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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract

The V. Inez Graybeal Roop Papers, 1913-2005, a collection of a notable Harrisonburg Teacher's College (now James Madison University) alumna, contains James Madison University related correspondence, speeches, news clippings, photographs, scrapbooks, and reunion programs, as well as Roop and Graybeal family history.

Creator

Roop, V. Inez Graybeal (Vivian Inez), 1913-2010

source

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Extent

1.61 cubic feet 5 boxes

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Acquisition Information

Gift of V. Inez Graybeal Roop in 2003 and 2006. Some materials likely came to Special Collections via the Alumni Association at an unknown date.

Processing Information

Some scrapbooks were disbound, disassembled, and foldered. Photographs originally part of the scrapbooks were removed and housed with the Photographs series. Inez Graybeal Roop's scrapbook remains intact. Many newspaper clippings were discarded. Duplicate issues of *Montpelier* magazine and other university publications were discarded.

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 5005.** At this point the collection was reprocessed to include previously unprocessed accretions and to simplify the overall arrangement.

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Biographical / Historical

Vivian Inez Graybeal began her studies at Harrisonburg State Teacher's College in 1931 and graduated in 1935. In 1962, Mrs. Roop was elected president of the Richmond Chapter of the Alumni Association and served on the Alumni Association's Board of Directors. She was appointed by Governor Mills Godwin to serve a four year term on Madison College's Board of Visitors beginning in 1974. In 1977, she was awarded the Distinguished Alumnae Service Award. Also in that year, she made the motion petitioning the State Legislature to change the name of the institution to James Madison University. In 1980, she was appointed by

Governor John Dalton to serve another four year term on the Board of Visitors. Inez Roop is the namesake of Roop House Alumni Office, dedicated in 1987 and later changed to Cardinal House, and of Roop Hall, dedicated in 1995. When originally dedicated, Roop Hall was the School of Education and Psychology building but is now home for mathematics and statistics. Inez Roop was an active participant in her class reunions, and an Emeritus Member of the Alumni Association Board. Frances "Frankie" Graybeal (Class of 1936) was Inez's younger sister. Both were members of the Lee Literary Society and Glee Club. They were featured in joint recitals with Frances as the organist. Frances was also a member of Alpha Rho Delta and the Y.W. Cabinet.

Scope and Content

The V. Inez Graybeal Roop Papers, 1913-2005, consists of five boxes (1.61 cubic feet). The collection consists of four series: Correspondence, Philanthropy and Alumni Relations, Scrapbooks and Family History, and Photographs.

Separated Material

Three oversized panoramic black and white photographs - 1926 Student Body on steps of quad building, ca. 1929 Student Body on Quad, 1930 Student Body - were removed from the collection and added to the Historic Photographs Collection.

Keywords

Philanthropists -- Virginia -- Sources
Scrapbooks -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg
Blackface
Race discrimination
Philanthropists
Students
Students -- Social life and customs
Universities and colleges -- Alumni and alumnae
Virginia -- Harrisonburg
Printed Ephemera
Scrapbooks
Letters (correspondence)
Photographs
Brochures
Newspaper clippings
Invitations
Roop, V. Inez Graybeal (Vivian Inez), 1913-2010
Roop, Ralph Goodwin, 1915-2006
Phipps, Frances Carter Graybeal, 1915-1987
Graybeal family
Roop family
Madison College
James Madison University
Roop, V. Inez Graybeal (Vivian Inez), 1913-2010
Madison College -- History
James Madison University -- Students -- History
State Teachers College at Harrisonburg (Harrisonburg, Va.) -- Students
State Teachers College at Harrisonburg (Harrisonburg, Va.) -- Students -- Social life and customs
State Teachers College at Harrisonburg (Harrisonburg, Va.) -- History
State Teachers College at Harrisonburg (Harrisonburg, Va.) -- Alumni and alumnae
Lee Literary Society

Bibliography

Arrangement

The collection is arranged topically into nine series and chronologically within series. Exceptions to this arrangement scheme were made in order to group like materials together and as a result chronological arrangements are approximate.

- Correspondence, 1971-2005
- Philanthropy and Alumni Relations, 1948-2005
- Scrapbooks and Family History, 1913-2000
- Photographs, 1913-2005

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence

Unit ID 1

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9546

Unit Date 1971-2005

Scope and Content

Correspondence, 1971-2005, consists of letters to and from JMU's President Carrier as well as influential state representatives and senators (Doug Wilder, Chuck Robb, etc.) in Richmond concerning support for Madison College. Of particular interest is Dan Daniel's report "Survey '77: An Examination of Attitudes and Self-Reported Behaviors of the Madison College Undergraduates."

