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Marcia Clark Myers
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Biographical Notes:

Marcia Myers was director of the Office of Vocation for the Presbyterian Church (USA). She came to ministry after working as a New Jersey family service caseworker. She has a B.A. from Drew University, an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a D.Min. from McCormick Theological Seminary, and has served as pastor, co-pastor, and presbytery staff in West Virginia and Kentucky. Her husband is Jeffrey I. Myers.

Scope and Content:

This collection primarily documents Marcia Myers’ research into female Presbyterian missionaries in Appalachia, particularly West Virginia. Significant in the collection is the correspondence of Helen Desbrow, stationed in Raleigh Co., West Virginia, to her family in New Jersey, regarding her work in the Home Mission between 1922 and 1935, central to Myers’ thesis on female Presbyterian missionaries in Appalachia submitted for her M.Div at Princeton University. Correspondence by Hugh J. May and Frances H. Pindar are directly in response to Myers’ request for information on the same topic, and the Helen Disbrow correspondence was gifted possibly from Disbrow herself. Other collection items include several dozen photographs from the 1920s-1940s, possibly from the Clear Fork Parish in Colcord, West Virginia, where Myers’ husband served as pastor, secondary printed materials such as journal and magazine articles related to Myers’ thesis, and typescript narratives written by female missionaries as well as reports on missionary activities such as social work and setting up bible schools.
Processing Notes:

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