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Form of material and dates: Papers, 1930-(1940-1955)-1957, relating to the purchase and operation of Faraway Farm, Lake Lure, N.C., the rural retreat of Leslie Cheek, Jr. and Mary Tyler (Freeman) Cheek from 1940 to 1955. Cheek and Stewart Bryan, son of William and Mary President John Stewart Bryan, formed the Chebry Corporation in 1940 and purchased about 3,000 acres of land at Lake Lure, 25 miles southeast of Asheville, N.C. Also includes Cheek's architectural drawings, 1935-1939, and photographs, 1930.

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LESLEY CHEEK, JR. PAPERS

Box I

Folder 1. 1939-1942. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and Stewart Bryan, Jr. about the Chebry Corporation. TLSs and Cys of TLs. (28 items)

Folder 2. 1941-1952. Documents and letters relating to the purchase of land from the Chebry Corporation made by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cheek, Jr. TDSs, TLSs, SKs, PDSs. (7 items)

Folder 3. 1941-1952. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr., Lee Powers, Stewart Bryan, C.M. Tribble, and others, about financial matters concerning the Chebry Company and Tiger Cove Company. ALSs, TLSs, TLs. (33 items)

Folder 4. [n.d.] 1949. Lists and correspondence discussing tasks to be done at Faraway Farm. Including letters from Leslie Cheek, Jr. and [Mary Tyler Cheek] to the manager of the farm. Cys of TLs, TLSs, SKs, PMs. (21 items)

Folder 5. [19]52-1953. Receipts and lists of projects to be done at Faraway Farm. Including letters from [Leslie Cheek, Jr.?] relating to the farm. ANs, PM, Cys of TLs, PDs. (9 items)

Folder 6. [n.d.] 1952. Letters and documents designated “Farm documents to keep” by [Leslie Cheek, Jr.?], regarding the management of Faraway Farm. TLSs, TLs, ALSs, and TDs. (23 items)

Folder 7. [n.d.]. Lists of jobs to be done at Faraway Farm written by Leslie Cheek, Jr. Includes sketches of a fountain and a plot of land as well as the booklet “A Business Farming Program for North Carolina.” PM and AMS. (7 items)

Folder 8. [n.d.-]. 1948. Accounts and receipts for work done at Faraway Farm, including information about setting up a telephone line for the area. SKs, PDs, Cys of TLs, TLSs. (7 items)

Folder 9. [n.d.-]. 1945. Accounts and receipts for items purchased for Faraway Farm. Including letters regarding purchases. ANs, Cys of TLs, PDs. (38 items)

Folder 10. [n.d.-]. 1947. Correspondence, including accounts and receipts, between Leslie Cheek, Jr., Lee Powers, and various businessmen about items purchased for and money spent on
Faraway Farm. TLSs, Cys of TLs, PDs, ANs, SKs, PMs. (46 items)

Folder 11. 1948. Correspondence, including accounts and receipts between Leslie Cheek, Jr., Lee Powers, and various businessmen about items purchased for and money spent on Faraway Farm. TLSs, Cys of TLs, PDs, ANs, SKs, PMs. (61 items)

Folder 12. 194[?]-1944. Costs of keeping cows. PD, AN. (2 items)

Folder 13. 1944. Account of charges for testing cows. AN. (1 item)

Folder 14. 1944. Account of breeding fees for animals at Faraway Farm. AN. (1 item)

Folder 15. [n.d.]-[19]47. Receipts from an egg project run by Mary Tyler Freeman Cheek and G. Frank Wilson. PDs, ANs. (26 items)

Folder 16. [19]47-[19]48. Records, including accounts and receipts, for an egg project run by Leslie Cheek, Jr. PDs, ANs. (28 items)

Folder 17. [19]52-[19]55. Receipts and notes concerning an egg project run by [Leslie Cheek, Jr.?]. PDs, ANs. (34 items)

Folder 18. 1941-1945. Accounts relating to money earned and spent by the Cheek family. PDs, ANs. (6 items)

Folder 19. 1943-1944. Receipts and accounts for feed purchased for animals at Faraway Farm. PD, ANs. (3 items)

Folder 20. 1943-1945. Accounts and receipts for labor hired at Faraway Farm. PDs, AD. (17 items)

Folder 21. [19]43-1946. Accounts and receipts relating to costs of repairing and maintaining farm vehicles and machinery. PDs, ANs. (20 items)

