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James E. Morrow Library  
Marshall University  
Huntington, West Virginia  
2019

## Marion Vest Fors Papers, 1937-1985

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### Summary:

Title: Marion Vest Fors Papers

Span Dates: 1937-1985

Creator: Various

Repository: Marshall University Special Collections, Morrow Library (Huntington, WV)

Processed by: Elizabeth James, 2019

Accession Number: 2004/06.0735

Date Completed: November, 2019

Access to Collection: Open

Extent: 1 foot

Donor: Jack Fors

### Search terms:

Mural painting

Marion Vest Fors

James E. Morrow Library

### Biographical Notes:

Marion Vest Fors (April 28, 1903-January 12, 1989) received an A. B. in Art from the University of Tennessee. She studied at the graduate level at the School of Painting at Yale University for four years. An art teacher and painter of portraits and murals, Fors' most well known work was her mural painted in the James E. Morrow Library at Marshall College, now Marshall University, commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the school. The murals are currently located in the Hoffman Room in Marshall University's Archives and Special Collections.

### Scope and Content:

This collection consists of correspondence, photographs, a scrapbook, clippings, and ephemera related to Marion Vest Fors' murals which were painted in the James E. Morrow Library as part of the centennial celebration of Marshall College. The murals were removed for remodeling circa 1966 and remounted in 2005. The scrapbook was created by Fors about her creation of the mural to justify its emergence from storage and reuse in the Morrow Library. Also included in the collection are paintbrushes used in the painting of the murals.

### Processing Notes:

This collection was minimally processed at the time the finding aid was created. Folder titles were added and materials minimally weeded (such as blank envelopes without logos).

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<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
<b>Box 1</b>	
Volume	Scrapbook in green folder
Folder 1	Paintbrushes
Folder 2	Correspondence, 1972-2005
Folder 3	Photographs
Folder 4	Real photo postcard (COPY)
Folder 5	Mural unveiling program, 2005
Folder 6	Library Associates pamphlets
Folder 7	Newspaper clippings
Folder 8	Physical and digital scrapbook copy
<b>Box 2</b>	
Framed photo	Framed photo of mural (and Fors?)
Rolled item	May 23, 1937 article about mural
Rolled item	April 9, 1937 article about mural