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Search Terms:

Dressler, Bertram A.

Durham, North Carolina

Football

Iowa

Marine Corps

Marshall College

National Football League

NFL

NC State

North Carolina State University

Remedial Education

Social Work

Trucking

Quakerdale

Washington Redskins

Biographical Sketch Information:

Bertram (Bert) A. Dressler was born on December 10, 1923 in Chelyan, West Virginia. He grew up in Cabin Creek, WV and graduated from East Bank High School in 1942. He enrolled at Marshall College that year, but was quickly recruited to play football at North Carolina State University. During the 1942 season, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served as a topographer in the III Marine Expeditionary Force in the Pacific and Asiatic theaters. He returned to N.C. State University for the 1946 football season. He went pro and played in the Washington Redskins during the 1947 season, but shortly after returned to Marshall and graduated in 1950 with a Bachelor's of Science in Physical Education and Social Studies.

He continued to serve as a U.S. Marine Corps member through the Korean War until February, 1963, when he was honorably discharged. From July 1963 through January, 1965, he served as an instructor, coach, and athletic director to the Pamlico County Board of Education in Bayboro, North Carolina. That

January (1965), he began working with the North Carolina Fund in Durham on a project called Operation Breakthrough. There, he began conducting research and developing remedial education programs, which taught students practical skills and trades. He took over as the Coordinator of Remedial Education for this project in November, 1965, and served in this role until the December, 1969. Dressler and his family moved back to West Virginia in 1969 for a new job as the Vocational Rehabilitation Director in Charleston, West Virginia. In 1970, they joined the Quakerdale team in New Providence, Iowa. Quakerdale is a faith-based organization, that at that time, housed and worked with delinquent children and youth in a dormitory-style setting. The Dresslers stayed in this role until the mid-1970s, when Dressler and his wife began driving semi-trucks as a career. Dressler would continue to drive his rig until he turned 75 (around 1998).

Information from the Biographical Sketch came from an employment application that has been restricted due to it containing sensitive personal information.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains football-related materials, professional possessions, educational materials, and personal memorabilia of Bertram (Bert) A. Dressler. The collection includes photographs, professional programs developed, trucking log books and certificates, as well as genealogical materials. These materials document Dressler's life as a Marshall University graduate in West Virginia, North Carolina, Iowa, and beyond.

Processing Notes:

Due to some of the sensitive material in this collection, folders marked with an asterisk (*) indicate that some materials have been removed or restricted and placed in the administrative file for this collection. Similarly, the NFL Washington Redskins photos have limited use and cannot be used or reproduced in any way without the consent of the NFL. Finally, original newspaper clippings have been preserved, but photocopies have been placed in either the "Dressler Genealogy", "North Carolina State University Football" or "Professional Recognition" folders.

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Box 1

Folder 1	Photographs (1924-1998) 50 original photos
Folder 2	East Bank High School (1996-1998)
Folder 3	Marshall College (1942-1950)
Folder 4	North Carolina State University Football (1981-1996)
Folder 5	NFL: Washington Redskins (1947-1948)*
Folder 6	Neighborhood Youth Corps, Durham, NC (1965-1969)
Folder 7	Professional Recognition (1970)
Folder 8	Quakerdale (1970-1976)*
Folder 9	Trucking (1969-1996)
Folder 10	Newspaper Clippings (1946-1996): listed below
Folder 11	Dressler Genealogy (n.d.)*

List of Books in Box 1:

1. Clagg, S. (1981). *The Cam Henderson Story: His Life and Times*. Parsons, W. Va. : McClain Print Co.
2. Koger, J. (1970). *National Champions: The History of the National Intercollegiate Football Championship, 1900-1969*. Columbus, GA: Atlantic Pub. Co.
3. Marshall College. (1950). *1950 Chief Justice Yearbook*. Huntington, W. Va.
4. Russell, T. M., Russell, C. S., & Russell, L. M. (1986). *One hundred years: History of First Baptist Church of Chelyan, W. Va., formerly Slaughter's Creek Missionary Baptist Church, 1845-1945*.
5. *The World Book of Dresslers*.

Newspapers and Clippings:

Herbert, Dick. (n.d.). *The Sports Observer*.

Higginbotham, Wilma. (1973, April 10). MH College honoring mountain poet. *Charleston Daily Mail*. Page 14A.

Plumley, William. (1996, November 10). Looking back on Muriel Miller Dressler's Day. *Sunday Gazette-Mail*, Charleston, West Virginia. Page E2

No listed author. (1971, January 31). Appalachian expects new eventful year. *Sunday Gazette-Mail*, Charleston, West Virginia. Page 36P.

No listed author. (1972, May 22). Three persons are injured in rash of county wrecks. *The News-Virginian*, Waynesboro, VA.

No listed author. (1970, August 27). Vocational Rehabilitation Director gives 'helping hand' to area youth. *The Ravenswood NEWS*. Page A-10.

No listed author. (1946, October 9). "West Virginians at N. C. State" image and blurb.

"State Big Boy" clipping of Dressler at NC State.

Wolfpack Game Time Magazine: Official Publication of NC State Football. *Volume 1, No. 3*.

The News & Observer. Section C pages 1-2. Saturday, October 12, 1996.

The Wolfpacker: An Independent Newspaper Covering NC State Sports. December 14, 1996.

Located in Oversized Drawer:

North Carolina State University Football Caricature Drawings (2); Wolfpack Game Time Magazine: Official Publication of NC State Football V. 1, no. 3; Washington Redskins Publication from pages 25-61.