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Creator

Miller, James H., Jr.

source

Francis, Charles

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1.16 Linear Feet 1 flat box

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Biographical Note

James Henry Miller, Jr. was born in Hinton, West Virginia on May 25, 1891. He graduated from Washington and Lee University though the exact year is in question. Alumni records have his graduation year as 1915. However, he isn't listed in the Register of Students past 1914. Miller died at the age of 32 on August 24, 1923.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains a scrapbook compiled by James "Fats" Miller while he attended Washington and Lee University 1911-1914. It includes clippings, ephemera, and photographs. The clippings primarily relate to athletics, specifically football. Miller was a W&L football player, and the scrapbook has telegrams congratulating him and the team on their wins. The ephemera relates to W&L Athletic Association and social events. There is a program for the Annual Interscholastic Track and Field Games dated April 25, 1914, tickets stubs, Finals 1913, dance card book, and W&L receipts. The photograph subjects include campus buildings and people, a Lexington parade, football, baseball, basketball, and a large format print of the crew team rowing in the North River. Of particular note is a photograph labeled "Pride of KA" that shows two young African American boys posed in a boxing stance and wearing boxing gloves. There is also a pencil drawing of Miller. The scrapbook also contained a number of loose sheets of composition paper that appear to have been used to create an autograph book. The individuals signed their names, sometimes drew images such as alcohol bottles or revolvers, and wrote quotes that usually pertain to women or football. A number of these individuals also included the initials "F.L.S." and "KKK" in their entries. Some write out Ku Klux Klan. Based on the entries, it's highly probable these individuals attended Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal, Virginia.

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