

The Scott Family Collection  
presents a new exhibit

# *A Life of Caring*



AGNES SCOTT

HAESELER

(1907-2003)



Agnes' parents  
Robert W. Scott  
and Lizzie Hughes  
married in 1883

- They moved in with Robert's widowed mother Margaret after the wedding.
- Robert and Lizzie devoted their lives to turning acres of washed out and depleted soil into the beautiful and prosperous Melville Farm.
- Robert also developed the Alamance Stock Farm, where he raised horses, cows, sheep, and pigs.



- All fourteen of the Scott children were born in this 1850s farmhouse located several miles south of modern-day Mebane, North Carolina. Eleven of them survived to maturity.
- This photograph was taken around 1900.



Agnes was the 13<sup>th</sup> child born to Robert and Lizzie Scott. She was born in 1907.

She was four years old when her brother Anderson Hughes Scott was born.

Agnes was named for two aunts: her father's sister and her mother's half-sister.

**Mamie White Scott  
(1865-1953)**



**Agnes Hughes Johnston  
(1847-1939)**



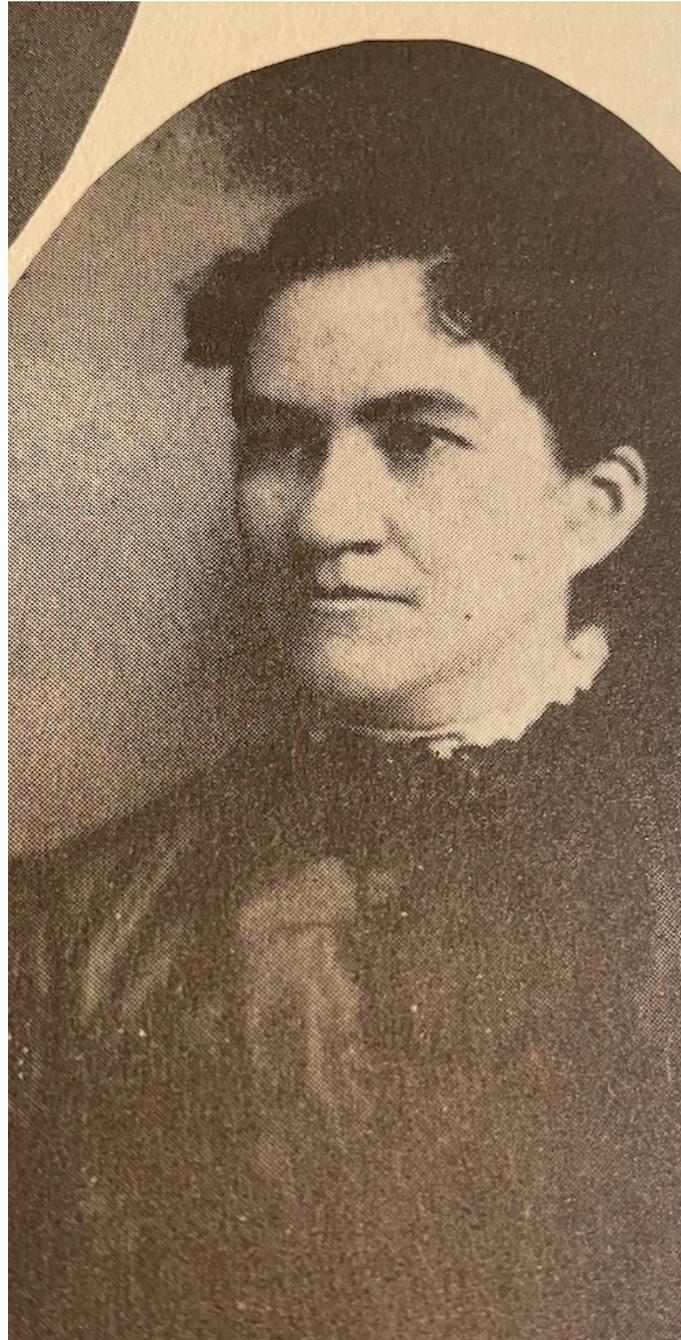
Younger brother  
Anderson Hughes  
Scott was born in  
1911.

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Agnes and her younger  
brother (known to the  
family as “Jim”) were  
very close despite living  
apart for most of their  
lives.



