

Millikin University Archives: Staley Library

J. Roger Miller Papers

Collection Number: 3.10.100

Inclusive Dates: 1971 – 1991

Bulk Dates: 1974 – 1988

Quantity: 5 series containing 39 folders, within 3 boxes.

Acquisition Information: Unknown.

Access Restrictions: This collection is open for research (1 item restricted)

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Photographs: No.

Condition Notes: Good condition throughout this collection. Some paper is thin and somewhat fragile, as are some original newspaper clippings. Mild rust staining around staples and paperclips.

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Biographical Note

J. Roger Miller was born July 16, 1927, in Dollville, Illinois. President Miller completed his both his bachelor's (1949) and master's (1950) degrees in music at Illinois Wesleyan University and received his PhD in Higher Education and Music from the University of Wisconsin (1956). In 1949, while at Illinois Wesleyan, he married Arlene P. Truscott of Buenos Aires, Argentina. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Dr. Miller joined the Millikin University faculty as an associate professor in the School of Music in 1959. He later became dean of the School of Music, and then vice president for academic affairs for the university. In 1971, Dr. Miller was named president of Millikin University, a position he retained for 20 years, making him (so far) Millikin's longest-serving president. During his tenure, Dr. Miller was also the President of the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities and president of Council of Independent Colleges. Dr. Miller retired in 1991, and died in Durham, North Carolina at age 88 in 2015.

Scope and Content Note

This collection pertains solely to Miller's time as president of Millikin University, and not his time as professor, dean, or VPAA. It captures multiple facets of Miller's time as president.

Series Notes

Series 1: Administrative Papers

29 folders

Collection of typed reports and summaries, arranged by subject, then chronologically.

Series 2: Correspondence

2 folders

Memos, letters, and other correspondence, arranged chronologically.

Series 3: Addresses

3 folders

Speeches and addresses gave by Miller, arranged by subject, then chronologically.

Series 4: Biographical Information

3 folders

Collection of programs and speeches pertaining to Miller's presidency.

Series 5: Clippings

2 folders

Original and copied newspaper clippings about Miller.

Collection Inventory

Folder/Item Title	Container #	Folder/Item #	Description
Administrative Papers	A-0014 A-0015 B-0003	1-29	Typed drafts of administrative reports. Extensive summaries of cabinet, staff, and faculty meetings from 1971-1988. Many reports and summaries feature handwritten notes and doodles.

Correspondence	A-0015	30-31	Chronologically arranged assortment of correspondence between Miller and other organizations, colleges, museums, and others during his presidency. Also included is a large number of Millikin memos. Dates range from 1972-1991.
Addresses	A-0015	32-34	Typed copies of Miller's speeches and addresses, many with handwritten edits. Address and speeches feature date, location of address, and other relevant information listed. Copies also have handwritten corrections and additional comments. [Folder 2 contains a speech dated 10/8/81 with request that it not be used/quoted without consent of Miller]
Biographical Information	A-0015	35-37	Napkins, programs, event itineraries, agendas and copies of speeches given for and by Dr. Miller upon anniversaries and retirement event.
Clippings	A-0015 B-0003	38-39	Original and copied newspaper clippings pertaining to Miller's presidential induction, his retirement, and

			assorted other events occurring within his time as Millikin president.
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