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SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE COLLECTION

Mr. Hamlin is a local (Huntington, WV) attorney who is an alumnus of Marshall University. Mr. Hamlin was the quarterback of the 1964 Marshall University football team and has been a long-time supporter of the football and athletic programs at Marshall. Following the expulsion of the University from the Mid-American Conference and the plane crash of 1971, Mr. Hamlin became actively involved in trying to convince the University’s administration to seek membership in the Southern Conference.

The bulk of the collection contains correspondence, manuscripts, newspaper articles and editorials, and research materials related to Marshall University joining the Southern Conference. Other materials in the collection are related the formation of the MU School of Medicine and the MU Multi-Purpose Facility (Cam Henderson Center), and the MU athletic alumni organization, Big Green. Additionally, Mr. Hamlin has included an essay written by his uncle, Mr. William F. Blackburn, Jr., entitled “The Formation of the Williamson, W. Va. Branch College and Southern W. Va. Community College”.

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