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About this collection

**Title:** Sarah Martha Murphree Papers, 1958-2003

**Creator:** Sarah Martha Murphree

**Identifier/Call Number:** CRS MS #18

**Physical Description:** .42 linear feet (1 box)

**Dates (Inclusive):** 1958-2003

**Dates (Bulk):** 1959-1962

**Location:** Center for Restoration Studies

**Language of Materials:** English, German

**Scope and Content Note:** This collection includes correspondence received by Sarah Martha Murphree while she was a missionary in Salzburg, Austria (1959-1962). The correspondence also includes letters Murphree sent to her cousin, Rebecca Henry. Henry saved these letters and later returned them to Murphree. The collection also includes newsletters from Murphree and other missionaries in Europe, photographs of Murphree, and Murphree’s obituaries.

**Biographical Note:** Sarah Martha Murphree was born in Gadsden, Alabama on August 20, 1909. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Alabama College (Montevallo, Alabama) in 1930, and went on to teach music in public schools in Gadsden, Alabama (1930-1940) and Houston, Texas (1940-1959). Murphree then moved to Salzburg, Austria, to do mission work in conjunction with Robert and Donna Skelton (1959-1962). After her return from Austria, Murphree worked with the Girl Scouts, taught piano lessons, and volunteered with the Southwest Central Church of Christ (Houston, Texas) hospital ministry. Murphree died on April 9, 2003, in Houston, Texas.

**Administrative Information**

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Arrangement of Materials: The materials have been organized by type. The correspondence has been arranged alphabetically and then chronologically.

Separated Materials: None

Subjects
Churches of Christ -- History -- 20th century

[Key Words]
Churches of Christ -- Germany
Churches of Christ -- Mission Work
Inventory

Box 1
Folder #1
I. Correspondence
   A. People (Full name)
      1. Barnhart, Glenn
      2. Brown, Margaret
      3. Carver, Georgia
      4. Christian, Irma
      5. Clark, Dorothy
      6. Collie, Barbara
      7. Davis, Marcella Johnson
      8. Ellis, Mary Winn
      9. Engleman, Clota Ruth
     10. Ennis, Marjory
     11. Ennis, Norman
     12. Franklin, Brenda K.
     13. Garner, Otis N.
     14. Glass, Leslie
     15. Goltz, Gisela
     16. Green, Patty
     17. Griffith, Lloyd Brooke and Evelyn
     18. Hanson, R.
     19. Harris, J. Richard
     20. Henry, Craig D. and Maryse
     21. Henry, Howard and Lois

Folder #2
   22. Henry, Rebecca

Folder #3
   23. Hindsley, Don and Claudia
   24. Hobbs, Celia M.
   25. King, Bob
   26. Kohlmann, Elsa
   27. Krassnig, Annemarie
   28. Malter, René
   29. Mayer, Rupert
   30. McPherson, Bertie M.
   31. Milliken, Callie Faye
   32. Müller, Heinz and Ruth
   33. Nixon, Jimmie
   34. Novak, Hans V. and Peggy
   35. Onstead, Kay
36. Reddick, Pat
37. Rickner, Buna
38. Robinson, Alvin
39. Roemer, Betty
40. S., Mardell
41. Serchen, Helga
42. Skelton, Robert, and Rudolf Rischer
43. Smith, Sue
44. Steele, Nela
45. Stewart, Audrey
46. Striplin, M.
47. Striplin, Nancy
48. Sugger, Barr and Agnes
49. Tharin, Whitney and Elizabeth (Lib)
50. Thornton, Ruby D.
51. Williams, Jane T.

Folder #4
B. People (First name only)
   1. Alexine
   2. Alice
   3. David
   4. Deanna
   5. Denise
   6. Dorothy
   7. Elsie
   8. Gladys
   9. Grace
  10. Hatsie
  11. Ida
  12. Irene
  13. Jimmy
  14. Kathryn
  15. Lenora
  16. Louise
  17. Margarita
  18. Marilyn
  19. Mary
  20. Naomi
  21. Rebekah
  22. Robbie
  23. Ruth
  24. Sylvia
  25. Virginia
  26. Miscellaneous (no name)
Folder #5

C. Organizations
   1. Central Church of Christ (Houston, TX)
   2. Gospel Press (Dallas, TX)
   3. Houston Independent School District (Houston, TX)
   4. North Central Christian College (Rochester, MI)
   5. Southside Church of Christ (Mineral Wells, TX)
   6. Teenage Christian (Houston, TX)
   7. World Vision (Nashville, TN)

Folder #6
II. Newsletters and Bulletins

Folder #7
III. Financial Information

Folder #8
IV. Obituaries and Photographs
   - Received in 2003 from Murphree’s friend, Bobbie A. Huebner