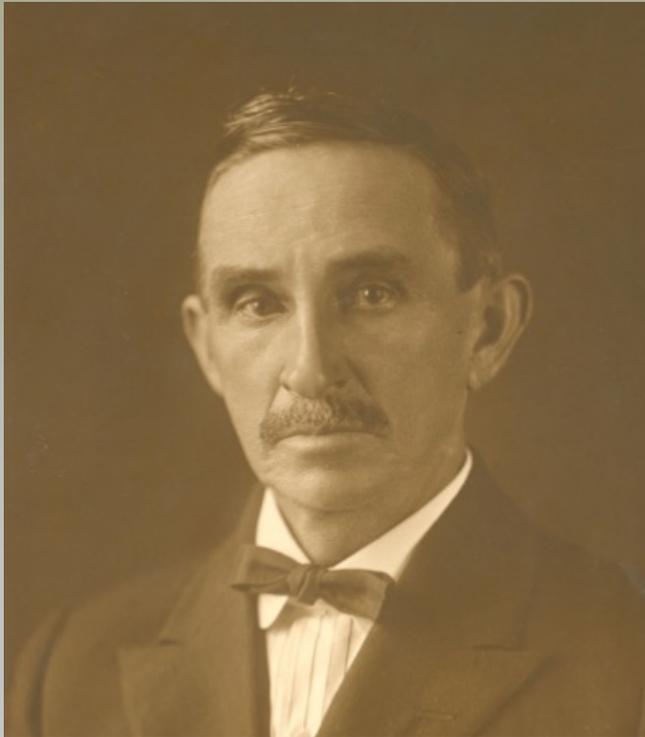
Lizzie  
passed  
away in  
1914 at the  
age of 48.



- Robert was devastated by the loss of his wife.
- He sent his four youngest children away to stay with relatives until his sister Mamie could return home to help care for them.

# Robert married again in 1915

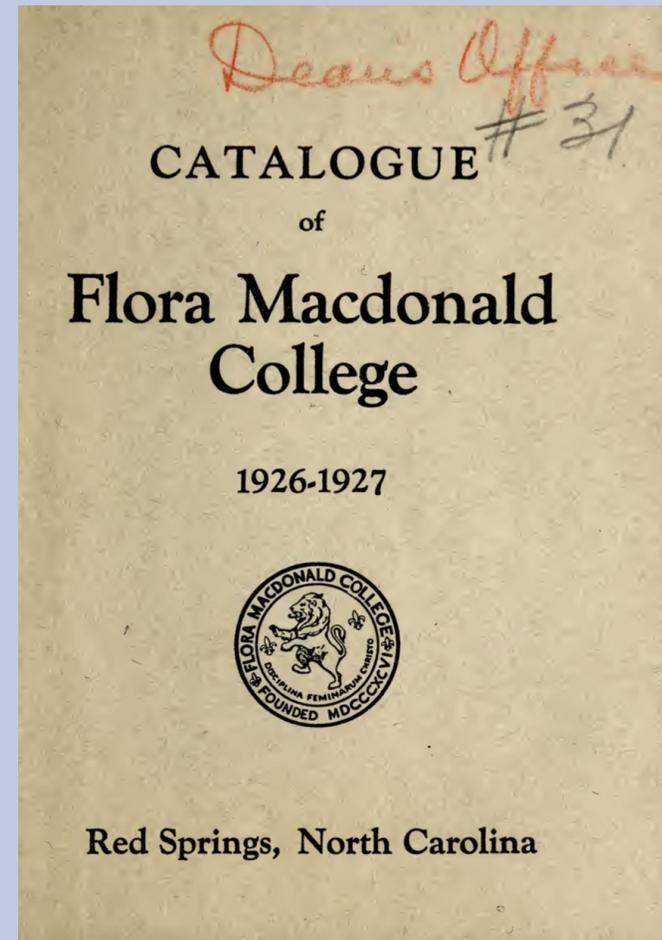
**Robert W. Scott**



**Ella Anderson Scott**



# The White Heather, Yearbook of Flora Macdonald College, 1927



Agnes attended Flora Macdonald College, the same school her older sister Elizabeth attended. Agnes is pictured in row two (see box).



After two years at Flora Macdonald, Agnes decided to become a nurse. She graduated from the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing (Philadelphia) in 1932. She started her career as a private duty nurse and later joined the Visiting Nurses Association.



## Presbyterian Hospital Administration

Building circa 1920



Agnes lived for several years in the Powelton Section of Philadelphia.

Agnes had a chronic disability that threatened her nursing career.



