

Collection Title: C. E. Burns Papers, 1935-1982, undated

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C. E. Burns, Florence Burns

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Extent:

3.8 cubic feet (5 boxes)

Language:

English

Abstract:

Charles E. Burns was president of Milligan from 1940 to 1944, although he had previously served as a professor and dean for many years prior. This collection contains correspondence from his presidency, as well as other administrative records and family materials. Among the family materials, of special interest is wife Florence Burns' diary from the year 1943.

Biographical Note:

Charles E. Burns was born in 1883 and grew up in Iowa. He attended Hiram College for his bachelor's degree and received his master's degree from Northwestern University. He married Florence Anthony in 1906, with whom he had six children and fostered one boy. Burns taught at Johnson Bible College (now Johnson University) and then came to Milligan College (now Milligan University), where he taught biblical literature from 1919 to 1921. In 1921 he ministered at a church in Valparaiso, Indiana, and did some other work in the area, but he came back to Milligan in 1928 to teach business and serve as the Dean. He also served as minister at the Buffalo Creek Christian Church, which became Hopwood Memorial Christian Church as part of a large renovation process overseen by Florence Burns. After Henry Derthick retired as president of Milligan in 1940, Burns served first as interim president and then as president of the college until 1944. Florence Burns was active as first lady, such as overseeing the dining hall. In 1943, in the midst of World War II, the Navy began the Navy V-12 program, training men to be officers in the Navy while attending college, at Milligan. Burns was a pacifist and so resigned from his position in 1944, with Coach Steve Lacey stepping in until Virgil Elliott came later that year. Burns went on to become religious coordinator for WHAS, a radio station in Louisville, KY, where he stayed until 1948. In the early 1960s, Milligan awarded him an honorary doctorate. Charles Burns passed away in 1975.

Arrangement:

The papers of C. E. Burns were found in the archives. The collection files had a folder listing of the original order of the folders, which seemed to be random. While the folder names were not changed, the order of the folders was changed as they were arranged into series. Like folders were kept together, resulting in two separate alphabetical correspondence subseries due to how they were labeled. There were several folders of correspondence to and from Virgil Elliott, who succeeded Burns as president, as well as correspondence belonging to Steve Lacey, coach, dean, and eventual brief acting president after Burns. Both sets of these files were removed to a separate collection. All series and subseries are arranged alphabetically.

I. Series: Correspondence, 1935-1944, undated

1. Subseries: Alphabetical Correspondence, 1935-1944, undated

2. Subseries: Additional Alphabetical Correspondence, 1938-1944, undated

3. Subseries: Subject Correspondence, 1936-1944, undated

II. Series: Financial Files, 1940-1944, undated

III. Series: Prospective Student Files, 1936-1942, undated

IV. Series: Subject Files, 1939-1945, undated

V. Series: Burns Family, 1943-1982, undated

Scope and Content Note:

The papers of C. E. Burns are divided into five series: Correspondence, Financial Files, Prospective Student Files, Subject Files, and Burns Family Files.

The Correspondence series spans 1935 to 1944 and contains undated material. This series is further divided into three subseries: Alphabetical Correspondence, Additional Alphabetical Correspondence, Subject Correspondence. The Alphabetical Correspondence subseries spans 1935 to 1944 and contains undated material. Most correspondence is to and from C.E. Burns, although there is some correspondence with Henry Derthick. The Additional Alphabetical Correspondence subseries spans 1938 to 1944 and contains undated material. The Subject Correspondence subseries spans 1936 to 1944 and contains undated material. This subseries is divided into folders for correspondence with one person or company.

The Financial Files series spans 1940 to 1944 and includes undated material. This series contains several folders of material regarding financial matters at Milligan.

The Prospective Student Files series spans 1936 to 1942 and includes undated material. This series contains correspondence and other related materials of students interested in attending Milligan (whether they ultimately did attend or not).

The Subject Files series spans 1939 to 1945 and includes undated material. This series contains a variety of folders on various subjects. Of particular interest are the Navy V-12 Bulletins and the College and Church newsletters.

