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Carl H. Milam Papers, 1907-1964

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Carl Hastings Milam

Born: Harper County, Kansas, October 22, 1884
Died: Barrington, Illinois, August 26, 1963
A.B. (English), University of Oklahoma, 1907
New York State Library School, 1907-08 (class of 1909)
Married: Nellie Watson Robinson, May 16, 1910: died July 25, 1956
Children: Margery Robinson
Mary Virginia (Mrs. William A. Seidler, Jr.)
Assistant, University of Oklahoma Library, 1904-07
Assistant, John Crerar Library, 1907
Cataloger, Purdue University Library, 1908-09
Secretary, Public Library Commission of Indiana, 1909-13
Director, Birmingham, Alabama, Public Library, 1913-19
Assistant to Director - American Library Association
Acting General Director - Library War Service
Assistant General Director - 1917-20
Executive Secretary. American Library Association, 1920-48
Director, United Nations Library, 1948-50

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Box 1:

Chronological File

1907-09	Recommendation Letters, David Boyd Vernon Parrington
1922-26	Early ALA Members, Mrs. Henry J. Carr
1933	Citizens' Councils for Constructive Economy ALA Commission on Library Planning
1934	"The Plight of the Libraries"

Colorado Fishing Trip
 Milton J. Ferguson
 Congratulatory Telegrams
 1935 "Experimentation"
 Madrid Library and Bibliography Congress
 Lawrence University Honorary Degree
 1936 "Notes on Library Matters"
 "Federal Aid for Libraries"
 1937 Evanston, Illinois
 "Library Relations with Latin America"
 U. of Oklahoma, Class of 1907
 1938 Librarian of Congress Appointment
 Federal Aid to Libraries
 Birthday Greetings
 1939 Lectures, Public Libraries
 Harrison W. Craver
 1940 Evanston, Illinois Civil Service Board
 ALA Policy Statement
 Executive Board Circulars
 1941 Sumner Welles
 Latin American Cultural Relations Program
 Army Library Service
 1942 Executive Board Issuances
 1943 Library War Information Center Assistance
 Organizational Memberships
 Office of War Information
 Government Publishing
 1944 Alaskan Public Library System
 1945 ALA Federal Relations
 1946 UNESCO Conference in Paris
 1947 International Relations
 1948 UN Library
 1949 ALA Presidency
 Fourth Activities Committee
 1950 University of Michigan
 UN Library
 Personal Correspondence
 1951 University of Oklahoma
 ALA History
 Illinois Talk on the Librarian in the 1950's
 1952 Ernest J. Reece
 1953 Librarian of Congress
 Verner Clapp
 1954 United Nations
 Eleanor Mitchell

1955 David Clift
 1956 Charles H. Compton
 Robert M. Lester
 Health
 1957 Beta Theta Pi
 1959 Emily Danton article on Milam
 1960-63 University of Oklahoma
 Charles H. Compton's Report of 1935 European Trip

Biographical sketches of Milam, 1915-64
 Certificates and Awards, 1910-1956
 Clippings, 1920-59
 Fishing, 1929-40
 Medals, 1926-48
 Milam, Margery, Correspondence, 1963
 Obituaries of Milam, 1963
 Photographs, 1904-56
 Resignation from A.L.A., 1948
 Seidler, Mary Milam, Correspondence, 1963-64
 Stechert Portfolio, 1939
 U.N. Library, Correspondence, 1947-52
 Dedication, 1958-62

Box 2:

Correspondence, 1910-48
 1950-62
 Publications, 1920-29
 1930-38
 1942-57
 Book for young people on "exciting library experiences"
 Acceptances
 Biographies of Contributors
 Introduction
 Manuscript [*Digitized*]
 Old Documents
 Outline
 Suggestions to Writers
 Summaries
 Title
 Batchelder
 Baygulow
 Bennett
 Berninghausen
 Brigham
 Carnovsky

Clapp
Collings
Compton
Currier
Daniels
Dooley
Drake
Fontaine
Fry
Gartland
Greenaway
Hornback
Howard
Hyatt
Johnson
Kaiser
Leiberman
Long
Lorenz
Love
Lowrie
McKinlay
Milczewski
Mohrhardt
Morsch
Orne
Perkins
Peterson
Powell
Robinson
Rossell
Sattley
Sayers [*Digitized*]
Schenk [*Digitized*]
Smucker
Staggers
Tews
Trautman [*Digitized*]
Ulveling
Warren
Hellen Wessels, (co-editor), 1957-58
1959-60
1960-63
Disposition of Book Files

Box 3:

Stockholm Meeting, Newspaper Clippings, 1930
 International Library Conference, Stockholm, 1930
 Madrid, 1935, Milam's Report to ALA
 Program, Papers Presented and "Popular Libraries"
 International Federation for Documentation, (2 folders), 1938, 1939

