

# Millikin University Archives: Staley Library

## **J. Walter Malone Papers**

**Collection Number:** 3.08.100

**Inclusive Dates:** 1945 – 1984

**Bulk Dates:** 1946

**Quantity:** 2 folders within 1 box, robe in separate box

**Acquisition Information:** Unknown, Rev. Alvin R. Abbott

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

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**Photographs:** No.

**Condition Notes:** Papers in good condition. Some paper is thin with minor tears and staining. Clippings are in good condition, with slight age-related discoloration.

**Processed by:** Lisa Hill, May 2018.

### **Biographical Note**

J. Walter Malone served as Millikin University's president from January 1946-April 1956. He had an A.B. 1909 from Western Reserve University, and a 1919 Bachelor of Divinity degree from McCormick seminary and studied at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland under a graduate fellowship 1920-1921. He established the McKinley Foundation through Senator William B. McKinley in Champaign and served as its director from 1928-1941. He then served as vice president of the McCormick Theological seminary in Chicago from 1941-1945. Malone led the fund raising campaign for Scovill Science Hall, and began initial planning for a men's dormitory (later called Mills Hall). In 1957 the Malone Chapel in what is now known as Shilling Hall was named in his honor. Malone lived in Clinton after retirement and served on the board of directors of its Fine Arts Center and the Warner Library. He died at age 74 on November 7, 1962.

### **Scope and Content Note**

A collection of papers from Malone's time as president; also included are a number of newspaper clippings from local newspapers pertaining to his presidency, his death, and information about his daughter-in-law, Mary Lou Malone. Also includes Malone's clerical robe.

### **Series Notes**

*Series 1: Inauguration*

1 folders

Documents, invitations, and assorted materials relating to the inauguration of president Malone.

*Series 2: Clippings*

1 folder

Newspaper clippings relating to Malone's presidency, life, and death.

*Series 3: Textiles*

1 item

Malone's clerical robe.

**Collection Inventory**

<b>Folder/Item Title</b>	<b>Container #</b>	<b>Folder/Item #</b>	<b>Description</b>
Inauguration	A-0009	1	Collection of invitations, programs, and tickets for the inauguration of president Malone. Some minor biographical information is also contained within this series.
Clippings	A-0009	2	Newspaper clippings related to president Malone's arrival in Decatur, his time at Millikin, and his death.
Textiles	L-0001	3	Long, black clerical/academic robe worn by Malone (donated by the Rev. Alvin R. Abbott)