

T. K. Harrison (1882-1966) Papers, bulk 1950-1957

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Title: T. K. Harrison (1882-1966) Papers, bulk 1950-1957

Collection Number: MS2015.27

Repository: Hoover Library, McDaniel College

Creator: T. K. Harrison (1882-1966)

Dates: 1913-1957

PROCESSING INFORMATION

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By: Andrea Briggs, Archivist

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ACQUISITION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Theophilus Kenoley Harrison (“T. K.” or “Kenny”) was born in 1882, and served as the College’s Business Manager from 1930 until his retirement in 1949. He also served as the Alumni Association executive secretary during his tenure at the College, and this was the first time the alumni office was located on campus and maintained by a college employee. An alumni of Western Maryland College, Harrison graduated with the Class of 1901, and was very involved in Class reunion events and facilitating “Round Robin”-style letter exchanges between his classmates.

Harrison “had a varied career, as an army officer, teacher, and businessman, working in the oil fields of Texas and with United Railways. He spent a year in Rio de Janeiro before returning to the campus as business manager for 19 years. Upon Harrison’s retirement, President Ensor commented, ‘if no one could be found for a particular job it was usually turned over to T. K., and he has accepted his responsibilities with the same loyalty and gracious spirit for which he is known by so many alumni.’ In 1969, the newly established Alumni House on the campus (the former Reifsnider home at 239 Main Street) was [opened and] named Harrison House in his honor” (Lightner, 367-368). During the Mid-Century Convocation in 1950, Harrison was one of many distinguished alumni to be granted an award, his for College Service. “These awards appear to have been the forerunners of the Trustee Alumni Awards, given since 1975” (Lightner, 451).

Harrison was an active member of his local Kiwanis club, and was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). He died in 1966.

References:

Lightner, James E. *Fearless and Bold: A History of McDaniel College, 1866-2002*. Westminster, MD: McDaniel College, 2007, pages 338, 367-368, 451, 495.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection primarily consists of correspondence and manuscript materials. Many materials are directly related to his continued involvement with the Class of 1901, and include “Round-Robin”-style letter exchanges, periodic Class newsletter mailings, general correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, and notes regarding Class events, including the 1953 Class of 1901 Reunion. A manuscript compiled by Harrison titled “The History of the Class of 1901” prepared in 1951 for the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1901 contains biographical information about the Class’ members. Materials relating to the Living Endowment Fund from 1954-1957 are also present, including reports and short statements for that year’s earnings, and Alumni Bulletin publications. The collection also includes personal correspondence, some of which relates to Harrison’s time in Brazil, and other miscellaneous manuscript and

photographic materials regarding Western Maryland College and Harrison's involvement with the Kiwanis club.

ORGANIZATION AND ARRANGEMENT

Materials were left in the original order determined by the initial processing, excepting F2 and F5, which were organized chronologically by the Archivist.

LANGUAGE OF MATERIALS

Primarily English, with incidental Portuguese.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1: T. K. Harrison, First Director of Alumni Affairs, Class of 1901

INVENTORY

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F1: Class of 1901 Reunion, 9/26/1953 [1953]

F2: Class Letters, Class of 1901

F3: Round Robin Letters, 1952, Class of 1901 [1952]

F4: Round Robin Letters, 1954, Class of 1901 [1954]

F5: Living Endowment Fund [1953-1957]

F6: Personal

F7: Miscellaneous

F8: "History of the Class of 1901" [1951]

ADDITIONAL CATALOG ENTRIES

Persons:

Bair, Scott S.

Birely, Carrie

Birely, Lowell M.

Black, Col. E. F.

Cairnes, Mrs. Edgar A.

Cobey, Elwood A.

Cover, Bess

Diller, Col. Ursa M.

Elderdice, Edna

Elderdice, Jack
Fogle, Irene Woodward
Fogle, Ray
Harrison, T. K.
Holt, Charles
Jefferson, Virgie
Jones, Mary
Jones, Roswell
Jory, Herbert G.
Phillips, Clayborne
Phillips, John
Phillips, Marguerite "Orie"
Porter, Mrs. J. F.
Reese, Margaret
Shreeve, James E.
Shriver, Margaret R.
Smith, Charles Henry
Smith, Maynard
Tompkins, Mrs. John R.
Uhrig, Philip E.
Ward, Albert Norman
Whiteford, Roger J.
Yerkes, Mrs. D. M.

Corporate Bodies:

Carroll County War Memorial Committee
Electric Bond & Share Co.
Empresas Electricas Brasileiras, S. A.
Kiwanis Club of Westminster, MD
Western Maryland College

Associated Titles:

N/A

Subjects:

Colleges – History – United States
Colleges – Financial history – United States

Genres and Forms:

Clippings

Correspondence

Manuscripts

Newsletters

Newspapers

Pamphlets

Photographs