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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection contains correspondence between G. Preston Frazer and Marcus L. Oliver. Additional materials include photocopies of newspaper articles, a signed *Sixteen Pencil Impressions from Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A.* booklet, and Frazer's obituary.

Creator

Frazer, George Preston

Creator

Oliver, Marcus L.

Extent

0.2 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note - G. Preston Frazer

G. (George) Preston Frazer was born in Davidson, Tennessee, February 4, 1908, to George Augustine and Sadie (Warner) Frazer. He received a BA in Liberal Arts from the Virginia Military Institute in 1929. In 1935, he completed a BS in Engineering at the University of Hawaii, and in 1937, a Masters of Architecture at Harvard University. During World War II, he served with the Second Armored Division in Europe and North Africa. He remained in the Army Reserves until 1968. From 1939 to 1940 and from 1946 to 1974, he taught in the Art Department of Virginia Tech. Following his retirement, Frazer continued to support Virginia Tech, which continues to be among the many institutions to display donations of his work. Frazer died at his home in Catawba, North Carolina, on September 10, 2003.

Biographical Note - Marcus L. Oliver

Marcus L. Oliver graduated from VPI in 1947 with a BS in Argicultural Education. In 1949, he obtained a MS from the University of North Carolina. From 1949 to 1968, he worked for the Virginia Tech Alumni Association in several capacities: Assistant Secretary (1949-1960), Secretary (1960-1965), Director of Alumni Affairs (1965-1966), and Director of Placement (1966-1968). After Virginia Tech, Oliver served as the Director of Development, then Director of Annual Giving at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee.

Scope and Content

The collection contains correspondence between G. Preston Frazer and Marcus L. Oliver. The letters are mostly personal exchanges, but there are also several letters relating to Frazer's donation of portraits to Botetourt County, Virginia, and the Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville, Tennessee. Additional materials include photocopies of newspapers articles, a signed *Sixteen Pencil Impressions from Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A.*, and Frazer's obituary.

Related Archival Materials

See the following materials, which are also at Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives:

G. Preston Frazer Artwork, Ms1992-055

Marcus L. Oliver Correspondence, Ms2009-096

Keywords

Faculty and staff

University History

Virginia Polytechnic Institute (1944-1970)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (1970-)

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Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence

Unit Date 1991-1996

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1997-2002

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Articles, signed publication, flyer, and obituary

Unit Date 1939-2003

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)