Box 4:Milam Notebooks

- Notebook 1 - Each of fourteen pages lists a flower (rose?) variety and specifications such as cost, and stem (?) length.
- Notebook 2 - Twelve pages list people "we have been entertained by, " their phone numbers and physical descriptions, and if "returned"
- Notebook 3 - 1928 - Trip to Mexico (?)
 Ten pages of notes on acquaintances in Spain
 Thirty-one page diary of April, 1928, describing librarians, libraries and meetings
 Eleven pages of Spanish grammar and vocabulary
 Fifty-three page letter to "Dear Ladies" Nell, Margery, Mary from: St. Louis 4/11/28
 Lampazos to other cities (?), Mexico 4/13+ (flora. houses, bull fight, meetings, dinners, speeches, libraries, churches)
- Notebook 4 - 1942 - trip to Mexico
Nineteen page letter to "Nell and Family" - April 12-14, 1942:
 The first half describes the flight to Mexico.
 Then it tells of a dinner party with the President (of Mexico?) in honor of a dedication of?
 The rest concerns a party at the Pan American Library and a luncheon with Pan American Round Table on Pan American Day
- Notebook 5 - 19? - Europe (Germany, Holland, France)
 Thirteen pages. List of cities with items and odometer readings; menus. Account of expenses (gasoline, dinner, rooms)
- Notebook 6 - 1946 - Europe - UNESCO
Sixty-nine pages (first three are missing) of a letter to "Nell & family" Nov. 8 - Dec. 14, 1946:
 Describes sea voyage to Halifax and 2 (?) day stopover there.
 Includes clipping with picture of him and three others in U.S. delegation to Paris UNESCO Conference. (Milam and the others are listed as "members of the State Department.")
 Voyage to Europe: deck tennis, movies, meals. Includes "Landing Arrangements" Instructions to passengers. Tea with Canadian delegation at Southampton
 UNESCO meetings and receptions in Paris and Geneva
 Return to London; newspaper clipping on the "Fog Black-out"
 Brief notes of return voyage on the America. ("about 15 UNESCO people on board.")
 Includes typed letter to Nell from Helen Hayes.
- Notebook 7 - 1929 - Europe (France, Italy, Spain, England)
Sixty-six page letter to "Nell & Margery & Mary":
 Describes drives and train trips through France and Italy

- Dinners and meetings with the Congress ("I made a few notes as a kind of ass't sec'ry.")
- Audience with the Pope
- Train, boat trip to Spain (National Library, el Prado)
- Trinity College (drawing of the Great Court and adjacent area)
- Meetings in England with 400-500 "from all countries"
- Notebook 8 - Pages 140-222 of a letter to "Jess" - 1929 - Europe
from Nell (Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, Holland, England)
June 28 - Aug. 23 - a tourist describes Europe
- Notebook 9 - 1948 (Europe - England, France, Switzerland)
68 page letter to "family": 9/22/48 - 10/20/48
Flight to London
Meeting with Walsford at National Library Club
UNESCO Receptions and meetings
Talks with WHO
Meetings of the 5th committee
The Papanek case and "violent criticism"
- Notebook 10 - 1929 - Europe (France, Belgium, Switzerland)
Nell's (?) 54-pages, mostly expenses, time and odometer readings
pp.230-2 of letter from Nell to Jess - on board S.S. Peiruland
- Notebook 11 - 1948 - Europe (England, Switzerland, France, Netherlands)
60 pages
Itinerary and expenses at UNESCO and IFLA meetings
UN Library in Geneva: Observation on physical facilities, staff, materials, services
Similar observations on Paris Information Center
- Notebook 12 - 1929 - from onboard the S.S. ?
Letter from Nell (?) to Jessie:
31 pages: deck tennis, shuffle board, dinner with the Captain ("a big hearty Swede who likes to make speeches in the dining room...")
- Notebook 13 - 1927 Europe (France, England, Scotland)
155 pages
Letters (from Nell?) to Jessie and to Mary and Margery:
The ocean voyage to Europe
Nell's sightseeing excursions in Paris and London and elsewhere
List of inns on the trip from London to Glasgow (57 of them!)
- Notebook 14 - 1929 Europe (France, Italy)
109 pages
Letters form Nell to Jess:
Sightseeing
- Notebook 15 - 1926 Europe (France, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Austria, Germany)
131 pp.
Letters from CHM to Nell:
Ocean Voyage to Europe
Descriptions of cities, hotels, food
Meeting with American Information Director of League (of Nations)
The French Library School (at Versailles?)

Cricket

Notebook 16 - 1935 Europe (Spain, England, France)

68 pp. Letters from CHM to the Family:

The ocean voyage

Dinners and banquets

Visit to Prado and 3 libraries

Notebook 17 - 1929 Europe (France)

36p. Letters from Nell and children to CHM

Sightseeing with Mary and Margery

Notebook 18 - 1944 - Latin America (Mexico, Central America, Equador, Peru,
Uruguay, Brazil)

Chile,

128 p. Letters from CHM to Nell and Margery:

Flight to Mexico

Conference in Manaqua

Request for Nell to have children's books sent to two children at American embassy in
Costa Rica

Sightseeing and meals; very brief mention of meetings with national representatives on
each country