The Burns Family series spans 1943 to 1982 and contains undated material. This series contains items of a more personal and biographical nature. Included are clippings about the family, papers from C. E. Burns' work on the WHAS Radio Show, family correspondence, and a diary kept by Florence Burns. Some items in this series appear to have been added to the original collection by a previous archivist. Several items are copies.

Administrative Information**Acquisition Information**

Accession 2020-10

Note: There was no accession year available when this collection was processed, therefore the year when processing started is used for the accession record.

Access Restrictions:

Collection is open for research.

The archivist reserves the right to determine on a case-by-case basis if certain folders within the collection that have been requested for viewing cannot be made available due to various restriction compliance, including but not limited to student information, private personal information, and organizational information of a restricted nature.

The Financial Files series is restricted due to sensitive financial and personal information contained within.

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Processing Information

Processed by: Katherine Banks

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Folder List

Box 1 I. Series: Correspondence, 1935-1944, undated

1. Subseries: Alphabetical Correspondence, 1935-1944, undated

Aa-AI 1940-1942, 1940-1941
Am-Ar, 1940-1941
As-Az, 1939-1943
Baa-Bar, 1940-1941
Baa-Bar, 1942-1943
Bas-Bd, 1940-1941
Bas-Bd, 1942-1943
Be-Bh, 1940-1941, undated
Be-Bh, 1942-1943
Bi-Bn, 1940-1941
Bi-Bn, 1942-1943, undated
Bo-Bq, 1940-1941
Bo-Bq, 1942-1943, undated
Bra-Brn, 1940-1941, undated
Bra-Brn, 1942-1943
Bro-Bt, 1940-1941
Bro-Bt, 1942-1943
Bu-Bz, 1940-1941
Bu-Bz, 1941-1943
Ca-Cd, 1940-1941
Ca-Cd, 1942-1943
Ce-Cn, 1940-1943, undated
Coa-Con, 1940-1941, undated
Dr-Dz, 1942-1943

Ea-En, 1942-1943
Eo-Ez, 1942-1943
Fr-Fz, 1940-1941, undated
Fr-Fz, 1942-1943
Fr-Fz 1943-44, 1943
Ga-Gh, 1940-1941
Ga-Gh, 1942-1943, undated
Ga-Gh 1943-44, 1943, undated
Gi-Gq, 1940-1942
Gi-Gq 1943-44, 1943-1944
Gr-Gz, 1940-1941, undated
Gr-Gz 1943-44, 1943-1944
Haa-Haq, 1940-1941, undated
Haa-Haq, 1942-1943, undated
Haa-Haq 1943-44, 1943-1944
Har-Hd, 1940-1941
Har-Hd, 1942-1943, undated
Har-Hd 1943-44, 1943
He-Hh, 1940-1941, undated
He-Hh, 1942-1943
He-Hh, 1943-44, 1943
Hi-Hn, 1940-1941
Hi-Hn, 1942-1943
Ho-Ht, 1940-1941
Ho-Ht, 1942-1943
Hu-Hz, 1940-1941
Hu-Hz, 1942-1943
I, 1940-1941
I, 1942-1943, undated
J, 1940-1941
J, 1941-1943
Ka-Kh, 1940-1941
Ka-Kh, 1942
Ki-Kq, 1941
Ki-Kq, 1942-1943
Kr-Kz, 1941
Kr-Kz, 1943
La-Ld, 1941
La-Ld, 1942-1943
La-Ld 1943-44, 1943-1944
Le-Lh, 1940-1941, undated
Le-Lh, 1942-1943
Le-Lh 1943-44, 1943
Li-Lz, 1935-1941
Li-Lz, 1942-1943
Li-Lz 1943-44, 1943-1944, undated

Box 2

Ma-Mb, 1940-1943, undated
Ma-Mb, 1942-1943
Ma-Mb 1943-44, 1943
McA-McD, 1940-1941, undated

