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SHIRLEY FOSTER STREEBY MATHEWS COLLECTION**

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The Shirley Foster Streeby Mathews Collection

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Location: Special Collections Department, Morrow Library

Date Range: The yearbooks range from 1944 through 1982. The material inside the yearbooks ranges from 1939 through 2003.

Size: 4 boxes (6 cu. ft)

This collection was a gift from Mrs. Shirley Foster Streeby Mathews.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The bulk of the collection contains newspaper clippings that Mrs. Mathews collected over the years about her former students. There are also a few dozen photographs, along with wedding invitations, school pageants and programs, commencements, handwritten and typed correspondence, reunion correspondence, Greenline newsletters (a publication for Marshall University alumni), church programs, funeral/death announcements and holiday cards. Most of the photos are identified on the back.

System of Arrangement: Original order was kept to as great a degree as possible. The collection is comprised of yearbooks, but they are not in concurrent years. The years are in date order, with the items from the yearbooks kept in the order they were stored. The photos have been removed from the books for preservation purposes, but are still grouped with the yearbook they were originally filed with by the creator, Mrs. Shirley Foster Streeby Mathews.

Format Example-Folder #, pages in the yearbook the material comes from, summary of material, years covered in the material.

Also note, that even though the material has been removed from the yearbooks, most of them (the yearbooks) were signed by her students, and may contain interesting material. The yearbooks are with the file folders. The photographs are at the back of each file.

Abstract

Shirley Mathews taught French and Latin at the Jenkins Laboratory School on the Marshall campus until it closed in 1969. Mrs. Mathews kept in close contact with her former students, through marriages, births, deaths and relocations. Many of her former students appear to have kept in close contact with her as well throughout the years.

Due to the manner in which Mrs. Mathews maintained the items in her collection and the fact that she used the yearbooks as scrapbooks, the yearbooks suffered great damage. While the yearbooks are kept with the collection, due to the student notes written in them, in truth they are unsalvageable.

Historical Note

The Jenkins Laboratory School was a part of the Teachers College until 1968. D. Banks Wilburn was Dean of the Teachers College from 1947 to 1964, and he strongly supported the Laboratory School, and his support was vital to its continuation.¹ Mrs. Mathews is noted in the book "An Institution Comes of Age" by Dr. Charles H. Moffat, as Marshall Faculty with the 'Lab School/Education', from 1945-1972.²

Brad Dourif-Items relative to actor and Huntington native Brad Dourif were found within Mrs. Mathews' collection. Mr. Dourif attended Marshall University. In 1975, Mr. Dourif was named Best New Actor following his performance in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" alongside Jack Nicholson.

He went on to be cast as wizard Grima Wormtongue in the Lord of the Rings trilogy as well as to provide the voice for “Chucky” in the “Child’s Play” horror films.

Lucy Prichard-Items relative to suffragette Lucy Prichard were also found within Mrs. Mathews’ collection. “Miss Lucy” as she was affectionately referred to by students and faculty alike, served as Huntington High School’s principal before joining Marshall’s faculty. Before her tenure at Marshall, Miss Lucy worked beside famous women’s suffrage leaders like Susan Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Carrie Chapman Catt. She was also responsible for obtaining the required 10 women needed in order to establish both the City of Huntington’s and the State of West Virginia’s chapters of the American Association of University Women. For her efforts, in 1908, Miss Lucy was made President of both new chapters. Marshall’s archives maintain the AAUW’s papers. In 1968, 4 years after her death, Marshall University named the new women’s dormitory Prichard Hall to honor Miss Lucy.

Lyell Douthat-Mr. Douthat taught driver’s education to students at Marshall’s Laboratory School for over 26 years, without pay. After marrying his wife Pauline, who also served in the AAUW established by Miss Lucy Prichard, all 3 of their children attended the Laboratory School. Mr. Douthat also fancied himself a photographer and even served as Huntington Publishing Company’s chief photographer during World War II. The Mathews collection also contained a letter of solicitation Mrs. Mathews received for her support of Mr. Douthat. Efforts were made to have Marshall University’s Community College named after him. He had served as student body President during the 1925-1926 school year and received his undergraduate degree from Marshall in 1926, he earned a Master’s degree in Education Administration from Ohio State University and later earned a 2nd Master’s degree in geography from Marshall. Mr. Douthat was an associate professor at Marshall for 41 years, including time spent educating in extension classrooms in Logan, Man, Williamson and Point Pleasant.

