political activist. Her papers reveal a myriad of achievements and a lifetime of public service.

It is possible to see some aspects of her college social life from photographs and programs from various campus events she may have attended. There is no correspondence to shed light on her life at school. Later correspondence is of a more personal nature, comprised mainly of thank you cards and letters.

The photos in her collection indicate that she was close friends with Mabel Ellis, Dorothy Ellis, Mary Jo Wilkes, Frances Laird, Helen Grace Phillips, Josephine Penn, Eleanor Johnson and Emily Johnson. Her correspondence also indicates a relationship with Bernice Brown McCullar and Eleanor McCullar Jennings.

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## Arrangement note

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The Cherry Waldrep Clements Collection contains notes, papers, correspondence, books, photographs and university publications from Cherry Clement's academic life at Georgia State College for Women from 1931 to 1933. Also included in the collection are documents, correspondence and awards from her years in the public school system and her various volunteer and public service activities. Following Mrs. Clements' death, her daughters Judy Clements and Cathy Clements Bradshaw donated the documents in the collection to the university on Feb. 2, 2006. The processed collection spans approximately five and one-half cubic feet of materials.

When the Clements papers arrived in Special Collections they were loosely organized. Most materials had been collected by Mrs. Clements into file folders. The papers may have been in chronological order at some point, but since not all the papers were dated, chronological arrangement proved difficult. The materials from her Alumni Association presidency were grouped together in two folders unordered.

Some bound notes and papers were removed from their respective binders. All photographs were scanned and preserved electronically. Newspaper clippings were preserved as photocopies.

To create some logical order in the collection, all the papers were arranged to reflect a chronology of events of Mrs. Clements's life, beginning with her stay at GSCW, her years as a teacher, and her post-retirement activism. Box 1 contains her personal and professional correspondence, photos etc., in chronological order; miscellaneous and/or unrelated items are included at the end of the file.

Box 1 – Correspondence, photographs and other printed materials

Box 2 – College textbooks, cookbooks, awards

Box 3 – Framed portrait, awards, class record books

Box 4 – Scrapbooks

Box 5 – Clothing

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## **Administrative Information**

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## **Indexing Terms**

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### **Subjects - Corporate Bodies**

- Druid Hills High School.
- Georgia College & State University.
- Georgia Southern University.
- University of Georgia.

### **Genres and Forms of Materials**

- scrapbooks

### **Subjects - Places**

- Atlanta (Ga.)
- Cabiness (Ga.)
- Dublin (Ga.)
- Monroe County (Ga.)

**Subjects - People**

- McCullar, Bernice Brown, 1905-1975

**Subjects - Topics**

- Clements, Evelyn Cherry Waldrep, 1915-2006



## Collection Inventory

Box	Folder	
1	1	Photographs- Georgia State College for Women
1	2	Photographs- Georgia Teachers College (1938)
1	3	Photographs- Cherry Waldrep Clements
1	4	Photographs- Family portraits and snapshots
1	5	Photographs- Special events, friends and miscellaneous
1	6	Obituary notices and funeral program
1	7	Letters of Contribution in Memory of Cherry Waldrep Clements
1	8	Report cards and transcripts
1	9	Graduation Commencement Program, GSCW (June 5, 1933)
1	10	Felted patch, GSCW (1933)
1	11	Diploma, South Georgia Teachers College (1938)
1	12	College notebook (undated)- Art class notes
1	13	College notebook (undated)- Copied poems
1	14	Scrapbook (1932) [1 of 2]

1 15 Scrapbook (1932) [2 of 2]

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1 16 Scrapbook (Contains typescript for "Survey of Clinch County," by Catherine Carter and Cherry Clements)

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1 17 Home Economic lab notebook (1933)

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1 18 Notebook (1985)- Notes on Biblical passages

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1 19 Volunteer Service- newspaper clippings

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1 20 Professional correspondence

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1 21 Personal and miscellaneous correspondence

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1 22 Bernice McCullar- correspondence and newspaper clippings