Folder 22. 1944[?]. Calculations of amount of fuel and oil used for farm work at Faraway Farm. AN. (1 item)

Folder 23. 1944-1945. Accounts and receipts for shipping items to Faraway Farm. PDs, AN. (7 items)

Folder 24. [n.d.]-1945. Accounts and receipts for supplies purchased for Faraway Farm. PDs, AN. (7 items)
Folder 25. [n.d.]-[19]82. Receipts and accounts for seed, plants, and trees purchased for Faraway Farm PDs, ANs. (7 items)

Folder 26. [n.d.]-[19]82. Materials relating to the painting of Faraway Farm done by the artist William Bailey. Including slides, photographs, and negatives of the painting. TLs, PD, TN, ANs. (21 items)

Folder 27. 1955-1957. Information regarding the sale of Faraway Farm by the Cheeks. Including a copy of the sale contract. TLSs, Cys of TLs, ANs, TNs. (10 items)

Folder 28. [n.d.]-1950. Materials relating to the advertisement and sale of Faraway Farm by the Cheek family. ANs, TLSs, Ps, PDs, PM. (16 items)

Folder 29. [n.d.]-1951. Descriptions of Faraway Farm by Leslie Cheek, Jr. TMs, Cy of TMs, SK. (3 items)

Folder 30. [n.d.]-1951. Information about the Cheek property at Faraway Farm, including letters from people who would like to purchase the property. PMs, TLSs, Cys of TLs, Cy of TMs, Negative. (7 items)

Folder 31. [n.d.]-1955. Letters and documents regarding the sale of Faraway Farm, including a copy of the contract transferring ownership from Leslie Cheek, Jr. to Frank B. Edwards. TLSs, Cys of TLs, Cy of TDs, NwsCls. (49 items)
Box II

Folder 1. [n.d.]-1941. Information about the land around Lake Lure, including aerial photographs of the region SKs, Ps, TLSs, AN, PMs. (13 items)

Folder 2. [n.d.]-1941. Letters from Chambers Interior Design and Furniture to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cheek, Jr., regarding the furnishing and decorating of their apartment in Baltimore, Maryland. Including blue prints and receipts. SKs, TLSs, PDs. (31 items)

Folder 3. [n.d.]-1941. Letters written to Leslie Cheek, Jr., regarding his desire to buy property in North Carolina. TLSs and ALSs. (14 items)

Folder 4. [n.d.]-1941. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr., and others regarding his purchase of property at Lake Lure, North Carolina and the building and furnishing of a house there. TLSs, Cys of TLSs, TMs, SKs, TDs. (22 items)

Folder 5. 1942. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and others about the construction and furnishing of his summer home in Lake Lure, North Carolina. Cys of TLSs, TDs, SKs, TLSs. (39 items)

Folder 6. 1944-[19]48. Correspondence and copies (?) of deeds regarding leases on Leslie Cheek, Jr.'s land in North Carolina. SKs, Cys of TLSs, Cys (?) of TDs, ALS (12 items)

Folder 7. [n.d.]-1945. Letters and documents pertaining to the sale of the land on which Faraway Farm was built, and payments made by Leslie Cheek, Jr. on the mortgage of the property. TLSs, PDs, ANs. (33 items)

Folder 8. 1946-1951. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr., officials of the town of Lake Lure, North Carolina, and others, regarding restrictions of public use of the lake and private facilities. TLSs, Cys of TLSs. (13 items)

Folder 9. 1949. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr., Lee Powers, C.L. Lyons, and James Dockery, regarding an agreement allowing Lyons access to land owned by Cheek and Powers. TLSs, Cys of TLSs, Cys of TDs, ANs. (9 items)

Folder 10. [n.d.]-1947. Drawings by Leslie Cheek, Jr. of landscaping plans for Faraway Farm. SKs, AN. (7 items)

Folder 11. [n.d.]-[19]42. Information about a conservation project for Faraway Farm. Cy of TD, SK, P, PM. (4 items)

Folder 12. 1943-[19]45. Information regarding fertilizer and lime for Faraway Farm. PDs,
ANs. (5 items)

Folder 13. [n.d.-]1947. Correspondence, literature, and sketches regarding the fruit orchard at Faraway Farm. SKs, ANs, Cys of TLs, PMS, TLSs, TD. (11 items)