Dr. John R. Moore, surgeon

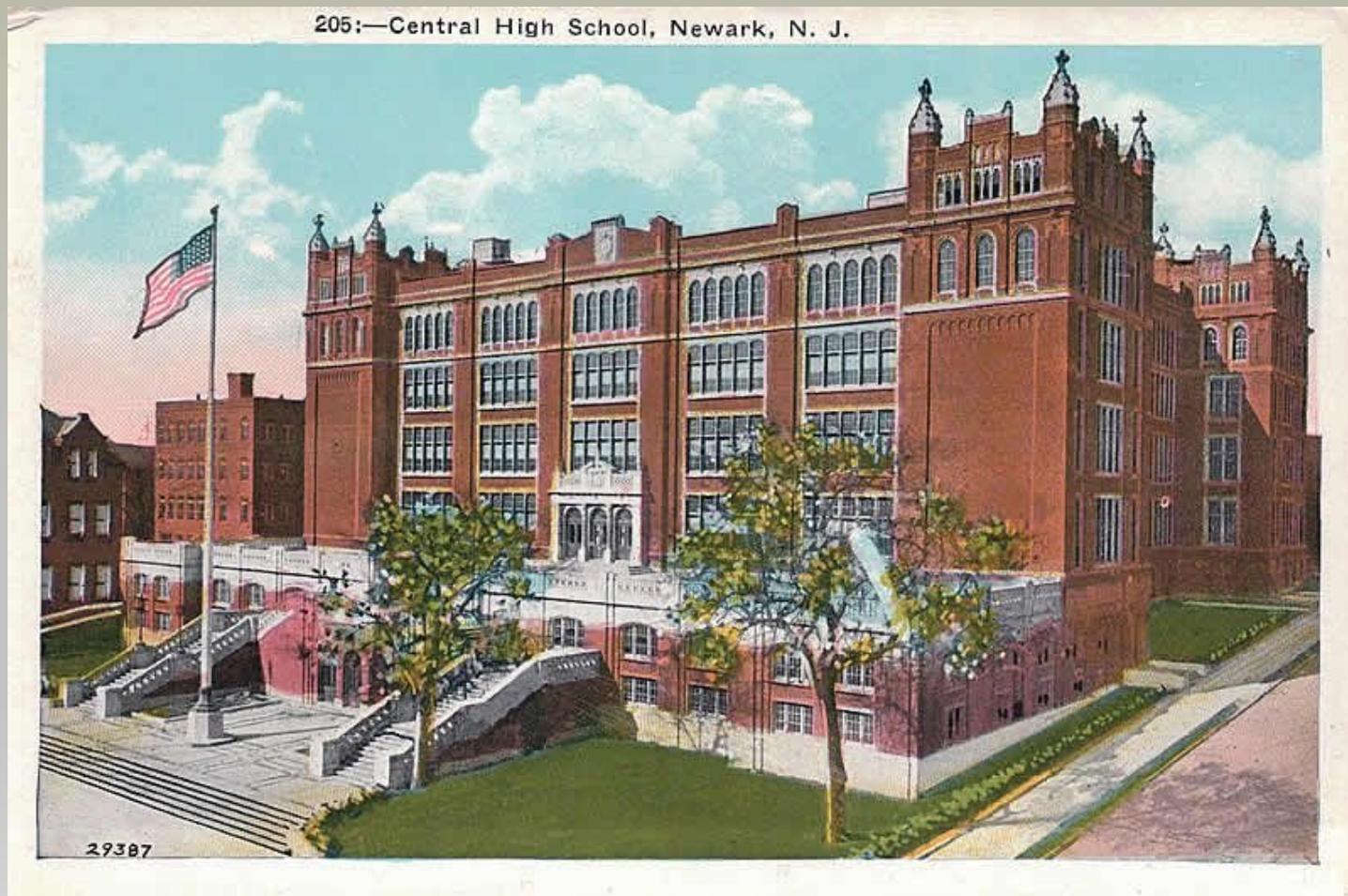
Agnes visited Dr. John Moore at Temple University.

He was able to diagnose her condition and performed surgery to correct the problem.

After a long convalescence, Agnes was ready to return to work, but patient care was too much for her.

She decided to become a school nurse.

Agnes went to work as School Nurse at Central High School in Newark, New Jersey. She met a science teacher named Paul Haeseler, and after a few years, the couple married (1948).





Agnes and Paul  
married in 1948.