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1 23 Miscellaneous newspaper clippings

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1 24 Certificates of appreciation and service citations

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1 25 Professional acknowledgement- newspaper clippings

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1 26 STAR Student reception programs

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1 27 Women's Society of Christian Service

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1 28 First Methodist Church Programs

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1 29 North Decatur United Methodist Women- newsletters, notes

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1 30 Monga Ma's Legacy (cookbook)- Correspondence, contracts

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1 31 Monga Ma's Legacy (cookbook)- Newspaper clippings

1 32 Atlanta's Women of the Year (1972)

1 33 National Coalition of Black Women "Unsung Heroines" Award

1 34 Earth Day Celebration- Notes, promotional materials

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1 36 WAND [Women's Actions for New Directions] tribute dinner, (1996)- guest list

1 37 The Scroll (Student Annual of the University of Georgia Demonstration School), v. 1, 1941

1 38 Columns (Georgia College) 1972

1 39 Columns (Georgia College) 1976

1 40 Columns (Georgia College) 1978

1 41 Georgia Teachers College Alumni Quarterly (v. 1, n.1-3)

1 42 Event programs- miscellaneous

1 43 Invitations- miscellaneous

1 44 Personal items- miscellaneous (Guest lists, clippings, flyers, etc.)

1 45 Poems- Copied, clipped from magazines

2 1 G.S.C.W. Book of Verse, 1934

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2	2	Ladies, Please Come to Order! Peggy Cameron King, 1968 (Inscribed by Bernice McCullar, 1974)
2	3	New Elementary Algebra. Shelton P. Stanford, 1879.
2	4	Elementary Community Civics. R.O. Hughes, 1938.
2	5	Lectures on the Science and Art of Education. Joseph Payne
2	6	Housewifery: A Manual and Text Book of Practical Housekeeping. Lydia Ray Balderston, 1928.
2	7	Psychology for Teachers. Charles Benson, et al, 1926.
2	8	La Mare Au Diable. Georgia Sand, 1930.
2	9	A Story Not Yet Over- The Journey: United Methodist Women in North Georgia, v. 2, 1992. (Contains a biography of Clements)
2	10	Simply Delicious: Quantity Cooking for Churches. Edited by Grace Wynn, 1983.
2	11	Mama's Bequest: Fifty Years of Good Cooking. Cherry Waldrep Clements, 1995.
2	12	Monga Ma's Legacy: Ole-Time Cooking in Georgia. Cherry Waldrep Clements, 1974 (6 copies).
2	13	Double Framed "Thank You" Poem presented to Cherry Waldrep Clements.
2	14	Eleanor Richardson Award plaque to Cherry and Hal Clements
2	15	Gladys M. Thomaston Award plaque for Math Education (1976)
3	1	Framed 8x10 studio portrait of Cherry and Hal Clements
3	2	"Undung Heroines" award, Metropolitan Atlanta Coalition of 100 Black Women (1999)

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3	3	Outstanding Voluntary Service to the Community and Mankind Award, the King Center (January 16, 1992)
3	4	Druid Hills High School appreciation plaque (1977)
3	5	Dublin High School Annual (1931)
3	6	"A Peep into My Past" (freshmen autobiography)
3	7	Class Record Book, undated
3	8	Class Record Book, undated
3	9	Class Record Book, undated
3	10	Class Record Book, 1955-56
3	11	Class Record Book, 1955-56
3	12	Class Record Book, 1980-81
3	13	Graduation pin with green velvet box
4	1	Scrapbook-Contains church-related clippings, commendations, and professional correspondence.
4	2	Scrapbook- Contains clippings related to the publication of "Monga Ma's Legacy," thank-you letters, and written requests for copies of the cookbook
4	3	Scrapbook- Contains vacation memorabilia (Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, and Washington D.C.)
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5 1 Brown Sunday Dress

5 2 Black PE/Gym Uniform

5 3 Uniform collar, regular

5 4 Uniform collar, regular

5 5 Uniform collar, lace