Folder 14. [n.d.-]1947. Correspondence, literature, and sketches regarding planting berries and grapes at Faraway Farm. SKs, Cys of TLs, TLSs, PMs, AN. (11 items)

Folder 15. [n.d.-]1948. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and Lou Bernard Voigt ("Barney") regarding landscaping at Faraway Farm. Including a letter from S.K. Mortimer, of Anthony Lake Nursery, to Leslie Cheek, Jr. regarding plants. AMSs, TLSs, Cys of TLs, PM. (13 items)

Folder 16. [n.d.-]1948. Correspondence, literature, notes, and drawings regarding flower and vegetable gardens at Faraway Farm. SKs, TLSs, ANs, PMs, TDs, ALS. (81 items)

Folder 17. [n.d.-]1952. Information and instructions about maintenance and planting at Faraway Farm. SK, TN, PM, AN, TLSs. (13 items)

Folder 18. 1943-1948. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and others, including officials of the Carolina Mountain Power Corporation and General Electric, about electrical problems at Faraway Farm. TLSs, Cys of TLSs and AMSs. (11 items)

Folder 19. [n.d.-]1946. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and others, detailing his quest to get a telephone line installed at Faraway Farm. ALSs, TLSs, TLs, PDs. (30 items)

Folder 20. [n.d.-]1947. Letters to Leslie Cheek, Jr. from the Brook Water Wheel Company, the Fitzwater Wheel Company and the James Leffel and Company about the possibility of using hydroelectric power at Faraway Farm. Including promotional literature. TLSs, PMs, SKs, ANs. (50 items)

Folder 21. [n.d.-]1947. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and others regarding his attempts to get a telephone line installed at Faraway Farm. TLSs, TLs and Cys of TLs.

Including PDs describing different methods of installing phone lines. (45 items)

Folder 22. 1947. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and others, regarding his quest to get a phone line installed at Faraway Farm. ALSs, TLSs, TLs, PDs. (65 items)

Folder 23. 1947-1948. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and members of the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission regarding road improvements to be made near his house at Lake Lure. TLSs, Cys of TLs. (11 items)
Folder 24. 1948. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and others, regarding his quest to get a telephone line installed at Faraway Farm. TLSs, Cys of TLSs, ALSs, PDs. (32 items)


Describes results of measurements of the acidity of the soil at Faraway Farm.

Folder 26. [n.d.]-1945. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and various farm equipment suppliers, regarding rock crushers and saws he desired to purchase for use at Faraway Farm. TLSs, PDs, TLs, AL. (33 items)

Folder 27. [n.d.]-1947. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and various auto sales representatives, regarding his desire to trade in his old cars for a new station wagon and truck. TLSs, Cys of TLs. (14 items)

Folder 28. [n.d.]-1947. Correspondence, mostly between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and Malcolm E. Campbell of the University of North Carolina, about the possibility of Cheek becoming the Dean of a new School of Architecture and Landscape Design. ANs, TLSs, Cys of TLs. (26 items)

Folder 29. [n.d.]-1948. Correspondence and course material relating to Cornell University's Farm Study Course "Farming as a Business," taken by Leslie Cheek, Jr. as a correspondence course. TLSs, Cys of TLSs, TDs, PDs. (23 items)

Folder 30. [n.d.]-1949. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and others regarding his search for a new farm manager for Faraway Farm, including Cheek's notes about different applicants. ANs, Cys of TLs, TLSs. (14 items)

Folder 31. [n.d.]. Copy of article about the house at Faraway Farm, from the June 1951 edition of House Beautiful magazine. 11 pp. Xcy of PM. (1 item)
Box III

Folder 1. [n.d.]-1943. Notes and receipts regarding furniture for the guest house and the library at Faraway Farm. ANs, PD, TLs. (12 items)

Folder 2. [n.d.]-1943. Copies of the "Farmers' Bulletin" relating to storage of food and sketches by [Leslie Cheek, Jr.] for the layout of the root cellar at Faraway Farm. PMs, SK. (3 items)

Folder 3. [n.d.]-1946. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and Donald E. Stoll, George E. Weeks, and C.R. Trimble about buying a fan and vents for the attic at Faraway Farm. TLSs, Cys of TLSs, Cys of TLs, TDs. (24 items)

Folder 4. [n.d.]-1947. Sketches by Leslie Cheek, Jr. of potential entrance gates to Faraway Farm. SKs. (21 items)