In January 1953, the Marshall College Artists Series brought actors Tyrone Power and Judith Anderson (later to be Dame Judith Anderson) to perform in the play “John Brown’s Body” at the Keith-Albee Theatre. While there is no indication either of them had any formal connection to Marshall University or the lab school, Mrs. Mathews nonetheless saved several news clippings on their appearance in Huntington. Having such high-powered actors performing for one night in Huntington, WV was no small feat, and no doubt she wanted to remember the event.

In a more local connection, there is the Pancake family. Paul Pancake, Jr., was a senior at Marshall High School in 1955. He is a member of the family that owns Pancake Realty located on 5th Avenue, and is still a flourishing business in Huntington. Mr. Pancake went on to enter the local political arena. Mrs. Mathews subsequently kept many of his political flyers and related news clippings. Another family member, David Pancake, attended Marshall University and served for numerous years as a Circuit Court Judge in Cabell County.

Box 1

Bramwell 1944

Folder 1-inside front cover consists of newspaper articles, correspondences, commencement pamphlet, Bramwell High pamphlet and a thespian pamphlet. (1943-2000)

Folder 2-page 2-16 consists of newspaper clippings, and Department Foreign Languages pamphlet. (1957-1993)

Folder 3-pages 17-22 consist of newspaper clippings, a pageant pamphlet, various letters, and a wedding anniversary announcement. (1965-1989)

Folder 4-pages 23-36 consist of newspaper clippings, a letter, and correspondences in wooden covers. (1946-1993)

Folder 5-pages 48 to the end consist of newspaper clippings, letter, holiday cards, play pamphlet, correspondences in wooden covers, Association of Higher Education College and University bulletin and school songs. (1943-1970)

The Echo 1948

Folder 1-inside front flap-12 consist of newspaper clippings, Marshall University newsletters, letter for recommendation for job in St. Louis, marriage invitation and a funeral announcement. (1939-1992)

Folder 2-pages 13-26 consist of newspaper clippings and greeting cards. (1948-1996)

Folder 3-pages 27-40 consist of newspaper clippings, "thinking of you" card and an "appreciation" card. (1948-1992)

Folder 4-pages 41-58 consist of newspaper clippings, theatre ads and a dance invitation. (1952-1994)

Folder 5-pages 59-90 consist of newspaper clippings, commencement program, marriage announcement, Marshall High School newspaper, theatre ads. (1947-1978)

Folder 6-pages 91 to the end consists of newspaper clippings, Marshall High 1st semester schedule, Marshall High newspaper, play pamphlet, commencement pamphlet, Spanish banquet pamphlet and scarf. (1947-1984)

Folder 7- Photograph Folder-eight photos.

The Echo 1949

Folder 1-inside front cover-page 14 consists of newspaper clippings, WV Association of Retired School Employees newsletter and appreciation card. (1949-1999)

Folder 2-pages 15-72 consist of newspaper clippings, Jr./Sr. banquet and prom program, play pamphlet, *Parthenon* summer edition, Marshall High School daily schedule. (1949-1978)

Folder 3-pages 73-back cover consist of newspaper clippings, Christmas card, Christmas pageant brochure and script, two play pamphlets, concert pamphlet, student name tags, commencement program and Junior class Spanish fiesta. (1947-1962)

The Echo 1950

Folder 1-inside front cover-page 16 consists of newspaper clippings, Harris and Buskirk Hall dedication, correspondences, prom invitation and a funeral announcement. (1950-1990)

Folder 2-pages 17-102 consist of newspaper clippings, commencement exercise pamphlet, glee club presentation pamphlet, theatre pamphlet, letter to principal concerning student, junior-senior banquet invitation. (1950-1989)

Folder 3-pages 103-to the end consist of newspaper clippings, Christmas pageant pamphlet and a play pamphlet. (1950)

Brigadier 1951

Folder 1-inside front cover-page 10 consists of newspaper clippings, class of 1951 mailing list, French Club honor certificate, play program, poem, marriage announcement, various correspondence and funeral announcement. (1951-2001)

Folder 2-pages 11-14 consist of newspaper clippings, funeral announcements and personal correspondence. (1951-1991)

Folder 3-pages 15-58 consist of newspaper clippings, Christmas pageant program, French Club banquet program, Debutante Club invitation, dance invitation and commencement program. (1951-1991)

Folder 4-pages 59 to the end consist of newspaper clippings and a Jr./Sr. banquet invitation. (1951-1966)

Folder 5-Photograph Folder-nine photos

Brigadier 1952

Folder 1-inside front cover-page 36 consists of newspaper clippings, Christmas card, Marshall University newsletter, personal correspondence, thank you cards, Marshall High play program and Boys Club of Huntington letter. (1952-1991)

