

Hope Ridings Miller Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Hope Ridings Miller Papers

Span Dates: 1887-1998

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1934-1990)

ID No.: MSS84196

Creator: Miller, Hope Ridings

Extent: 800 items ; 3 containers ; 1.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Author, editor, and journalist. Correspondence, interviews, published writings, invitations, newspaper clippings, and photographs documenting Miller's career as a newspaper and magazine editor, author, and journalist.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Johnson, Lady Bird, 1912-2007.

Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973.

McLean, Evalyn Walsh, 1886-1947.

Mesta, Perle, approximately 1890-1975.

Miller, Hope Ridings.

Rayburn, Sam, 1882-1961.

Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962.

Sparkes, Boyden, 1890-1954.

Subjects

American newspapers--Washington (D.C.)

Diplomatic and consular service, American.

Diplomatic and consular service--Washington (D.C.)

Journalism--Washington (D.C.)

Periodical editors--Washington (D.C.)

Places

Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs.

Titles

Diplomat (Washington, D.C.)

Washington post.

Occupations

Authors.

Editors.

Journalists.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Hope Ridings Miller, author, editor, and journalist, were given to the Library of Congress by Miller in 1998.

Processing History

The papers of Hope Ridings Miller were arranged and described in 1998. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

Related Material

Additional papers of Hope Ridings Miller are located in the Austin College Archives in Sherman, Texas.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Hope Ridings Miller in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Hope Ridings Miller are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Hope Ridings Miller Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Hope Ridings Miller (1906-2005) span the years 1887-1998, with the bulk of the material dating from 1934 to 1990. Included are correspondence, interviews, invitations, news clippings, photographs, and published writings. The papers reflect Miller's career as "Society Page" editor of the *Washington Post* (1938-1944), associate editor and editor of *Diplomat* magazine (1952-1966), and author of various newspaper columns, magazine articles, and three books, all dealing with Washington social and diplomatic life. Miller was associated with many of Washington's social elite, such as Evalyn Walsh McLean. Her papers contain transcripts of a series of interviews with McLean conducted by Boyden Sparkes, 1934-1935, and correspondence, photographs, and writings about the well-known Washington hostess and ambassador, Perle Mesta. Other notable people represented in Miller's files include Lyndon B. and Lady Bird Johnson, Sam Rayburn, and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

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BOX 1	Photographs
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BOX 1	Portraits, 1934-1946
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BOX 1	<i>Diplomat</i> magazine, 1956-1960, 1966, 1996, undated
BOX 2	Johnson, Lyndon B. and Lady Bird, 1961-1974, 1992
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