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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit Date

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection contains the papers of Virginia Tech graduate, professor of modern languages, and director of athletics Clarence Paul "Sally" Miles, including grade books for courses in French and German, together with personal memorabilia and photographs.

Creator

Miles, Clarence Paul, 1879-1966

Extent

0.2 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Clarence Paul "Sally" Miles was born in Hanover County, Virginia on June 21, 1879. The son of William J. and Charlotte Ellett Miles, he entered the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute (now Virginia Tech) in 1897. During his studies Miles played on both the baseball and football teams, serving as captain of each at different times.

After earning his master's degree, Miles served as a chemistry instructor, while also coaching baseball and football. From 1902 to 1920, Miles served as the school's professor of modern languages and also served as the graduate manager of athletics, beginning in 1908. In 1920, Miles' part-time position as athletics manager evolved into the full-time director of athletics position, and he continued to serve in that capacity until 1935, when he resumed instruction in foreign languages. He retired in 1956, having also served as Virginia Tech's treasurer and as the dean of the college from 1943 to 1950.

Among other activities, Miles served as a director and vice-president of Blacksburg National Bank and a member of the Blacksburg Town Council. He was twice married: first to Virginia Longley Vawter in 1913 and to Elizabeth Anderson Hall in 1935. Sally Miles died on May 2, 1966.

Scope and Content

This collection contains papers of Clarence Paul "Sally" Miles, a Virginia Tech graduate (class of 1901), professor of modern languages (1902-1920, 1935-1951), and director of athletics (1920-1935). The majority of the collection consists of grade books for Miles' courses in French and German. Miles' grade records are kept in a set of identical books titled "The Teacher's Model Pocket Register and Grade Book." Each book contains the course title, names of students, and daily grade records, based on the system provided by the book publisher. Also within the papers are a small set of materials relating to Miles' life and Blacksburg, including a resolution of appreciation and a condition statement from the National Bank of Blacksburg, as well as two notes from local masonic lodges. The collection also includes three photographs: Miles in a VPI baseball uniform, Miles with Pete Willson, and an artists' conception of a planned addition to Miles Stadium.

Separated Materials

The book *A History of the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church* ([Blacksburg, VA: The Church?, 1953?]) was separated to the Rare Book Collection at the Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives.

Related Archival Materials

See also portraits of C. P. Miles in the Art Collection and the Clarence Paul Miles Papers, Ms1961-003, at the Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives.

Keywords

Faculty and staff

Students and alumni

University History

Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute (1896-1944)

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by material type.

Description of Subordinate Components

Grade books

Unit Date 1902-1904

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Grade books

Unit Date 1905-1907

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Grade books

Unit Date 1907-1911

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Grade books

Unit Date 1911-1914

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Memorabilia and photographs

Unit Date ca. 1903-1960

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

National Bank of Blacksburg resolution of appreciation

Unit Date 1955

Masonic birthday card

Unit Date [1955]

National Bank of Blacksburg condition statement

Unit Date [1955]

Notification of honorary membership in Blacksburg chapter of Royal Arch Masons

Unit Date 1960

Flyer for VMI-VPI football game

Unit Date undated

Photographs

Miles in baseball uniform

Unit Date ca. 1903

Miles with Pete Willson

Unit Date undated

Addition to Miles Stadium

Unit Date undated

Extent [half-tone]