Correspondence is present in other series. Subject matter also overlaps across series.

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9555

Unit Date 1971-1973

Mixed Materials [1000885929] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9556

Unit Date 1974

Mixed Materials [1000885929] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9557

Unit Date 1975

Mixed Materials [1000885929] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9558

Unit Date 1976

Mixed Materials [1000885929] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Correspondence**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9559**Unit Date** January-June 1977**Mixed Materials [1000885929]** 1 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9560**Unit Date** July-December 1977**Mixed Materials [1000885929]** 1 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9561**Unit Date** 1978**Mixed Materials [1000885929]** 1 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9562**Unit Date** 1979**Mixed Materials [1000885929]** 1 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9563**Unit Date** January-June 1980**Mixed Materials [1000885929]** 1 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9564**Unit Date** July-December 1980**Mixed Materials [1000885929]** 1 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9565**Unit Date** 1981**Mixed Materials [1000885929]** 1 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9566**Unit Date** 1982-1983**Mixed Materials [1000885929]** 1 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)

Correspondence**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9567**Unit Date** 1984**Mixed Materials [1000885929]** 1 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9568**Unit Date** 1985**Mixed Materials [1000885930]** 2 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9569**Unit Date** 1986-1988**Mixed Materials [1000885930]** 2 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9570**Unit Date** 1989-1990**Mixed Materials [1000885930]** 2 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9571**Unit Date** 1991-1994**Mixed Materials [1000885930]** 2 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9572**Unit Date** 1995-1997**Mixed Materials [1000885930]** 2 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9573**Unit Date** 1998-1999**Mixed Materials [1000885930]** 2 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9574**Unit Date** 2000-2001**Mixed Materials [1000885930]** 2 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9575

Unit Date 2002-2005, undated

Mixed Materials [1000885930] 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Philanthropy and Alumni Relations

Unit ID 2

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9601

Unit Date 1948-2005

Scope and Content

Philanthropy and Alumni Relations, 1948-2005, is comprised of materials related to Roop's involvement in the JMU alumni Association, specifically class reunions, the Bluestone Society and the Richmond Alumni Chapter, and university philanthropic initiatives.

Correspondence and other documents pertaining to the Charles and Bertha Mast Graybeal Scholarship, the Inez G. Roop Professorship in English, and the Ralph and Inez Roop Merit Scholarship are included.

This series also contains Roop's speeches, appointments, and awards, including the dedications of Roop House in 1987 (later changed to Cardinal House) and accompanying news clippings. Materials relating to the April 21, 1995 naming of the main building for JMU's college of education and psychology "Roop Hall" and the April 22, 1995 60th reunion of the class of 1935. Included is a dismantled scrapbook containing materials relating to both events and a folder of various related materials not contained in the scrapbook. Many of the original items in this scrapbook have been photocopied and discarded because they were damaged.

Correspondence and news clippings chronicle Roop's nomination of Dr. John D. Wayland's song "Old Virginia" with music by W. Ruebush to be the Virginia state song.

Correspondence is present in this and other series. Subject matter also overlaps across series.

Class Reunions and Bluestone Society

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9580

Unit Date 1948-1975

Mixed Materials [1000885930] 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Class Reunions and Bluestone Society

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9581

Unit Date 1985-1986

Mixed Materials [1000885930] 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Class Reunions and Bluestone Society

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9582

Unit Date 1987-2005

Mixed Materials [1000885931] 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Speeches, Honors, Awards, and Special Assignments

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9579

Unit Date 1974-2005

Mixed Materials [1000885931] 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scholarships and Endowments

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9576

Unit Date 1979-1985

Mixed Materials [1000885931] 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scholarships and Endowments

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9577

Unit Date 1986-2005, undated

Mixed Materials [1000885931] 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Thank you notes from students

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9578

Unit Date 1999-2005

Mixed Materials [1000885931] 3 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

State Song Campaign

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9591

Unit Date 1994-1998

Mixed Materials [1000885931] 3 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

State Song Campaign, related newspaper clippings

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9592

Unit Date 1999-2000, undated

Mixed Materials [1000885931] 3 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Miscellaneous materials related to Roop Hall Dedication and Class of 1935 60th Reunion

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9584

Unit Date 1993-1995

Mixed Materials [1000885931] 3 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scrapbook, Roop Hall Dedication and Class of 1935 60th Reunion

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9583

Unit Date 1994-1995

Mixed Materials [1000885931] 3 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Virginia Legislative Brochures

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9603

Unit Date 1991-1996, undated

Mixed Materials [1000885931] 3 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Richmond Alumni Chapter

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9604

Unit Date 1971-1997

Mixed Materials [1000885931] 3 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Taylor Hall Dedication

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9607

Unit Date 1993

Mixed Materials [1000885932] 4 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Wampler Hall Dedication

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9605

Unit Date 1994

Mixed Materials [1000885932] 4 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Alumni excursion brochures

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9606

Unit Date 1996

Mixed Materials [1000885932] 4 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scrapbooks and Family History

Unit ID 3

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9602

Unit Date 1913-2000

Scope and Content

Scrapbooks and Family History, 1913-2000, contains biographies of Inez and Ralph Roop, some genealogical information on the Graybeal family, and ephemera relating to the family including report cards for Inez Graybeal and recital programs.

