

Margaret Claridge Gray Collection

Collection Summary

Title: Margaret Claridge Gray Collection

Summary:

Physical Description: 10 boxes and 1 oversized box; About 6.5 linear feet.

Language: English

Stack Location: S2-25 - S2-28; S2-36

Repository: Metropolitan Government Archives of Nashville-Davidson County,
615 Church St. Nashville, TN 37219

Scope and Contents of the Collection:

This collection is the papers of Margaret Claridge Gray. The collection contains photographs, newspaper and magazine clippings, publications, artifacts and assorted memorabilia from the life of Margaret Claridge Gray and her family. Items include ephemera, photographs, and teaching aids from the mid-twentieth century from North Nashville High School. It also includes a great deal of genealogical information about Mrs. Gray's family. There are photographs, writings, small journals, and school work created in the 19th century by Mrs. Gray's family, along with the Civil War Discharge of Pleasant Claridge, Mrs. Gray's grandfather. The collection includes memorabilia from Ohio Wesleyan University, Walden University and Meharry Medical College. The artifacts include spectacles owned by Mrs. Gray's grandfather, beads and knitting needles carved by a Confederate veteran and given to Mrs. Gray when she was a child. The collection also includes records of the properties owned by the Beatty and Claridge families, and documents related to property acquired for Meharry Medical College. The collection holds various documents and memorabilia pertaining to the Women's Christian Temperance Union, of which Mrs. Gray, her mother, and grandmother were active members.

Biographical Sketch/Historical Note:

Mrs. Gray was born in Nashville, Tennessee. She received her A.B. in history in 1931 and then went on to obtain a master's degree in history from Vanderbilt in 1933. She became a school teacher in the Metro Public Schools and served in this position for 37 years teaching history at North Nashville High School. Mrs. Gray married her husband in 1937, and they had one child together. Mrs. Gray was an active member of the W.C.T.U, and an avid historian collecting teaching tools, newspaper clippings, and other ephemera about Nashville and the United States until her death.

Index Terms:

Subjects:

Education
Education--Tennessee
Nashville and Davidson County (Tenn.)
Nashville – History

Arrangement:

The Collection is organized into 14 series; materials are arranged alphabetically:

- I. Artifacts (Oversized Box 1 and Box 2)**
- II. Biographical/Genealogical (Boxes 2-3)**
 - i. Alkire/Beatty Family
 - ii. Claridge Family
 - iii. Margaret Claridge Gray
- III. Carroll Street Methodist Church (Boxes 3-4)**
- IV. Correspondence (Boxes 4-5)**
 - i. Sierra Nevada (Beatty) Alkire
 - ii. Nancy Mildred (Hopkins) Beatty
 - iii. Essie B. (Alkire) Claridge
 - iv. George W. Claridge
 - v. Mary Elizabeth Claridge
 - vi. Margaret Claridge Gray
 - vii. Jeremiah Hopkins
 - viii. Postcards
 - ix. Unidentified
- V. Financial Records (Box 6)**
- VI. History (Boxes 6)**
 - i. Nashville
 - ii. Tennessee State
 - iii. Religious
 - iv. United States
- VII. Newspaper/Magazine Clippings (Oversized Box 7)**
 - i. Civil War History
 - ii. Family
 - iii. Global History
 - iv. Nashville History
 - v. School Related
 - vi. Tennessee State History
 - vii. United States History
- VIII. North Nashville High School (Boxes 8-9)**
 - i. Commencement Programs
 - ii. Graduates' Ephemera

- iii. Lecture Notes and Teaching Aids
- iv. The North Star
- v. Personnel Records
- vi. Retirement Records
- vii. Teaching Credentials
- IX. Ohio Wesleyan University (Box 9)**
 - i. Essie B. (Alkire) Claridge
 - ii. George W. Claridge
- X. Patriotic/Political (Box 9)**
 - i. Essie B. (Alkire) Claridge
 - ii. George W. Claridge
 - iii. Margaret Claridge Gray
- XI. Photographs (Box 9-10)**
 - i. Akire/Beatty/Hopkins Families
 - ii. Carroll Street Methodist Church
 - iii. Claridge/Willoughby Families
 - iv. Gray and Related Families
 - v. Nashville Scenes
 - vi. North Nashville High
 - vii. Walden University
- XII. Property Records (Box 10)**
 - i. Beatty Family
 - ii. Deeds/Titles
 - iii. Meharry Medical College
 - iv. Photographs
 - v. Walden University
- XIII. School Work (Box 10-11)**
 - i. Sierra Nevada Alkire
 - ii. William Harvey Alkire
 - iii. Elizabeth Claridge
 - iv. Essie B. (Alkire) Claridge
 - v. George W. Claridge
 - vi. Margaret Claridge Gray
- XIV. Women's Christian Temperance Union (W.C.T.U.) (Box 11)**
 - i. Sierra Nevada Alkire
 - ii. Essie B. (Alkire) Claridge
 - iii. Margaret Claridge Gray
 - iv. The Open Door

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