SUMMARY INFORMATION

Title: Paul Rice Collection
Accession #: 2007-029
Physical Description: 0.63 linear feet (2 boxes)
Languages: Collection material in English.
Processing Information: Julia Cowart processed the collection in 2018.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition:
Nelljean Rice, wife of Paul Rice and English professor at Coastal Carolina University, donated the collection in 2007.

Related Material:
- S.C. Poets Vertical file – Paul Rice
- Winning Broadsides for Paul Rice Poetry Competition at Coastal Carolina University, 2006, 2008, 2009, Special Collections, Furman University

Biographical Sketch:
Born Samuel Paul Rice, Jr. on September 26, 1943 in La Grange, Ga. to Samuel Paul and Nadine Baker Rice. Rice graduated from La Grange High School in 1961, attended Georgia Technical Institute and graduated from Auburn University. Rice received the M.F.A. in Poetry and Poetics from the University of Arkansas and his Ph.D. from The Catholic University in Washington, D.C. with a specialization in 20th century British and American poetry. Rice was a tenured full professor at Coastal Carolina University where he taught for 17 years 1987-2004. He had previously taught at University of North Carolina-Asheville, Mars Hill College, N.C., and Brunswick College in Brunswick, Ga.
Among the awards Rice earned for his poetry include the Southern Literary Festival Poetry Prize and the Amon Line Award from The Greenville Review. He was also the winner in the South Carolina Fiction Project.

After Rice’s death on October 17, 2004, Carolina Coastal University established the Paul Rice Broadside Series Contest for undergraduates in 2006. Each semester, an outside judge names the winning poet whose work will be published on 100 limited-edition broadsides. 
https://www.coastal.edu/english/beyondtheclassroom/paulricepoetrybroadsidecontest/

**USING THE COLLECTION**

**Access Restrictions:** None.

**Preferred Citation:** [Identification of item], Paul Rice Collection, Acc. 2007-029 [Box#, Folder #], Special Collections and Archives, Furman University, Greenville, S.C.

**ARRANGEMENT**

The materials within each series have been arranged chronologically by year published.

Series 1, Published Poetry, 1981-1996
Series 2, Unpublished work, 1976 and undated
Series 3, DVDs, 2005

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection contains Paul Rice’s published poetry, an unpublished manuscript, a thesis, and DVDs. The DVDs record Paul Rice reading his poetry, and a memorial concert after his death.

**COLLECTION INVENTORY**

Series 1, Published Poetry

Box 1

Folder 1: 1981-1983

• “The Eyes of the daughters of Calvary,” *Step Around the Mountain: Southern Appalachia Mountains*, Black Jack #12, 1983, p. 63

Folder 2: 1986-1989
• “Abandoned fire tower on Oak Mountain,” *Cotton Boll*, Fall 1987, Vol. 3, No. 1, p 57
• “Love and the Jersey Shore,” *Poet Lore*, Fall 1989, Vol. 84, No. 3, p 10

Folder 3: 1990-1991
• “Harris County Grays,” and “Taking Away the L,” *Southern Humanities Review*, Spring 1990, Vol. 24, No. 2, pp 142-143

• “Eclipse over Brooklyn,” and In the Land of my Birth, Many Stories outlast a Childhood,” and “Platonic Removes,” *The Ninety-Six Sampler of South Carolina Poetry*, 1994, pp 181-186
• “A Photo of Flagler Chapel Taken from Highway 44,” and Flower-Handed People,” and Love in Horry County,” *Point*, 365 Degrees, February 1996, p.14
Series 2, Unpublished work, 1976 and undated

Box 2
Folder 2. “The Ossahatchee Codex,” unpublished manuscript of poems by Rice, undated

Series 3, DVDs, 2005
Folder 3
- “Paul Rice Poetry” DVD. Paul Rice reading his poetry, unknown event and date. DVD created April 5, 2005.
- *Stranger in a Strange Land: Remembering the Music of Paul Rice*, February 24, 2005, DVD.