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Mary Clarke Miley Foundation Collection

Mary Clarke Miley Foundation Collection. Papers, 1898–2007. 5 feet.

Private foundation. Correspondence (1937–1954) of William Halliburton Miley and Mary Clarke Miley regarding personal matters and William’s service in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War. The letters include information regarding William’s suicide in 1954, as well as the clemency case of Pvt. Eddie D. Slovic. Also in the collection are four scrapbooks (1900–2002) with clippings, programs, and photographs concerning Mary Clarke Miley, her career as a pianist, the foundation she established, and other topics; an unpublished account (1969) by Grace Frances Campbell about her childhood in Oklahoma Territory during the 1890s; the memoirs of music instructor Dr. Merle Montgomery; and correspondence and clippings (2003-2004) about the extension of soldiers’ terms of service in the Iraq War.

Location: 08350

Oversized Box 1

Two scrapbooks with case titled, “The Mary Clark Miley Scholarships,” and “Perkins Led the Way: The Story of Desegregation at Southern Methodist University” by Merrimon Cuninggim

One scrapbook about Mary Clark Miley

Robert Clarke: To ‘B’ or Not to ‘B’ by Robert Clarke and Tom Weaver

Uneasy Partners: The College and the Church by Merrimon Cuninggim

Folder:

1. Correspondence
Howard University 1986
Parents of former students, recital program
Dr. John Thompson, 1947-1962
Carl Albert 1994 (one photograph enclosed newspaper clippings)
Te Ata Fisher and Mary Clark Miley
Additional information Re: Karl Oskar Bugg
Miscellaneous Correspondence

2. News clippings showing Mary Clarke Miley and William Warfield judging applications for voice scholarships, February 28, 1983.

Correspondence between Mary Clarke Miley and Donald S. Dawson, William Banowsky, the Honorable Carl Albert, Robert L. Morris, and Harry Messel, concerning the Mary Clarke Miley Foundation and other matters, 1959-1994.

Copy of page from *Congressional Record*, "In Memoriam: Walter M. Harrison"
September 6, n.d.

Location: 08351

Oversized Box 2

The collection contains a three-ring binder of the Memoirs of Dr. Merle Montgomery. The memoirs chronicle her life from her childhood in Oklahoma during the early 1900's to national acclaim as a music instructor. She was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 1976, and represented the National Federation of Music Clubs at the United Nations. 244 pages, plus appendix of related correspondence

Box 3

Folder:

1. Book I: Correspondence of William Halliburton Miley to Mary Clarke prior to marriage, September 30, 1937 to August 29, 1938.
2. Book II: Correspondence of William Halliburton Miley to Mary Clarke Miley regarding World War II, September 1943 to May 1944.
3. Book III: Correspondence of William Halliburton Miley to Mary Clarke Miley regarding the Korean War, December 1951 to May 1952.
4. Book IV: Correspondence of William Halliburton Miley to Mary Clarke Miley regarding personal matters prior to his 1954 suicide, June 30, 1953 to February 7, 1954.
5. One box of photocopies of the materials in Boxes I – IV.
6. William Halliburton Miley's Army-issue World War II duffle bag.
7. Correspondence of Mary Clarke Miley and photocopied documents (1977-2001) regarding the case of Pvt. Eddie D. Slovic in 1945.
8. Two audio cassette tapes (2001) of Mary Clarke Miley discussing William's involvement in World War II, the Korean War, the case of Pvt. Eddie D. Slovic, and a description of William's personality and behavior.
9. A spiral-bound unpublished account (1969) titled "Frankie and the Little Guys" by Grace Frances Campbell about her childhood in Oklahoma Territory during the 1890s.
10. Two programs (1997) of the final Schubertiade concert at the 92nd Street Y in New York City, New York.
11. Booklet honoring fourteen of Mary Clarke Miley's family and friends who have annual scholarships granted by the Mary Clarke Miley Foundation named after them, circa 2009.

Box 4

Folder:

1. Correspondence and newspaper clippings regarding William H. Miley's law suit for release from the U.S. Army (1950s), and newspaper clippings and correspondence between Mary Clarke Miley and Mark L. Kimmey and others regarding the extension of soldiers' terms of service during the Iraq War (2003-4).
2. A medal that is inscribed, "Cora Mae Brown, O.B.C., Piano, 1898."

Location: 08351**Oversized Box 5**

Scrapbook (1995-2006) of correspondence, photographs, address book, and other papers related to Mary Clarke Miley's efforts to get Dr. Merle Montgomery Kramer's translation of Vincent d'Indy's *Cours de Composition Musicale* published by the University of Oklahoma Press.

Location: 08395**Scrapbook**

One scrapbook (1949-1992) of clippings, correspondence, and memorabilia collected by Mary Clarke Miley. It includes information on and images of various prominent figures in Oklahoma history, including Carl Albert, A. S. Mike Monroney, Peyton Ford, and Jack Conn; also included are Alvin Ailey and Muhammad Ali; as well as notes and pictures from friends and family.

Location: 08466**Scrapbooks**

Two scrapbooks (1982-2002) and collected addenda regarding the Mary Clarke Miley Foundation and its programs and activities. Included are photographs of Carol Brice and Thomas Carey.

Sound Recordings:

Tape 2343: One audio cassette recording which recounts the experience of William H. Miley during the Korean War.