- They moved into this house located on Orchard Road in Piscataway, New Jersey. Agnes and Paul divorced in 1960. He stayed at Central High School. Agnes transferred to a primary school. She lived in this house until she retired and moved back to North Carolina in 1985 at the age of 78.

Agnes' brother W. Kerr Scott was elected Governor of North Carolina in 1948. Agnes was too far away to attend the inauguration in 1949.

- Standing:
- Governor W. Kerr Scott,
- Dr. S. Floyd Scott,
- Elizabeth Scott Carrington,
- Ralph H. Scott,
- Henry A. Scott,
- "Jim" Scott
  
- Seated:
- Margaret Scott Smith,
- Aunt Mamie White Scott,
- Josephine Scott Hudson



Agnes did attend family gatherings when she could. Here we see her at a birthday party for her oldest sibling, Josephine Scott Hudson, who was 24 years older than Agnes.

Standing:

Dr. Samuel Floyd Scott

Anderson Hughes Scott

Terry Sanford

Ralph Henderson Scott

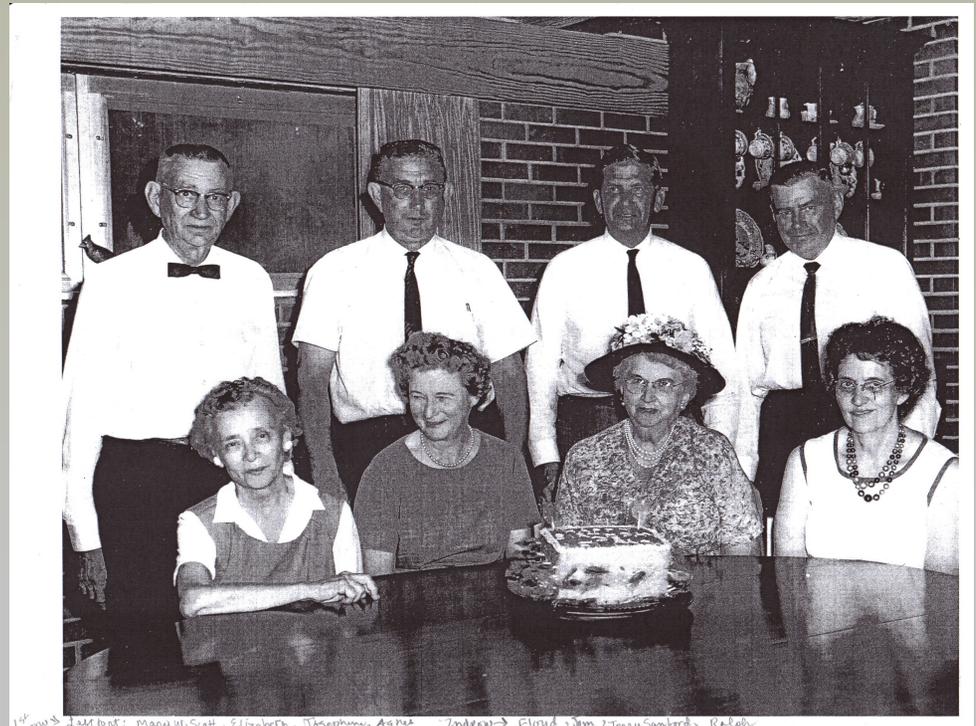
Seated:

Mary White Scott,

Elizabeth Scott Carrington,

Josephine Scott Hudson,

Agnes Scott Haeseler

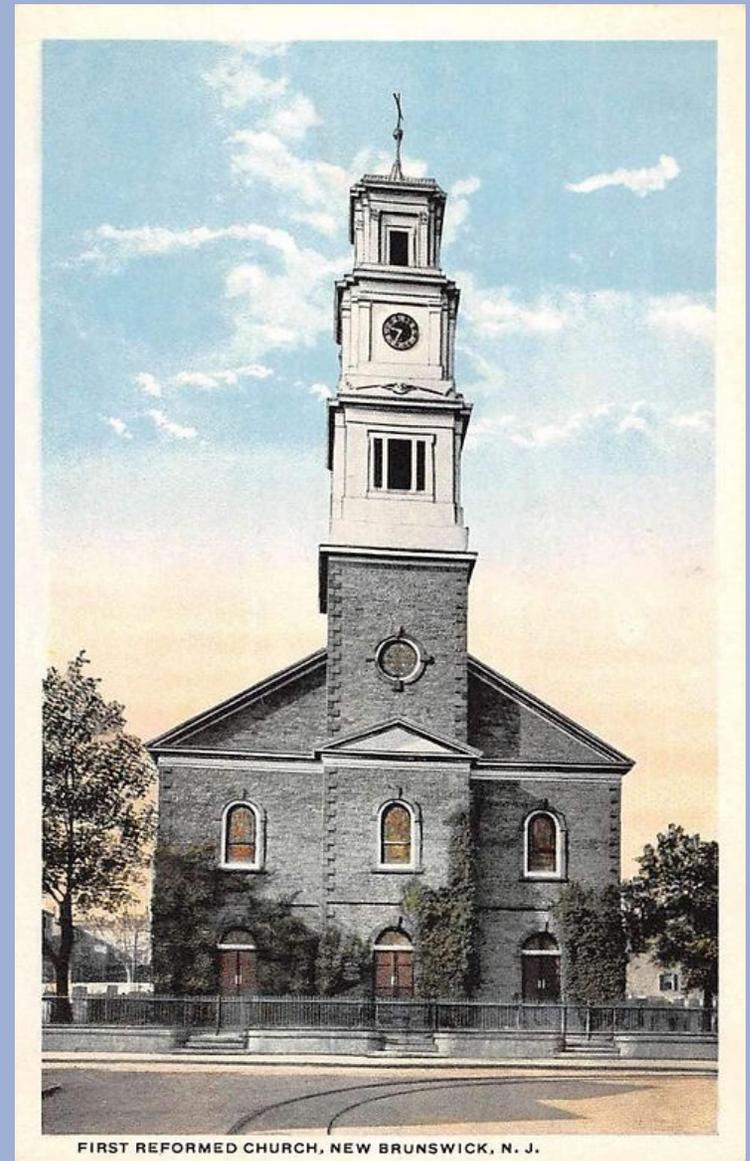


# First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, New Jersey

Agnes was a beloved member of First Reformed Church in New Brunswick New Jersey.

Her friends and neighbors thought of her as “Grandmother in Residence.”

All her friends were sad when Agnes announced that she was retiring to North Carolina.



Agnes retired in 1985 and moved back to North Carolina. Her great nephew Steven Scott and his wife Linda helped her pack up her things for the trip.

**Agnes' home on Orchard Road in Piscataway, New Jersey**



**Agnes' great nephew Steven Scott and his wife Linda Scott**



# Agnes moved to Twin Lakes Community in Burlington, NC



Her pastor, The Rev. Dr. Plexico, helped Agnes work out a plan to raise money for the Hawfields Child Care Center.

Hawfields Presbyterian Church



The Reverend Dr. Plexico



# Groundbreaking Ceremony for the remodeled Hawfields Child Care Center

**Groundbreaking**



**The Center Today**





# TIES THAT BIND

## Hawfields native crusades for child care

By ALLISON MCGUIRE  
Times-News

Agnes Scott Haeseler vividly remembers a special outing 77 years ago in her family's horse and buggy along Alamance County's dirt roads.

But it's not the bumpy ride to her Aunt Agnes' house that jogs her memory most.

"Aunt Agnes loved children and always had cinnamon stick candy for us," the Alamance County native said. "I thought it was the most wonderful thing in the world because back then, there was no such thing as candy at our house. So, I decided I was going to give candy to children all over the world."

Now at 83, Haeseler isn't giving candy to children. Instead, she is contributing her time and efforts to upgrade the Child Care Ministry at Hawfields Presbyterian Church.

In 1988, Haeseler realized that the church Child Care Center — which is celebrating its 25th year of child care ministry — was much too crowded. So she took on the task of convincing church members and other Hawfields residents that a new day-care center would greatly benefit the community. After receiving permission from church officials and the congregation, Haeseler began her fund-raising crusade to build the much-needed facility.

"When we get the child care facility done, it

something back. It's expected that you give to the community and that's the way it ought to be."

Haeseler's began her fund-raising efforts by soliciting family members. With no children of her own, Haeseler had spent many nights babysitting for various nieces and nephews. So, when Haeseler asked family members to make contributions, the response was overwhelmingly positive. Donations from family alone totaled \$60,000.

So far, Haeseler and the church's Child Facility Committee have received more than \$125,000 in donations and facility planning is well under way. Hawfields Church donated the land, and the Child Care Center is scheduled to open for operation on Nov. 1, 1991.

"We were raised to always be doing something worthwhile and always be doing something for others," Haeseler said. "You don't just get born, you're supposed to contribute."

