

## **Dr. Howard F. Robinson**

The late **Dr. Howard F. Robinson** served as director of Agricultural Research at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, from 1965 – 82. The following information was gleaned from N.C. A&T's Bluford Library newspaper archives:

In 1976, Dr. Howard F. Robinson received a distinguished College Alumni Award from the College of Agriculture and Home Economics at the Ohio State University. A newspaper account of the award notes that during his years as director of the agricultural research program, the “university’s research output rose from \$300,000 per year to more than \$2 million. A&T currently has more than \$8 million worth of research in operation.”

The archives also include a May 7, 1983 Carolina Peacemaker article noting that the Association of Research Directors honored Robinson, citing him “for having provided quality leadership in developing research projects and for having achieved the greatest increase in federal support of any historically black land-grant university.” The article also states that “the current research budget is approximately \$1.9 million, which comprises almost a third of federal monies received at A&T.”

The article also states that Robinson retired in August, 1982 due to an extended illness, and that he served as director of the Office of Research Administration from 1965-82; director of the Manpower Research and Training Center 1970-82; director of the Institute for Research in Human Resources 1967-1982; director of the Agricultural Research Program from 1978-1982; and served on the boards of directors of the American Agricultural Economics Association and of the Central Bank of Co-operatives.

Robinson served at N.C. A&T as a professor of economics. He received his bachelor’s from A&T, his master’s from the University of Illinois, and his Ph.D. from the Ohio State University, and did his postdoctoral work in applied economics at the University of Chicago.

Archives also include an account of Robinson being among 73 people honored during A&T’s Centennial Celebration in 1990.