McA-McD, 1942-1943, undated
McA-McD 1943-44, 1943-1944
McE-McK, 1940-1941
McE-McK, 1942-1943
McE-McK 1943-44, 1943-1944
McL-Md, 1940-1941
McL-Md, 1942-1943
McL-Md 1943-44, 1943-1944
Me-Mn, 1940-1941
Me-Mn, 1942-1943
Me-Mn, 1943-1944
Mo-Mx, 1940-1941
Mo-Mx, 1942-1943
My-Mz, 1940-1941
Na-Nn, 1940-1941
Na-Nn 1943-44, 1943
No-Nz, 1940-1941
No-Nz, 1942-1943, undated
O, 1940-1941
Pa-Ph, 1940-1941, undated
Pi-Pq, 1940-1941, undated
Pr-Pz, 1940-194
Q, 1940-1941
Ra-Rh, 1940-1941
Ri-Rof, 1940-1941, undated
Rog-Rz, 1940-1941
Sa-Scg, 1940-1941
Sch-Sd, 1940-1941
Se-Shd, 1940-1941
Se-Shd 1943-44, 1943, undated
She-Shz, 1940-1941, undated
She-Shz 1943-44, 1943
She-Shz 1943-44, 1943-1944
Si-Sn, 1940-1941
Si-Sn 1943-44, 1943
So-Ss, 1940-1941, undated
So-Ss 1943-44, 1943-1944
Sta-Sth, 1940-1941
Sta-Sth 1943-44, 1943-1944
Sti-Stz, 1940-1941
Su-Sz, 1940-1941, undated
Su-Sz 1943-44, 1943
Ta-Tn, 1939-1942
Ta-Tn 1943-44, 1943-1944
To-Tz, 1940-1941, undated
To-Tz 1943-44, 1943, undated
U, 1940-1941, undated
V, 1941
V 1943-44, 1943-1944
Wa-Wd, 1940-1941, undated
Wa-Wd 1943-44, 1943

We-Wg, 1940-1941
We-Wg 1943-44, 1943
Wh, 1941, undated
Wh 1943-44, 1944
Wia-Wil, 1940-1941
Wia-Wil 1943-44, 1943-1944
Wim-Wn, 1940-1941
Wim-Wn 1943-44, 1943
Wo-Wz, 1940-1941
Wo-Wz 1943-44, 1943
X-Y, 1940-1941, undated
X-Y 1943-44, 1943-1944
Z, 1941

2. Subseries: Additional Alphabetical Correspondence, 1938-1944, undated

Correspondence "B" July 1943-June 1944, 1943-1944
Correspondence "D" June '43-May '44, 1943-1944
Correspondence "E" July 1943-July 1944, 1943-1944, undated
Correspondence "F" June 1943-July 1944, 1943-1944, undated
Correspondence "G" Aug 1943-March 1944, 1943-1944, undated
Correspondence "H" June 1943-June 1944, 1943-1944
Correspondence "I" Sept. '43-May '44, 1943-1944
Correspondence "K" Oct. '43-June '44, 1943-1944
Correspondence "L" July '42-April '44, 1943-1944, undated
Correspondence "M" June '43- June '44, 1943-1944, undated
Correspondence N & O July '43-Aug '43-May '44, 1943-1944
Correspondence "P" May '43-May '44, 1938-1944, undated
Correspondence "R" Aug '43-May '44, 1943-1944
Correspondence "S" July 1943-June 1944, 1943-1944
Correspondence "W" 1942, 1942, undated
Correspondence "W" 1943, 1943

Box 3

3. Subseries: Subject Correspondence, 1936-1944, undated

About C.E. Burns, 1942-1943, undated
Association of American Colleges, 1942-1943, undated
Callahan, P.H. – Louisville Paint and Varnish, Louisville, Ky., 1936-1937, undated
Earhart Foundation – H.B. Earhart, Kennedy, Guiles, Smith, Richard Earhart, 1942-1943, undated
Films – Eyler Basketball, 1941-1942, undated
Kresge Foundation – Amos F. Gregory, Secretary, 1940-1941
Letters from C.E. Burns to Earhart Foundation, 1940-1941
Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1942-1943, undated
Miscellaneous 1943-44, 1943-1944, undated
National Defense Federal Sec. Agency U.S. Office of Ed. 1943-44, 1943
National Youth Administration, 1940-1943
National Youth Administration 1943-44, 1943
NYA and Other Governmental Correspondence, 1940-1941, undated
Save the Children Fund, 1939-1941, undated
Student Recommendations and Other Recommendations, 1940-1941
Tennessee College Association 1943-44, 1943

