Wake Forest University’s Slavery, Race, and Memory Project
A Snapshot of What We Know

- Founded on the Wake Forest plantation of Calvin Jones
- All Presidents of Wake Forest before 1865 were slaveholders
- Many Board of Trustees members were slaveholders
- The College Building for Wake Forest in the 1830s was built with enslaved labor
- First endowment was created from the sale of enslaved people
What We Have Done

• Campus Lectures
• Faculty Colloquium
• Course Enhancement Grants
• Revising Founders Day; including apology
• Collection of Essays
• Advocated for Af-Am Studies program and new academic center
• Hosted USS Webinar, Oct. 1
Role of ZSR Library

- Archives!!
- Historical Timeline and Oral histories
- Guides
- Yearbook Controversy
- Programming
- Digitization and improved access to historical records
WF Historical Museum

Discover the Wake Forest Historical Museum

Welcome Back!
New health and safety measures at the Wake Forest Historical Museum

Wake Forest College Board of Trustees Minutes
Special Collections & Archives

This digital collection documents meetings of the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College (University). The Board of Trustees is part of the institution's governance structure. Ultimate decision-making authority lies in the privately appointed Board of Trustees. The Board provides leadership in the ongoing process of shaping goals and ensuring those goals are met. Board committees include Academic, Administration, Athletics, Audit and Compliance, Bylaws, Compensation, Executive, Finance, Advancement and Communications, Health Affairs, and Investment Committees. The Board of Trustees appoints and oversees the University President.

Recent Additions
Below are a few recent additions in the Wake Forest College Board of Trustees Minutes collection.

- Wake Forest College Board of Trustees Minutes: 1871-1899
- Wake Forest College Board of Trustees Minutes: 1834-1871
Next Steps?

- Annual Commemoration of the Enslaved
- Co-hosting USS Symposium in spring of 2022
- Researching the implications of the move to Winston-Salem on the Black community
• SRMP (includes link to essays): https://about.wfu.edu/history/the-slavery-race-and-memory-project/
• Resources: https://zsr.wfu.edu/special/research/guides/african-american-and-black-resources/
• Oral Histories: https://wakespace.lib.wfu.edu/handle/10339/57306
• Timeline: https://zsr.wfu.edu/special/collections/archives/wfu-timeline/#event-cokwr