

## **Collection Title:** The Mustard Seed Fellowship Records, 1980-1990

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### **Repository:**

The Holloway Archives at Milligan University  
P. H. Welshimer Memorial Library  
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### **Creator:**

Billie B. Oakes

### **Title:**

The Mustard Seed Fellowship Records, 1980-1990

### **Collection No.**

C0132

### **Extent:**

0.35 cubic feet (1 box)

### **Language:**

English

### **Abstract:**

The Mustard Seed Fellowship was founded in the 1980s by Librarian and alumna Billie Blankenship Oakes and like-minded Milligan women as a way of raising money for student scholarships and encouraging students. The collection contains organizational papers, correspondence and mailings, and cassettes of talks, among other items.

### **Access Restrictions:**

Collection is open for research.

The "Organizational Papers" and "Financial applications" folders are restricted due to scholarship information.

### **Administrative History:**

The Mustard Seed Fellowship was founded in the 1980s by Librarian and alumna Billie Blankenship Oakes and like-minded Milligan women as a way of raising money for student scholarships and encouraging students. It was patterned after an earlier effort of faculty wives known as Zelotai and Emmanuel School of Religion's Fig Tree Fellowship. Milligan's later organization, the Associated Ladies for Milligan, follows a similar pattern. The women met together for fellowship and service. One favorite activity was to host salad suppers as their meetings. A cookbook of their favorite recipes was once compiled as a fundraising tool. The group awarded many scholarships in their roughly ten-years of existence. The last Mustard seed Scholarship was awarded to Clinton J. Holloway in the early 1990s.

### **Arrangement:**

The records are arranged into two series: I. Series: Records, 1980-1990 and II. Series: Artifacts, 1981-1987. The series are not arranged within themselves.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The records of The Mustard Seed Fellowship are arranged into two series: I. Series: Records and II. Series: Artifacts. The Records series spans 1980 to 1990 and contains organizational records, promotional material, recipes, and correspondence and mailings. The Artifacts series spans 1981 to 1987 and contains a guest book and cassette tapes with speeches.

**Administrative Information****Acquisition Information**

Accession 13

**Preferred Citation**

[Item], The Mustard Seed Fellowship Records, Collection C132, The Holloway Archives at Milligan College, Milligan College, TN.”

**Processing Information**

Re-processed by: Clinton J. Holloway

Completed in 2014 (re-processing).

When Dr. Oakes retired from Milligan the Mustard Seed Fellowship papers were placed in the archives. An initial processing preserved the entire collection. However, by 2013 it was deemed that not all of the records provided historical material to be maintained and so the collection was re-processed. Some items were incorporated into the vertical files of the Milligan College Archives. The box of tablecloths and napkins were sent to the Taylor-Phillips House for use in ALM and College events.

**Folder List****Box 1 I. Series: Records, 1980-1990****Organizational Papers, 1980-1989 RESTRICTED**

Promotional material, 1981-1989, undated

Correspondence (to/from members), 1983-1990, undated

Cookbook “Our Favorite” Salad and Dessert Recipes, 1981, undated

Mailing lists (members), 1986, undated

Letterhead, undated

**Financial applications, 1985-1988 RESTRICTED**

“The Seed” newsletter, 1987-1989

**II. Series: Artifacts, 1981-1987**

Guest book, 1981-1985

Series II, Tape 1: Workshop: “How to Keep From Going to Seed” with Judy Norris, First Ladies’ Day tapes, 1987 April 22

Series II, Tape 2: Workshop: “The Magnitude of Attitude” with Dorthy Keister-Walker, First Ladies’ Day tapes, 1987 April 22

Series II, Tape 3: Side A: Dorthy Walker; Side B: Judy Norris, First Ladies’ Day tapes, 1987 April 22

Series II, Tape 4: Jean Lawrence, First Ladies’ Day tapes, 1987 April 22

Series II, Tape 5: Hylde Smith, First Ladies’ Day tapes, 1987 April 22