Tennessee College Asso. – Dr. Paul Palmer, Sec’y-Treas., Thomas P. Johnston, Pres.,
1940-1941, undated
Transportation, 1944

II. Series: Financial Files, 1940-1944, undated [RESTRICTED]

Financial Lists – Earhart-Tennessee Contributions, Teachers Salary, 1942-1943, undated
Instruction Books, undated
Loan Funds, 1941-1943, undated
Notes – July 1, 1943 to date, 1943-1944
Payroll Reports – Buildings & Grounds, 1943, undated
Payrolls – Faculty, 1943-1944, undated
Payroll Reports – Mess Hall, 1943-1944, undated
Tentative List of Contributions 1940-1941, undated

III. Series: Prospective Student Files, 1936-1942, undated

Miscellaneous Prospective Students – Lists – 1942-43, 1942, undated
Old Miscellaneous, 1942, undated
Prospective Student A 1941-1942, 1942-1943, 1940-1942, undated
Prospective Student “B” 1941-43, 1940-1942
Prospective Student “C” 1941-42; 1942-43, 1940-1942
Prospective Student “D” 1941-42; 1942-43, 1941-1942
Prospective Student “E” 1941-42; 1942-43, 1940-1942
Prospective Student “F” 1941-42; 1941-42-43, 1940-1942
Prospective Student “F” 1943-44, 1936, undated
Prospective Student “G” 1941-42; 1942-43, 1941-1942
Prospective Student “H” 1941-42; 1942-43, 1940-1942, undated
Prospective Student “H” 1943-44, 1942
Prospective Student “I” 1942-43, 1941-1942, undated
Prospective Student “J” 1941-43, 1941-1942, undated
Prospective Student “K” 1941-43, 1940-1942, undated
Prospective Student “L” 1941-42; 1942-43, 1940-1942, undated
Prospective Student “L” 1943-44, 1942
Prospective Student “M” 1941-43, 1940-1942, undated
Prospective Student “N” 1941-43, 1941-1942, undated
Prospective Student “N” 1943-44, 1942
Prospective Student “O” 1941-43, 1941-1942, undated
Prospective Student “P” 1941-43, 1940-1942, undated
Prospective Student “R” 1941-42, 1941-1942, undated
Prospective Student “S” 1941-43, 1940-1942, undated
Prospective Student “T” 1941-43, 1940-1942, undated
Prospective Student “V” 1941-43, 1942, undated
Prospective Student “W” 1941-43, 1940-1942, undated
Prospective Student “W” 1943-44, 1942
Prospective Student “X, Y, Z” 1941-43, 1941-1942, undated
Prospective Student “X, Y, Z” 1943-44, 1942

Box 4 IV. Series: Subject Files, 1939-1945, undated

Accredited Public High Schools, 1940
Applications Prospective Teachers and Others, 1940-1941, undated
Athletics – Contracts, 1941-1942
Bulletins Navy V-12, 1943-1945, undated

Catalogs, 1939-1942, undated
College and Church, 1941-1943, undated
Daily Reports of Temperature of Water in Swimming Pool – Submitted by R.L. Shepherd, 1944
Faculty Contracts 1944-45, 1944, undated
Form Letters and Lists, 1940, undated
Form Letters and Lists, 1941, undated
Miscellaneous, 1940-1941, undated

Box 5 Miscellaneous, 1941-1943, undated
Newspaper Articles, 1940-1943, undated
Newspaper Articles, 1942, undated
Student List, undated
Tennessee Alumni Groups, 1940

V. Series: Burns Family, 1943-1982, undated

Burns' Photograph, 1982
C. E. Burns WHAS Radio Talk Summaries, undated
C. E. Burns – WHAS Radio Talks,
 Folder 1, 1946
 Folder 2, 1947
 Folder 3/Florence A. Burns – “Bed of Roses,” 1948
Clippings about C. E. Burns and Family, 1961-1982, undated
Dedication Florence Anthony Burns Plaque at Hopwood Church, undated
Letters to Florence Burns Helsenbeck from Parents Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Burns, 1956-1960
Mrs. Charles Burns' Diary – Milligan 1943, 1943