

# Millikin University Archives: Staley Library

## Modesta Scott Collection

**Collection Number:** 4.07.102

**Inclusive Dates:** 1919 – 1979

**Bulk Dates:** 1920 - 1924

**Quantity:** 2 scrapbooks.

**Acquisition Information:** Unknown.

**Access Restrictions:** This collection is open for research.

**Copyright:** Millikin University.

**Photographs:** Yes, in scrapbook and envelopes.

**Condition Notes:** Binding on student scrapbook is in decent condition, much of the ephemera is coming loose.

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### Biographical Note

Modesta Louise Scott (1900-1995) graduated from Millikin University in 1924 and received the Alumni Loyalty Award in 1979. She taught at Arcola High School from 1930-1964. As a student, she became a member of Theta Upsilon and was active within the organization at least until the 1940s.

### Scope and Content Note

This collection is comprised of various music programs, social invitations, notes/letters, and various other types of memorabilia. There are some photographs and newspaper articles as well. There is a substantial amount of memorabilia from Modesta Scott's activities in Theta Upsilon after her graduation from Millikin. This collection is a good source for ephemera, however, there is not a lot of substantial campus information included.

### Series Notes

*Series 1: Correspondence*

12 items

Correspondence and directory related to the class of 1924 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in 1974.

*Series 2: Ephemera*

13 items

A mixture of alumni recognition items and sorority-related items.

*Series 3: Scrapbooks*

2 items

1 student scrapbook (1919-1924) and 1 Theta Gamma convention scrapbook (1946-1951).

*Series 4: Photographs*

6 items

Photographs from Modesta Scott's reunions and time as a Millikin student.

**Collection Inventory**

<b>Folder/Item Title</b>	<b>Container #</b>	<b>Folder/Item #</b>	<b>Description</b>
Alumni Notes & Correspondence	A-0041	1	Alumni letters, addresses related to the 1974, "Golden" reunion
Ephemera	E-0003	2	1979 Alumni Loyalty Award; 1965 Donor plaque; Theta Gamma spring tea poster
Miscellaneous Ephemera	A-0041	3	Programs and Christmas card
Newspaper Clippings		4	Refers to Modesta Scott's activities with Theta Upsilon sorority
Sorority Items	A-0041	5	Certificates and programs relating to Theta Upsilon, Lambda Pi Delta,
Scrapbook	E-0003	6	Black and white cover composition book with memorabilia from Theta Gamma conventions. Includes postcards, programs, notes, napkins, tickets, photographs, etc. 1946-1951.
Scrapbook	F-0002	7	Very large, black scrapbook with "Memory Book Modesta Louisa Scott" on the cover.

			Includes a lot of ephemera such as party invitations and souvenirs, letters, calendar pages, tickets, food wrappers, dried flowers, a green tissue “freshman cap,” etc.
Photographs	E-0003	8	1923 photo montage mounted on board, used as page 198 of 1924 Millidek
Photographs	A-0041	9	3 envelopes (5 photos), 1 undated and unidentified photo of a church, one photo labeled “Grace Church,” one photo composite of young women, labeled “Modesta Scott,” one of class of 1924 from 1984 (60 <sup>th</sup> reunion), one of Modesta Scott receiving alumni loyalty award in 1979 from President J. Roger Miller.