

Millikin University Archives: Staley Library

Albert Reynolds Taylor Papers

Collection Number: 03.01.100

Inclusive Dates: 1902 – 1929

Bulk Dates: 1918 – 1924

Quantity: 6 series contained in 33 folders between 3 boxes

Acquisition Information: Unknown.

Access Restrictions: This collection is open for research.

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Photographs: No.

Condition Notes: Condition varies. Most paper is fragile, with some tears. Many have creases, holes and/or rust from staples. Some paper is thin and transparent, other papers are slightly water stained around edges.

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Biographical Note

Dr. Albert Reynolds Taylor was Millikin University's first president, serving from 1901-1913. He also served as interim president from 1915-1919, and as acting president from May-September, 1924. Taylor was born in Magnolia, Illinois in 1846. Prior to acting as Millikin's first president, he served as president of the State Normal School of Kansas in Emporia for 19 years, starting in 1882. He is author of several books, including: "Autobiography of Albert Reynolds Taylor, Ph.D., LL.D., L.H.D.: President Emeritus The James Millikin University," "The Life Story of James Millikin: Founder of the James Millikin University," "Among Ourselves: A Schoolmaster with His Friends at the Round Table," and "The Study of the Child: a Brief Treatise on the Psychology of the Child, with Suggestions for Teachers, Students, and Parents," which also was published in Spanish, as "El Estudio Del Nino: Breve Tratado de la Psicologia del Nino, con Indicaciones a los Maestros, Estudiantes, y Padres de Familia." Taylor died in 1929.

Scope and Content Note

Collection includes papers from Taylor's time at Millikin; this includes demographic information on the school, reports, and related correspondence. Also present in this collection are notes and drafts of Taylor's autobiography and his biography of James Millikin.

Series Notes

Series 1: Administrative Reports & Documents

5 Folders

Collection of Millikin University reports, statements, and lists.

Series 2: Correspondence

9 Folders within 2 boxes

Collection of typed and handwritten correspondence between President Taylor and faculty, business, and associations.

Series 3: Manuscripts & Working Papers

13 Folders within 3 boxes

Assorted notes and drafts of various A. R. Taylor-authored works and publications.

Series 4: Publications

2 Folders

Pamphlet and typed report.

Series 5: Clippings

1 Folders

One copy of newspaper clipping.

Series 6: Biographical & Personal

3 Folders

Assorted collection of tribute, lists, and pamphlets.

Collection Inventory

Folder/Item Title	Container #	Folder/Item #	Description
Administrative Reports and Documents	A-0004	1-5	Collection of minutes from college conferences, faculty register, member list for the board of directors, financial summaries, and the 1911-12 report of the president. Dates range from 1910-1923.
Correspondence	A-0004 (7 folders) B-0002 (2 folders)	6-14	Collection of correspondence from Taylor to other colleges, organizations, associations, and departments. This series contains a

			handwritten letter from Taylor to Andrew Carnegie. Dates range from 1905-1922.
Manuscripts and Working Papers	A-0004 (4 folders) A-0005 (8 folders) B-0002 (1 folders)	15-27	Handwritten and typed notes for the following Taylor works: Taylor's Autobiography; Millikin University History; Quarter Centennial History; Experiments in Spiritualism; and other assorted notes.
Publications	A-0005	28-29	Series includes a pamphlet authored by Taylor: "The Function of the Christian College" (undated). Also in series is a handwritten note accompanying Taylor's typed manuscript of James Millikin biography.
Clippings	A-0005	30	Copy of a clipping from a Decatur Newspaper, undated. Obituary announcement for Taylor's wife: Minerva (Dent).
Biographical and Personal	A-0005	31-33	This series contains a small tribute pamphlet honoring Taylor by C.W. Dyer, a list of 1924 stockholders of Southern Land & Rice, Co., and a few pamphlets on Christian Colleges.