Myrta Blanche Garrett Perry Papers, 1895-1990

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About this collection
Title: Myrta Blanche Garrett Perry Papers

Creator: Myrta Blanche Garrett Perry, (1890-1981)

Identifier/Call Number: Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #42

Physical Description: 9.5 linear feet (10 boxes)

Dates (Inclusive): 1895-1990

Dates (Bulk): 1935-1966

Location: Center for Restoration Studies

Language of Materials: English

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists primarily of correspondence between Mrs. Perry and the churches for whom she was painting and photographs of the paintings and churches. Additionally, the collection contains significant materials collected by or created by Mrs. Perry. These materials include newspaper clippings, original poetry, watercolor paintings, journals, and an autobiographical manuscript. The collection is housed in 10 boxes and 4 series. See also the Jack Welch collections for more photos and essays. Also, a letter from Blanche Perry to James Lovell can be found in the James Lovell collection, CRS MS 14, Box 34, Folder "Correspondence March 1967."

Biographical Note: Myrta Blanche Garrett was born in Mount Carmel, Ala. in 1890. Both her parents died when she was young, and she was raised by her aunt and uncle. As part of her schooling, she attended the Southern Female College for Girls in LaGrange, Ga. There she took an art class that would shape her future significantly. In 1913, she married Andrew Eugene Perry; they had two children. Mrs. Perry had chronic complications with tuberculosis, and her health deteriorated until the family moved to Denver, Colo. in 1924. There, Mrs. Perry was admitted to the Phipps Sanatorium for five years. By 1935, her health had improved and she began painting baptistries as a part of her Christian mission. During this period, she painted more than 200 baptistries throughout the world. She died in 1981.

Administrative Information
Immediate Source of Acquisition: Unknown Unfortunately, no records were kept of when and how the Blanche Perry collection arrived at Milliken Special Collections. Most likely, Jack Welch collected the materials from Mrs. Perry's family after her death and later donated them.

Date of Acquisition: unknown


Date of Accession: 21 May 2007

Accessioned by: Reid

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Using this collection
Processing Status: Processed

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Arrangement of Materials: The original arrangement of the collection has been lost. As such, the materials are now arranged primarily by material type and then by location. The collection contains four series. Series I (Box 1-2) Correspondence and Photos, c.1935-1966 Series II Personal Papers, c.1895-1990 (Box 3-4) These include original poems, watercolor paintings, manuscripts and photos. Series III (Box 5) Unidentified Photos and Interpretations, c.1935-1990 Series IV (Box 6-10) Scrapbooks and Diaries, 1935-c.1966

Separated Materials: none

Subjects and Keywords
Churches of Christ -- History -- 20th century
Churches of Christ -- Texas – Abilene
Manuscripts
Inventory

Box 1
[First Folder] Finding Aid
Lachine, Quebec, Canada
Montreal, Canada
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
Zamboanga City, Philippines
Huntsville, Alabama
Montgomery, Alabama
Russellville, Alabama
Selma, Alabama
Spruce Pine, Alabama
Yuma, Arizona
Coal Hill, Arkansas
Dell, Arkansas
Piggot, Arkansas
Stuttgart, Arkansas
La Mesa, California
Los Angeles, California
Oraville, California
Richmond, California
Sacramento, California
San Diego, California
Santa Barbara, California
Santa Cruz, California
Arvada, Colorado
Colorado Springs, Colorado
Denver, Colorado
Fowler, Colorado
Lamar, Colorado
Loveland, Colorado
Gainesville, Florida
Hialeah, Florida
Miami, Florida
Ocala, Florida
Pensacola, Florida
Trion, Georgia
Pocatello, Idaho
Flora, Illinois
Anderson, Indiana
Elkhart, Kansas
Hutchinson, Kansas
Kansas City, Kansas
Lewis, Kansas
St. John, Kansas
Ulysses, Kansas
Wellington, Kansas
Winfield, Kansas
Hopkinsville, Kentucky
Russellville, Kentucky
Shepherd, Michigan
Monroe, Louisiana
Chillicothe, Missouri
Springfield, Missouri
Missoula, Montana

Box 2
Hayes Center, Nebraska
Stratton, Nebraska
Las Vegas, Nevada
Las Vegas, New Mexico
Athens, Ohio
Adams, Oklahoma
Boise City, Oklahoma
Bristol, Oklahoma
Chickasha, Oklahoma
Durant, Oklahoma
Forgan, Oklahoma
Frederick, Oklahoma
Lawton, Oklahoma
Marietta, Oklahoma
Pauls Valley, Oklahoma
Prague, Oklahoma
Rush Springs, Oklahoma
Wilson, Oklahoma
Grants Pass, Oregon
Spartanburg, South Carolina
Bolivar, Tennessee
Dyersburg, Tennessee
Friendship, Tennessee
Lenoir City, Tennessee
Murry City, Tennessee
Nashville, Tennessee
Old Hickory, Tennessee
Ripley, Tennessee
Rockwood, Tennessee
Trigett, Tennessee
Anson, Texas
Borger, Texas
Corsicana, Texas
Dallas, Texas
Decatur, Texas
Happy, Texas
Luling, Texas
Pampa, Texas
Perrin, Texas
Rochester, Texas
Port Arthur, Texas
Sanford, Texas
Texline, Texas
Tom Bean, Texas
Vega, Texas
Victory, Texas
Orem, Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah
Christianburg, Virginia
Spokane, Washington
S. Parkersburg, West Virginia

**Box 3**
Perry, Blanche- Biographical Information
Perry, Blanche- Correspondence- Cards- Folder 1
Perry, Blanche- Correspondance- Folder 2
Perry, Blanche- Essays by Jack Welch
Perry, Blanche- Miscellaneous
Perry, Blanche- Miscellaneous Folder 2
Perry, Blanche- Miscellaneous Folder 3
Perry, Blanche- Miscellaneous Folder 4
Perry, Blanche- Newspaper Articles
Box 4
Perry, Blanche- Artwork
Perry, Blanche- Genealogy- Folder 1
Perry, Blanche- Genealogy- Folder 2
Perry, Blanche- Prose- Folder 1 (also see binder in folder 2)
Perry, Blanche- Prose- Folder 2

Box 5
Baptistry Paintings- Interpretations and Photographs (unidentified)
Baptistry Paintings- Photos- Artists not confirmed 1
Baptistry Paintings- Photos- Artists not confirmed 2
Baptistry Paintings- Photos- Artists not confirmed 3

Box 6
[Miscellaneous loose notes/articles/pictures]

Box 7
Red Stationary Box
Journals (2)

Box 8
[Scrapbook Pages: Misc Paintings, photos, letters, articles]

Box 9
[Scrapbook Pages: Misc Paintings, photos, letters, articles]
[Spreadsheet of artwork publication]

Box 10
Brown Scrapbook