

# Sullivan, Margaret M., Collection

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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

Ms.2013.091

### Unit Date

1932-2011

### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

The papers of Margaret M. Sullivan, a resident of Montgomery County, Virginia, include reminiscences of her life in Montgomery County from 1926 through World War II and two photographs of students at Montgomery County's Sunnyside School.

### Creator

Sullivan, Margaret M., 1926-2013

### Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

### Repository

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## Administrative Information

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## Source of Acquisition

The Margaret M. Sullivan Collection was donated to Special Collections and University Archives in 2013 and 2014.

## Processing Information

The processing, arrangement, and description of the Margaret M. Sullivan Collection commenced and was completed in November 2013. Sullivan's memoirs were added to the collection in March 2014.

## Preferred Citation

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# Biographical Note

Margaret Sullivan was born September 5, 1926, to Myrtle and Benjamin Earl Mathena in the Toms Creek area of Montgomery County, Virginia. She spent her childhood living with her grandparents in a two-over-two log cabin that was built shortly after the American Civil War and still (as of 2013) stands on Toms Creek. Margaret married Bernard Sullivan and had four sons and two daughters. She worked at the Radford Arsenal during World War II while Bernard served in the Army Air Corps. Later she worked in the lunchrooms at the Belleview and Prices Fork Elementary Schools. Margaret was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Prices Fork Grange. Margaret Sullivan passed away on January 20, 2013, after having lived in Prices Fork since the early 1950s.

# Scope and Content

This collection contains the papers of Margaret M. Sullivan, a resident of Montgomery County, Virginia, including a handwritten memoir (together with typed transcript) of Sullivan's life in the county. Sullivan's reminiscences focus primarily on the years from her birth in 1926 through World War II and contain discussions of mountain dialect, rural education, children's activities, and home life during the Great Depression. Also two photographs depict students at Sunnyside School in Montgomery County. The earlier photo, dated 1910, is a photocopy of a 1970s newspaper clipping and is accompanied by the names of those pictured; the pupils in the second photo, dated 1932, are unidentified. Sullivan's other interests are reflected in two handwritten pages of genealogical notes on the Price, Surface, and related families of Montgomery County, and a John F. Kennedy Vari-Vue presidential campaign button.

# Separated Materials

The following item was cataloged for the Rare Book Collection: Carlyle, Thomas. *Sartor Resartus*. Philadelphia: Henry Altemus.

# Keywords

Montgomery County (Va.)

Women -- History

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

# Rights Statement for Archival Description (General)

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## Description of Subordinate Components

### Papers

**Unit Date** 1932-[2011], undated

**folder** 1

### Memoirs

**Unit Date** [2011], undated

**Extent** [accompanied by transcription]

### 1910 Sunnyside School Photograph

**Unit Date** [1970s]

**Extent** [photocopy]

### Identification for 1910 Sunnyside School Photograph

**Unit Date** undated

**Extent** [2 items]

### Sunnyside School Photograph

**Unit Date** 1932

### Genealogical Notes

**Unit Date** undated

### Kennedy Campaign Button

**Unit Date** 1960