

Millikin University Archives: Staley Library

Glea Bell Simshauser Collection

Collection Number: 4.07.119

Inclusive Dates: 1927 – 1977

Bulk Dates: 1950s

Quantity: 1 scrapbook box.

Acquisition Information: Unknown.

Access Restrictions: This collection is open for research.

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Photographs: Black and white photographs in scrapbook and envelope.

Condition Notes: Front cover has come loose from scrapbook, paper is brittle, with some loose pages. Items are taped into scrapbook, or loose.

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Biographical Note

Glea Bell Simshauser was born January 10, 1904 and died July 7, 1996. She attended Millikin University from 1923-1927. During her time at Millikin, Glea participated in Gym Festival, Glee Club, Biology Club, and as an Oratorio Officer.

After graduation, Glea became the local coordinator for the class of 1927's reunions, her records beginning in 1952. She wrote many letters to her classmates informing them of upcoming reunions and organized all of the information received from fellow classmates in order to redistribute it to the rest of the class. Her efforts seem to have lasted until 1977, when the scrapbook stops.

Scope and Content Note

The majority of the collection consists of photographs from reunions in the 1950s and letters to alumni regarding their upcoming reunions. There are also some letters written by alumni describing their current situation in life and their history since their time at Millikin University. Newspaper clippings of various Millikin alumni are also present, although they are not as prevalent as the correspondence or photographs.

Series Notes

Series 1: Correspondence

3 folders

Correspondence of Glea Bell Simshauser, 1927 class agent, regarding class reunions and fundraising.

Series 2: Reunion

1 folder

Schedules, programs, attendee lists and other materials related to the 50th anniversary (Golden Anniversary) event for the class of 1927.

Series 3: Clippings

1 folder

Newspaper clippings and Millikin Milestone newsletters relating Millikin alumni news.

Series 4: Scrapbook

1 item

Glea Simshauser's class of 1927 reunion scrapbook.

Series 5: Photographs

1 envelope

Photographs of 1927 class reunions.

Collection Inventory

Folder/Item Title	Container #	Folder/Item #	Description
Correspondence- 1950-1959	B-0006	1	Typed letters from Glea Simshauser to 1927 class alumni regarding reunions and fundraising, some handwritten replies.
Correspondence- 1962	B-0006	2	Typed letters from Glea Simshauser to 1927 class alumni, and replies regarding 35 th reunion.
Correspondence- 1972	B-0006	3	Typed letters from Glea Simshauser to 1927 class alumni, and replies regarding 45 th reunion.
Correspondence- 1977	B-0006	4	Typed letters from Glea Simshauser to 1927 class alumni, and replies regarding 50 th reunion.
Correspondence- undated	B-0006	5	Typed letters from Glea Simshauser to

			1927 class alumni related to fundraising as class agent.
Golden Anniversary	B-0006	6	Materials related to 1977 50 th reunion for class of 1927.
Newspaper Clippings	B-0006	7	Newspaper clippings and newsletters relating Millikin news. Most dating to 1977.
Scrapbook	F-0010	8	Blue scrapbook with diamond pattern on cover, labeled inside as "JMU Class of '27." Includes photos from reunions, lists of attendees, programs, and a few news clippings.
Photographs	F-0010	9	Envelope with two photographs of 1927 class reunions