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Abstract

The Iris Alina Ruiz Williams Papers, 1939-1965, comprise photographs, drawings, a scrapbook, and a fencing foil from Williams' time as a student at Madison College and as an alumna.

Creator

Williams, Iris Alina Ruiz, 1921-2010

source

Krum, Alice Williams

Extent

1.32 cubic feet 2 boxes, 1 rolled storage container

Repository

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

The collection was donated in November 2012 by Alice Williams Krum, Iris Alina Ruiz Williams' daughter. Krum made a second donation in July 2017.

Processing Information

In order to streamline the process of applying collection numbers, Special Collections staff completed a large-scale renumbering campaign in 2017-2018. **This collection was previously cataloged as SC 5051.**

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Bio/Historical Note

Iris Alina Ruiz Williams (1921-2010), nicknamed "Titi," was born in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. At age 17, she arrived in the United States for the very first time to attend Madison College where she studied Elementary Education. During her time at Madison College, from 1939-1942, Iris was an active member in various organizations. She served as treasurer for the Spanish Club, and typist for *The Breeze* and *The Schoolma'am* yearbook. She was a member of the Y.W.C.A, Newman Club, Lee Literary Society, and was a lifetime member of Theta Sigma Epsilon.

Upon graduating from Madison College in 1942, Iris married Harry Edward Williams Jr. whom she met at Madison College. They had four children. Iris later became a successful elementary school teacher and adult education teacher. She was also actively involved in her church and several organizations in her community throughout her life.

Scope and Content

The Iris Alina Ruiz Williams Papers, 1939-1965, comprise photographs, drawings, a scrapbook, and a fencing foil from Williams' time as a student at Madison College and as an alumna.

The photographs are foldered according the following categories: classmate portraits, Madison College campus/events, and non-campus subject matter. Photographs that do not clearly document the Madison College campus or college-sponsored events are filed with non-campus photographs. Madison College related photographs include Wilson Hall, commencement ceremonies, May Day celebrations, hiking, snow scenes, dorm rooms, and candid photographs featuring Williams and her classmates. Photographs documenting non-campus scenes/events depict the New York World's Fair (1939), the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery, and beach scenes.

A series of eight drawings, sketched by Williams for a college art class, depict various campus scenes.

A biographical sketch of Williams, written after her death in 2010, is included along with a photocopy of a ship's manifest documenting Williams' departure from San Juan, Puerto Rico in June 1939 for New York, with Madison College being her ultimate destination. She is listed under her maiden name, Iris Ruiz, on the

document.

Williams' scrapbook documents alumnae news and activities and includes newspaper clippings, programs, and ephemera.

Williams' fencing foil used in her college fencing class is included.

Separated Material

Two student handbooks and a souvenir book of Harrisonburg were removed from the collection and cataloged.

Keywords

Photographs

Scrapbooks

Pencil drawings

Harrisonburg (Va.) -- Description and travel

Harrisonburg (Va.) -- History

Krum, Alice Williams

Madison College -- History

Madison College -- Alumni and alumnae

Madison College -- Students

Madison College -- Students -- Social life and customs

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Non-Madison College photographs

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Classmate portrait photographs

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Madison College sign (pencil on paper)

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Unit Date circa 1939-1942

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Henrietta doll (pencil on paper)

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Unit Date circa 1939-1942

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Wilson Hall (pencil on paper)

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Unit Date circa 1939-1942

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Dorm room interior (pencil on paper)

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Unit Date circa 1939-1942

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Madison College buildings (pencil on paper)

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Wilson Hall cupola (pencil on paper)

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Unit Date circa 1939-1942

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Container 13 (folder)

Madison College building entrance (pencil on paper)

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Unit Date circa 1939-1942

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Madison College smoke stack (pencil on paper)

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Unit Date circa 1939-1942

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Container 15 (folder)

USS Coamo manifest (photocopy) and biographical sketch

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Unit Date 1939

Unit Date 2010

Mixed Materials [1000886210] 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Madison College Alumnae Scrapbook

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Unit Date 1943-1965

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Fencing Foil

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