

Guide to the Miller Family Collection

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The purpose of this finding aid is to help you understand the nature of this collection and to assist you in the retrieval of material from this collection. The following pages contain a brief biographical history of the person, or persons, who created or collected these papers, followed by a general description of the collection in the scope and content note. If more detailed information is warranted then series descriptions also appear. The container listing appears last and is the listing of material in each box, or container, of this collection. To request material you need to turn to the container listing section. It is essentially a listing of file folders, or artifact items, in the collection. Each folder, or item, has a call number associated with it. Each folder also lists the inclusive dates of the material in the folder. On the material request form list both the call number and the folder, or item, title. Use a different line for each folder, or item, requested. When your request sheet is complete, or full, bring it to the archivist and the material will be retrieved.

Biographical Note

Lyman T. Miller (1867-1947) was the eldest of nine children. He was a graduate of Westfield College, the United Brethren institution of higher education in Westfield, Illinois. He worked in that community as a teacher, farmer, and carpenter. He also appears to have been a prolific writer, though it is unclear rather his manuscripts were ever published. His younger sister, Bertie (1889-1962), also attended Westfield College but later transferred to the Charleston Normal School. She had a long and active career as a teacher, first in her hometown and later in the Chicago School system. In later life she traveled extensively in the United States and South America. Throughout her life, Bertie was active in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of manuscripts, a diary, and some biographical information. The manuscripts are all handwritten, and most appear to have been written by Lyman Miller. They address various topics and issues, ranging from "Socialism" to "An Oyster Supper." The longest manuscript is that of a novella written by "Augustus Smith" relating the trials of his marriage to a highly educated wife. One of the manuscripts is a student paper by Bertie Miller.

The diary was written by Lyman Miller and consists of handwritten pages bound together with string. It related the events of his daily life from April through November, 1883.

The biographical material consists of several typewritten pages giving genealogical and other information about members of the Miller family.

Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner. This collection is arranged by record type and genre.

Related Material

Douglas Woodward Collection.

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding this collection.



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Index Terms

Subject Terms

Education, Higher
Women

Geographic Terms

Illinois
Ohio

Subject Names - Corporate Bodies

Church of the United Brethren in Christ (New constitution)

Genre Terms

Biographies
Diaries
Manuscripts

Occupation Terms

Carpenter
Farmer
Teacher

Added Names - Persons

Miller, Bertie

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Container List

Call Number	Folder Title	Date(s)
1553-5-5:1	Manuscript: Untitled Novella by "Augustus Smith" Chapters 1-7	Undated
1553-5-5:2	Manuscript: Untitled Novella by "Augustus Smith" Chapters 8-14	Undated
1553-5-5:3	Manuscript: Untitled Novella by "Augustus Smith" Chapters 14-21	Undated
1553-5-5:4	Manuscripts: Untitled	Undated
1553-5-5:5	Manuscripts: Titled, A-F	Undated
1553-5-5:6	Manuscripts: Titled, G-T	Undated
1553-5-5:7	Manuscript of Novella: "A Bright Dawn"	Undated
1553-5-5:8	Manuscript: Newspaper, "The Weekly Paddle of Our Own Trib"	Undated
1553-5-5:9	Poetry	Undated
1553-5-5:10	Diary: Lyman Miller	1883
1553-5-5:11	Biographical Information	Undated