Including Pst of PM, 1 p. (24 items)

Folder 5. [n.d.]-1947. Correspondence and literature relating to the building of the guest house at Faraway Farm. SKs, PMs, TLSs, Cys of TLs, ANs. (31 items)

Folder 6. 1947. Correspondence, including letters and promotional literature, between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and oil heating companies, discussing the type of heating unit to be used in the guest cottage at Faraway Farm. Including blueprints of the cottage. TLSs, TLs, and PDs. (21 items)

Folder 7. [n.d.]-1948. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and Pat W. Brown, of Brown Appliance Co[mpany], about appliances to be installed in the house at Faraway Farm. ALSs, TLSs, Cys of TLs. (12 items)

Folder 8. [n.d.]-1949. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and others about farm equipment he means to purchase. ANs, ALS, TLSs, Cys of TLs. (18 items)

Folder 9. [n.d.]-1948. Information regarding the furniture for the guest house at Faraway Farm, including sketches and pictures of potential items, and correspondence regarding particular items and their prices. Ps, SKs, PMs, TLSs, ANs. (41 items)

Folder 10. 1948-1949. Accounts, labeled, by [Leslie Cheek, Jr.?] as "Guest House Costs," stating amounts of money owed by Leslie Cheek, Jr. to Sears, Roebuck and Co[mpany] and other companies. PDs, Cy of TL. (6 items)
Folder 11. [n.d.]-1949. Sketches and blueprints by Leslie Cheek, Jr. and others, showing plans for farm buildings at Faraway Farm. SKs. (15 items)

Folder 12. [n.d.]-1948. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and Harold Wilson, regarding tasks to be done at Faraway Farm. ALSs, Cys of TLs, AN. (26 items)

Folder 13. [n.d.]-1942. Correspondence between Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cheek, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. G. Frank Wilson, and others, about the management of Faraway Farm. ANs, SKs, ALSs, Cys of TLs, TLSs. (18 items)

Folder 14. [19]45. Reports from [Frank Wilson], the manager of Faraway Farm, concerning the expenses and income for a week’s time. TDs. (51 items)

Folder 15. [1945]-[19]46. Reports from [Frank Wilson], manager of Faraway Farm, detailing expenses and income for a week’s time. TDs. (52 items)

Folder 16. [19]46-[19]48. Manager’s reports of expenses and income for a week’s time at Faraway Farm. TDs. (53 items)

Folder 17. [19]48. Reports of [Frank Wilson], manager of Faraway Farm, describing expenses and income for a week’s time. (51 items)

Folder 18. 1949. Reports by G. Frank Wilson, manager of Faraway Farm, describing to Leslie Cheek, Jr. events that have taken place on the farm. Including letters, accounts, and receipts. ALSs, PDs, ANs. (12 items)

Folder 19. [19]49. Manager’s reports by Frank Wilson and Herrald Haynes, containing information about expenses and income for a week’s time at Faraway Farm. TDs, AN. (49 items)

Folder 20. 1941. Copies of letters from Leslie Cheek, Jr. to Lee L. Powers regarding the construction of the farmhouse at Faraway Farm. Including letters to Leslie Cheek, Jr. from Lee L. Powers. Cys of TLs, TLSs. (23 items)

Folder 21. [n.d.]-1942. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and Lee L. Powers about things to be done at Faraway Farm. Cys of TLs, TLSs. (30 items)

Folder 22. 1943. Correspondence between Lee L. Powers and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cheek about things to be done at Faraway Farm. Cys of TLs, TLSs. (11 items)

Folder 23. 1944. Correspondence between Lee Powers and Leslie Cheek, Jr. regarding the management of Faraway Farm and personal matters. TLSs, and Cys of TLs. (18 items)
Folder 24. 1945. Correspondence between Lee Powers and Leslie Cheek, Jr. regarding the management of Faraway Farm and personal matters. TLSs, and TLs. (17 items)

Folder 25. [n.d.]-1946. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and Lee L. Powers about Faraway Farm. TLSs, Cys of TLs. (29 items)

Folder 26. [n.d.]-1947. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and Lee Powers regarding business at Faraway Farm. SKs, TLSs, Cys of TLs. (30 items)

Folder 27. 1948. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and Lee L. Powers about Faraway Farm. Cys of TLs, TLSs. (26 items)