Haeseler, who's family is well known for its generous contributions to Alamance County and North Carolina, had big shoes to fill. Being the 13th of 14 children, Haeseler decided it was best for her to spread her wings and move to New Jersey. "I knew I couldn't be myself if I came back to Alamance County because I was one of the youngest, and they (older brothers and sisters) always told you what to do, when to do it and how to do it.

"I had a lot to live up to which is why I

- Agnes passed away in 2003 at the age of 96. She will be remembered as an independent woman, a capable nurse, and a proud member of the Scott Family of the Hawfields.

Special Thanks

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Creating this Project.

## Children of Robert W. and Lizzie H. Scott:

Fannie Josephine Scott (1883-1978)

Robert Walter Scott, Jr. (1885-1939)

Infant son (1887-1887)

James Edwin Scott (1889-1918)

Margaret Kerr Scott (1891-1961)

Albert Murray Scott (1893-1893)

Samuel Floyd Scott (1894-1972)

William Kerr Scott (1896-1958)

Henry Alvord Scott (1898-1962)

Elizabeth Hughes Scott (1902-1993)

Ralph Henderson Scott (1903-1989)

Howard Johnston Scott (1906-1906)

Agnes White Scott (1907-2003)

Anderson Hughes Scott (1911-1993)

## IMAGE CREDITS

Agnes on capping day, (photograph), 1930, SFC, ACC, Graham, NC

Robert W. Scott and Lizzie Hughes Scott after their marriage in 1883, (photograph), SFC, ACC, Graham, NC

Scott home-place early 1900s, (photograph), SFC, ACC, Graham, NC

Agnes White Scott as a child around 1912, (photograph), SFC, ACC, Graham, NC

Left: Mamie White Scott as a young woman, (photograph), SFC, ACC, Graham, NCR

Right: Agnes Hughes Johnston as a girl, (photograph), SFC, ACC, Graham, NC

Anderson Hughes Scott as a boy, (photograph), SFC, ACC, Graham, NC

Lizzie Hughes Scott around 1914, (photograph), SFC, ACC, Graham, NC

Left: Robert W. Scott in middle age, (photograph), SFC, ACC, Graham, NC

Right: Ella Anderson in middle age, (photograph), SFC, ACC, Graham, NC

Left: The White Heather, 1927, photo of Agnes White Scott (college yearbook),

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Left: Agnes on capping day, (photograph), 1930, SFC, ACC, Graham, NC

Right: Presbyterian Hospital, Admin Building, 1920s, (photograph),

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3309 Powelton Street, Philadelphia, PA, (photograph),

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Dr. John R. Moore, (photograph), <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3171523/>

Left: Agnes Scott Haeseler and Paul Haeseler, (photograph), SFC, ACC, Graham, NC

Right: Orchard Road home of Agnes Scott Haeseler from 1948 until her retirement in 1985, (photograph), ([https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/2-Orchard-Rd-Piscataway-NJ-08854/39151278\\_zpid/](https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/2-Orchard-Rd-Piscataway-NJ-08854/39151278_zpid/))

Governor Kerr Scott and siblings at Governor's Mansion with Miss Mamie, 1949, (photograph), SFC, ACC, Graham, NC

Scott siblings gather for Josephine's birthday, 1970s, (photograph), SFC, ACC, Graham, NC

First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, NJ (photograph),

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Left: Agnes' home on Orchard Road (photograph), ([https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/2-Orchard-Rd-Piscataway-NJ-08854/39151278\\_zpid/](https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/2-Orchard-Rd-Piscataway-NJ-08854/39151278_zpid/) Right: Steven and Linda Scott, (photograph),

<https://www.bizjournals.com/triad/news/2021/11/05/m-a-insights-scott-stone-sale-paves-a-new-path.html>

Twin Lakes Retirement Community (photograph), <https://www.seniorly.com/continuing-care-retirement-community/north-carolina/burlington/twin-lakes-community>

Left: Hawfields Presbyterian Church, <https://cemeterycensus.com/nc/alam/cem006.htm>

Right: Rev. Dr. Plexico (photograph), <https://www.thetimesnews.com/obituaries/pbtn0179433>

Left: Groundbreaking ceremony, Hawfields Child Care Center, (photograph), SFC, ACC, Graham, NC Right: Hawfields Child Care Center, (photograph), <https://www.hawfieldschildcare.com/>

Agnes interviewed by local newspaper, (clipping), several years before her death, undated, source unknown.

List of Scott siblings in order of birth. No images.