The scrapbooks, some of which have been photocopied due to the inherent instability of the paper and clippings, document the State Normal School varsity basketball team and highlight the history of the women's basketball team during this period. A 1930s scrapbook belonging to Inez Graybeal, and a dismantled scrapbook made by Inez's sister, Frances Graybeal, contain correspondence, and ephemera such as greeting cards, invitations and calling cards. One letter removed from Frances' scrapbook lends insight into the initiation rituals of the Lee Literary Society. For her initiation, Frances Graybeal is requested to dress like a "Mammy" character by plaiting her hair and applying blackface. Inez Graybeal's scrapbook includes a similar initiation invitation in which she is requested to apply blackface with her "hair rolled up on toilet paper" and represent a "street walker, flapper, and jazz singer." Photographs were removed and housed with the Photographs series, described below.

Correspondence is present in this and other series. Subject matter also overlaps across series.

Roop Family History

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9593

Unit Date 1913-2000

Mixed Materials [1000885932] 4 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Roop Family Ephemera

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9594

Unit Date 1934-1936

Mixed Materials [1000885932] 4 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Varsity Basketball Scrapbooks

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9585

Unit Date 1923

Unit Date 1926

Mixed Materials [1000885932] 4 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Varsity Basketball Scrapbooks

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9586

Unit Date 1929

Mixed Materials [1000885932] 4 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Varsity Basketball Scrapbooks

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9587

Unit Date 1932

Mixed Materials [1000885932] 4 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Varsity Basketball Scrapbooks

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9588

Unit Date 1934-1939

Mixed Materials [1000885932] 4 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Frances Graybeal Scrapbook, Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9589

Unit Date 1932-1935, undated

Mixed Materials [1000885932] 4 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Frances Graybeal Scrapbook, Ephemera

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9590

Unit Date 1932-1935, undated

Mixed Materials [1000885932] 4 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Inez Graybeal Scrapbook

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9600

Unit Date 1931-1936

Unit Date 1980

Mixed Materials [1000898393] OV 1 (box)

Photographs

Unit ID 4

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9554

Unit Date 1913-2005

Scope and Content

Photographs, 1913–2005, is arranged into two subseries: [Personal Photographs and Other Photographs](#). Two folders of Personal Photographs span 1913–2000 and contain photos of Goodwin, Graybeal and Roop family members. This subseries also contains the photographs removed from Francis Graybeal's dismantled scrapbook. Other Photographs date from ca. 1920s-2005. These photographs, color and B&W and some with identification written on back, are primarily of Mrs. Roop with classmates and JMU officials at various JMU events, including reunions, dedication of Roop House Alumni Office, and Governor Mills Godwin signing the name change to JMU. Included here are pictures relating to the April 21, 1995 dedication of Roop Hall and the 60th anniversary of the class of 1935. In addition, three panoramic black

and white photographs of the student body, were transferred from the Roop Collection to the JMU Historic Photograph Collection, with appropriate attribution noted on the backs of the photographs: 1926 Student Body on steps of quad building, ca. 1929 Student Body on Quad, 1930 Student Body.

Personal, Frances Graybeal Scrapbook (SC5005_FGSB_031 through 068)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9595

Unit Date 1913-1935

Mixed Materials [1000885932] 4 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Personal, Roop Family Photographs (SC5005_RFH_069 through 106)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9596

Unit Date 1913-2005

Mixed Materials [1000885932] 4 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Other, Roop Hall Dedication and Class of 1935 60th Reunion (SC5005_Roopded_001 through 030)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9597

Unit Date 1995

Mixed Materials [1000885932] 4 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Other, Miscellaneous Photographs (SC5005_Other_107 through 154, 198 through 200) (Folder 1 of 2)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9598

Unit Date circa 1920s-2005

Mixed Materials [1000885932] 4 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Other, Miscellaneous Photographs (SC5005_Other2_155 through 197) (Folder 1 of 2)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9599

Unit Date circa 1920s-2005

Mixed Materials [1000885932] 4 (box)

Container 16 (folder)