Folder 28. [n.d.]-1949. Correspondence mostly between Lee Powers and Leslie Cheek, Jr. regarding Faraway Farm, including the issue of a public road on Cheek’s property. TLSs, Cys of TLs. (26 items)

Folder 29. 1950. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and Lee L. Powers about Faraway Farm. Cys of TLs, TLSs. (11 items)

Folder 30. 1951. Correspondence, mostly between Lee Powers and Leslie Cheek, Jr. regarding the status of Faraway Farm and personal matters. TLSs, TLs, and ALSs. (17 items)

Folder 31. 1952. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and Lee L. Powers about Faraway Farm. Cys of TLs, TLSs. (17 items)

Folder 32. 1953. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and Lee Powers regarding the management of Faraway Farm and the Chebry Company. TLSs, Cy of TL. (12 items)

Folder 33. 1954. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and Lee L. Powers about Faraway Farm. Cys of TLs, TLSs. (9 items)

Folder 34. 1955. Correspondence between Leslie Cheek, Jr. and Lee L. Powers regarding the status of Faraway Farm. TLSs, Cys of TLs. (13 items)

Folder 35. 1956. Correspondence, mostly between Lee Powers and Leslie Cheek, Jr., regarding the sale of Faraway Farm and personal matters. TLSs, TLs, ALSs. (18 items)

Folder 36. 1957-1963. Correspondence, mostly between Lee Powers and Leslie Cheek, Jr., regarding the status of Faraway Farm and personal matters. TLSs, TLs, and ALSs. (33 items)
Box IV

Folder 1. [n.d.]-[19]46. Photocopies of information regarding an egg project run by Mary Tyler Freeman Cheek [and G. Frank Wilson?] for the war effort. XCys of PDs, XCys of TLs, XCys of TLSs, XCys of ANs. (46 items)

Folder 2. [n.d.]-[19]45. Photocopies of information relating to an egg project undertaken by Mary Tyler Freeman Cheek [and G. Frank Wilson?] for the war effort. XCys of PDs, XCys of PMs, XCys of ANs. (29 items)

Folder 3. 1944-1945. Photocopies of information relating to an egg project run by Mary Tyler Freeman Cheek [and G. Frank Wilson?] for the war effort. XCys of PDs, XCy of TL, XCy of AN. (7 items)

Folder 4. 1943. Letters and postcards from G. Frank Wilson in Uree, North Carolina to Mr and Mrs. Cheek. ALSs and NSs. (22 items)

Folder 5. 1944. Letters and postcards from G. Frank Wilson in Uree, North Carolina to Mr. and Mrs. Cheek. ALSs and ANSs. (23 items)

Folder 6. 1945-1948. Correspondence between G. Frank Wilson in Uree, North Carolina and Mr. and Mrs. Cheek. ALSs and TLs. (84 items)

Folder 7. 1946. Correspondence between G. Frank Wilson in Uree, North Carolina and Mr. and Mrs. Cheek. ALSs and TLs. (102 items)

Folder 8. 1946. Correspondence between G. Frank Wilson in Uree, North Carolina and Mr. and Mrs. Cheek. ALSs and TLs. (122 items)

Folder 9. 1947. Correspondence between G. Frank Wilson in Uree, North Carolina and Mr. and Mrs. Cheek. ALSs and TLs. (93 items)

Folder 10. Correspondence between G. Frank Wilson in Uree, North Carolina and Mr. and Mrs. Cheek. ALSs and TLs. (84 items)

Folder 11. Correspondence between G. Frank Wilson in Uree, North Carolina and Mr. and Mrs. Cheek. ALSs and TLs. (41 items)

Folder 12. Correspondence between G. Frank Wilson in Uree, North Carolina and Mr. and Mrs. Cheek. ALSs and TLs. (114 items)

Folder 13. Bank statements, checks, and income tax information of Leslie Cheek, Jr. (59
items)

Oversize file (SI-C):


Gasoline and oil records, Faraway Farm, 1948-1951. (5 items)

Architectural drawings:

Plan of interior of Batchelor [sic] "kitchen" on Williamsburg's Palace Green.
Plan of the Virginia Room for the New York World's Fair, designed by Leslie Cheek, Jr., 1939.
Fire place group for apartment at the Warrington designed for Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cheek, Jr.

Photographs:

"Post Rd." University Players, 1930.
4 unidentified photographs. (18 items)