Mary Maloy Scott collection, 1950-2005

Repository: Delaware State University Archives
William C. Jason Library
1200 N. DuPont Highway; Dover, DE 19901
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Creator: Mary Maloy Scott
Date: c. 1950-2005 [bulk dates, 1950-1955]
Location: Row 9, Bay B, Shelf 1, digital file may be found on the Archives 2.0 external hard drive
Extent: 1.5 linear foot
Language: English

Source of Acquisition: Mary Maloy Scott

Accrual: An accrual of clippings, photographs, certificates, and event programs was received in October 2016. No further accessions from Mrs. Scott are anticipated.

Conditions Governing Access: This collection is open to public viewing. No restrictions.

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Related Materials: Eula Maloy Oliver collection

Abstract:
This collection consists of three scrapbooks and individual items curated by Mrs. Mary Maloy Scott to document her experiences as a high school and college student at Delaware State College in the 1950’s. It additionally includes recorded audio of an oral history conducted by Mrs. Ernestine Adams with Mrs. Scott on April 19, 2016.

Scope and Content:
The three scrapbooks of the Mary Scott collection contain memorabilia that Mrs. Scott collected throughout her tenure at the DSC preparatory high school and Delaware State College in the 1950’s. Items found within include photographs of family and friends, greeting cards of a personal nature from loved ones, dried flowers, Hornet student newspaper articles, special event programs, class schedules, and progress reports.

Loose materials not a part of the scraps include Alpha Kappa Alpha certificates, event programs and invitations, newsclippings, and photographs. Lastly, the collection includes a digital recording of an oral history captured on April 19, 2016.

Biographical History:
Mary Maloy Scott completed two years of high school and four years of collegiate education on the campus of Delaware State College. She graduated from DSC in 1955 with a bachelor’s degree in English and a minor in biology. During Mrs. Scott’s senior year she and nine other women chartered the Delta Lambda chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha at DSC, making it the first female Greek organization at the college. She was additionally a member of the choir, dramatics club, Delorette’s Club, Newman Club, a staff writer for The Hornet, a basketball player, and the president of the senior class.

While attending Delaware State College, Mrs. Scott met and married her husband William Scott ’58. Together they had three children, Sheldon, Jeffrey, and Rachel.
Mrs. Scott’s professional career was varied across all levels of education. She first worked as a secretary, science teacher, and later English teacher at William W. M. Henry Comprehensive High School in Dover, Delaware. In 1978 she became the assistant principal at Smyrna High School and after a series of promotions, was eventually appointed to the position of Superintendent of Schools in the Smyrna district in 1994. She was the first African American female to do so.

After retirement, Mrs. Scott worked as a philanthropic for Alpha Kappa Alpha, served as a District Sunday School and Christian Education Supervisor for the African Methodist Episcopal Church, was a Grand Worth Matron (state president) of the Order of Eastern Stars, and generously contributed to scholarship funds at Delaware State University.

To read more, please see the “biography” folder in box 1.

Arrangement:
With the exception of materials gifted as part of an accrual, the items found in Mrs. Scott’s scrapbooks are retained in their original condition. The loose materials are foldered according to alphabetical order.

Box and Folder Listing:
    Digital folder on the Archives 2.0 External Hard drive:
        “Mary Maloy Scott Interview”
    Box 1:
        Alpha Kappa Alpha award certificates 1955, 2009
        Biography, 2016
        Event programs and invitations, 1954-2005
        Newsclippings, 1955-2004
        Photographs, n.d.
        1950-1951 scrapbook
    Box 2:
        1952-1954 scrapbook
    Box 3:
        1955 scrapbook

Colophon: Collection was received by Carlos Holmes while a guest at Mrs. Scott’s home and immediately transferred to the archives. A deed of gift was retroactively acquired. The accrual was received as part of an archives initiative of the Epsilon Iota Omicron chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha. It was gifted to the archives during a private AKA meeting in which the formation of a partnership between AKA and the DSU archives was announced. Rejoice Scherry determined that the materials should be housed with the Mary Maloy Scott collection and not as a part of the Alpha Kappa Alpha materials which as of August 2017 are as yet undefined.