Folder 2-pages 37 to the end consist of newspaper clippings, a nametag, Jr./Sr. banquet program, Nativity program and the Junior prom invitation. (1951-1954)

Folder 3-Photograph Folder-eight photos

Box 2

Brigadier 1953

Folder 1-inside front cover consists of newspaper clippings. (1955-1983)

Folder 2-page 3 consists of newspaper clippings. (1952-1987)

Folder 3-pages 4-9 consist newspaper clippings. (1949-1982)

Folder 4-pages 10-13 consist of newspaper clippings. (1954-1990)

Folder 5-pages 14-19 consist of newspaper clippings and various correspondences. (1949-1987)

Folder 6-pages 20-33 consist of newspaper clippings. (1948-1954)

Folder 7-pages 34-48 consist of newspaper clippings and various correspondences. (1952-1953)

Folder 8-pages 50-73 consist of newspaper clippings and play bills. (1953-1959)

Folder 9-pages 74 to the end consist of newspaper clippings and various correspondences. (1953-1960)

Folder 10-Photograph Folder-four photos

Brigadier 1954

Folder 1-inside front cover-10 consists of newspaper clippings, Western Union telegram and a playbook. (1951-1970)

Folder 2-pages 11-12 consist of newspaper clippings and various correspondences. (1954-1992)

Folder 3-pages 13-28 consist newspaper clippings, one postcard/menu and one school newsletter. (1952-1954)

Folder 4-pages 29-72 consist of newspaper clippings, Jr./Sr. Banquet invite and a Christmas pageant invitation. (1953-1954)

Folder 5-pages 73 to the end consist of newspaper clippings, Glee Club program, church program and a commencement program. (1954-1962)

Folder 6-Photograph Folder-four photos

Brigadier 1955

Folder 1-inside front cover-page 8 consists of newspaper clippings, wedding invitation, Christmas pageant program and two funeral programs. (1955-1994)

Folder 2-pages 9-13 consist of newspaper clippings and a Jr./Sr. banquet program. (1954-1990)

Folder 3-pages 14-15 consist of newspaper clippings. (1955-1981)

Folder 4-pages 16-23 consist of newspaper clippings, a notecard, basketball schedule and Jr. class invitation. (1955-1974)

Folder 5-pages 24-59 consist of newspaper clippings, notecard and a Glee Club program. (1948-1976)

Folder 6-pages 60 to the end consist of newspaper clippings, two wedding invitations, commencement invitation, two senior play programs, program of Classical Association of Middle West and South. (1955-1959)

Folder 7-photograph folder-seven photos

Brigadier 1956

Folder 1-inside front cover-page 9 consists of newspaper clippings, 45th reunion schedule, Christmas musical, class listing, Jr./Sr. banquet invitation, two reunion lists and letters. (1959-1993)

Folder 2-pages 10-13 consist of an In Memoriam note, newspaper clippings and Mountain State Forest Festival Ball Invitation. (1954-1992)

Folder 3-pages 14-21 consist of newspaper clippings, wedding invitation, magazine article and 1977 University Relations magazine. (1954-1992)

Folder 4-pages 22-51 consist of newspaper clippings, Christmas letter, 20 year reunion list, wedding invitation, handwritten letter, Marshall College Christmas assembly. (1955-1976)

Folder 5-pages 52-73 consist of newspaper clippings, play program, church program, two handwritten letters and Debutante Club invitation. (1956-1979)

Folder 6-page 74-74 consists of newspaper clippings and four handwritten notes. (1957-1976)

Folder 7-page 74-74 consists of newspaper clippings, MU Greenline, Western Union telegram, commencement program, four handwritten letters, two typed letters, 1956 reunion plans and a MHS newsletter. (1956-1980)

Folder 8-pages 74-79 consist of newspaper clippings, 1976 reunion plans, four typed letters, one handwritten letter, business card, two sympathy cards and a secretary letter. (1956-1991)

Folder 9-photograph folder-eight photos

Box 3

Brigadier 1961

Folder 1-inside front cover to page 13 consists of newspaper clippings, reunion invitation, two hand written notes, two commencement programs from 1961, a classics program and an RSVP note. (1961-1973)

Folder 2-pages 14-16 consist of newspaper clippings and one In Memoriam card. (1962-1996)

Folder 3-pages 16-17 consist of newspaper clippings, two handwritten letters and a wedding invitation. (1966-1988)

Folder 4-pages 18-20 consist of newspaper clippings, two church bulletins, two wedding invitations and a Glenville College pamphlet. (1963-1992)

