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Abstract

The J. Wilbert and Ellen A. Chappell Papers, 1946-1978, consist of three folders of congratulatory letters, Faculty Wives Sewing Circle programs, photographs, and miscellany.

Creator

Chappell, Ellen Aileen Harris, 1914-2006

Creator

Chappell, James Wilbert, 1906-1989

source

Chappell, Mary Ann

Extent

0.16 cubic feet 3 folders

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Acquisition Information

Materials within this collection were donated by Mary Ann Chappell, the Chappells' daughter-in-law, as two separate accessions between 2009 and 2010.

Processing Information

Congratulatory letters were removed from the scrapbook and placed loose in their original order in an acid-free folder.

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 5022.**

Preferred Citation

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Bio/Historical Note

Born in Paola, Kansas, James Wilbert Chappell (1906-1989) was the son of George Lee Chappell and Mary Adeline Smith Chappell. He graduated from Ottowa University in 1929 and received his Master's and Doctoral degrees from the University of Kansas. He married Ellen Aileen Harris on December 22, 1936. After becoming assistant professor of chemistry at Fort Hays State College in Kansas, where he taught from 1935-1943, Dr. Chappell joined the faculty at Madison College where he served as chair of the Chemistry Department until 1971. He retired as professor emeritus in 1975. Dr. Chappell was a member of various national panhellenic societies and local organizations including the Harrisonburg Kiwanis Club.

Ellen Aileen Harris (1914-2006) was born in Lawrence, Kansas to Allen Shackelford Harris and Martha Washington Harris. She graduated from the University of Kansas with an A.B. degree and also pursued graduate work at James Madison University. Upon moving to Harrisonburg in 1943, Ellen Chappell taught fifth grade at Mt. Clinton, Bridgewater, and Pleasant Valley Elementary schools and was active in various local organizations including the Lanier Garden Club and the Rockingham Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She was also the founder of the Madison College Faculty Wives Sewing Circle, which later became the James Madison University Women's Club.

Scope and Content

The J. Wilbert and Ellen A. Chappell Papers, 1946-1978, consist of three folders of congratulatory letters, Faculty Wives Sewing Circle programs, photographs, and miscellany.

The collection is comprised primarily of congratulatory letters addressed to Dr. Chappell in celebration of his retirement in 1975. The letters, originally compiled in a scrapbook, were written by various members of the

JMU community including faculty members and Dr. Chappell's former students. Also present are other materials relating to Dr. Chappell's retirement such as luncheon invitations and a guest list. Nine programs from the Faculty Wives Sewing Circle, dating from 1946 to 1958, are also included. A folder of miscellany contains a black and white photograph of a groundbreaking ceremony with corresponding negative and enlarged print as well as other ephemera. The identity of the photographed persons, with the exception of Dr. Chappell, is unknown.

Keywords

Virginia -- History, Local
Letters (correspondence)
Photographs
Programs (documents)
Chappell family
Chappell, Mary Ann
Madison College -- Faculty
Madison College. Faculty Wives Sewing Circle -- Records and correspondence
James Madison University. Women's Club -- History -- Sources
Madison College -- History -- Sources
James Madison University -- History -- Sources
Chappell, Ellen Aileen Harris, 1914-2006

Bibliography

Daily News-Record

Arrangement

The collection is arranged topically in three folders.

Description of Subordinate Components

Congratulatory Letters and Retirement

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1864

Unit Date 1974-1975

Mixed Materials [1000885967] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Faculty Wives Sewing Club Programs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1865

Unit Date 1946-1958

Mixed Materials [1000885967] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Miscellany

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1866

Unit Date 1978, undated

Mixed Materials [1000885967] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)