Folder 5-pages 20-25 consist of newspaper clippings and one wedding invitation with a handwritten note. (1962-1968)

Folder 6-pages 26-75 consist of newspaper clippings and two lab school newsletters from May and April of 1961. (1961-1962)

Folder 7-pages 76-83 consist of newspaper clippings, a Prom card, one photo, one wedding invitation, a church program, a commencement invitation, and a senior class listing. (1961-1961)

Folder 8-page 84 to the end consists of newspaper clippings. (1961-1961)

Folder 9-photograph folder-1 photo

Brigadier 1963

Folder 1-inside front cover to page 5 include "Greenline" (a publication for alumni of Marshall University) May-June 1978, newspaper clippings, a church program, commencement program, letter of recommendation and various correspondence. (1963-1978)

Folder 2-pages 6-11 consist of newspaper clippings, Jenkins laboratory school post card, solicitation for a letter of recommendation from Shirley Mathews for the Marshall Community and Technical College named after Lyell Douthat and other correspondence. (1964-1988)

Folder 3-pages 16-75 consist of newspaper clippings, one correspondence, library card, one commencement program and other correspondence. (1964-93)

Brigadier 1964

Folder 1-inside front cover to page 23 consists of newspaper clippings, thank you cards, shopping bag from Paris, France, grade sheet of former students and two international correspondences. (1964-1994)

Folder 2-pages 24-69 consist of newspaper clippings about movie star and Huntington native Brad Dourif, other newspaper clippings, wedding invitation, newspaper article about local suffragist and former Dean of Students Lucy Prichard, and advertising section of "The Microphone". (1964-1976)

Folder 3-photograph folder-one photo

Brigadier 1965

Folder 1-inside front cover to page 13 consists of newspaper clippings, antipasto recipe, Christmas letter and a Marshall High School commencement program. (1965-1980)

Folder 2-pages 14-21 consist of newspaper clippings, handwritten notes, thank you cards, wedding invitations and post cards from Paris, France. (1965-1981)

Folder 3-pages 22-55 consist of newspaper clippings, a Bat Mitzvah invitation, wedding invitations, thank you cards/notes, after Prom party invitation and a birth announcement. (1965-1999)

Folder 4(pages 63-64 missing)-pages 56-73 consist of newspaper clippings, Easter card, other cards, thank you cards and a Marshall High School speech and drama program. (1964-1966)

Folder 5-photograph folder-five photos

Box 4

Brigadier 1966

Folder 1-inside front cover to page 13 consists of newspaper clippings, graduation and wedding invitations. (1966-1980)

Folder 2-pages 14-15 consist of newspaper clippings, holiday update, a MU “Greenline”, post cards, various correspondences, invitation to Doctorate ceremony and James Madison U.S. Army evaluation report. (1966-2003)

Folder 3-pages 16-29 consist of newspaper clippings, In Memoriam card, commencement program, thank you notes, wedding invitations and funeral announcements. (1966-1999)

Folder 4-pages 30-33 consist of newspaper clippings, recital invitations, thank you notes, post cards, death notices, Marshall University newsletter and James Madison’s military teaching documents. (1966-1996)

Folder 5-pages 34-55 consist of newspaper clippings, post cards, business cards, graduation invitations, wedding invitations and “The Microphone”. (1966-1977)

Folder 6-pages 60-66 consist of newspaper clippings and a Special Topics class list. (1966-1966)

Folder 7-photograph folder-two photos

Brigadier 1968

Folder 1-inside front cover to page 17 consists of newspaper clippings, Marshall University newsletter, two death announcements, graduation list and one commencement announcement. (1964-2001)

Folder 2-pages 18-25 consist of newspaper clippings, Snoopy card, thank you cards, various correspondences, two commencement programs, 1986 “Greenline” and a Huntington East High School playbill for “Life with Father.” (1968-1991)

Folder 3-pages 26-43 consist of newspaper clippings, business card, post cards, letters from former students, thank you cards, church program, Latin Club invitation, Prom invitation, cutouts of Presidents Lincoln and Washington, laboratory school handbook/pamphlet, Marshall University annual dinner menu and a death announcement. (1969-1986)

Brigadier Junior, 1961-1982

(presented by the Senior Class of Marshall High School)

Folder 1-back cover “Greenline” (a publication for alumni of Marshall University, Vol., 16, No., 3, September 1986; handmade Marshall High School 25 year reunion (inside 25 yearbook is St. Andrews Parish program.)

¹ Charles H. Moffat, *An Institution Comes of Age* (Huntington: Marshall University Alumni Association, 1980), 149-50.

²Ibid., 301.