

Millikin University Archives: Staley Library

Keach Bone Collection

Collection Number: 4.07.110

Inclusive Dates: 1903 – 1914

Bulk Dates: 1903 – 1907

Quantity: 1 box with 1 scrapbook and 1 folder.

Acquisition Information: Donated by Mary Elizabeth Keas (Bone)? (daughter?)

Access Restrictions: This collection is open for research.

Copyright: Millikin University.

Photographs: Black and white, cyanotypes, in scrapbook and on loose pages.

Condition Notes: Scrapbook paper is brittle, with several tears.

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Biographical Note

Keach Bone was a student at Millikin University from 1903-1907 and was a member of the first four-year class to graduate from the school. He was President of the Orlandian Literary Society in 1906. He was also a member of Kappa Delta Chi fraternity.

He married Judith Mills (on New Year's Eve, 1908), also a graduate of Millikin University's class of 1907, and daughter of A.H. Mills (president of the Board of Managers from 1916-1922). Together they had five children (Elizabeth, Edgar, Roberta, Judith and David) and lived on a farm in Tallula.

Keach died of pneumonia April 14, 1930 in Sangamon County, Illinois. Judith died in 1971.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of a scrapbook that contains pictures from the earliest days of the University (1903-1907). Most pictures are landscapes of the University, or a few select classmates. There is one large group photo that is included and identifies 13 members of the 1903 football team. This collection includes many pictures of Judith Mills-Bone as well as a few postcards that she wrote to Keach during their time at Millikin. A note states that the leather cover of the scrapbook was tooled by Helen Mills Magill.

Series Notes

Series 1: Scrapbooks

2 items

Consists of a Millikin-themed scrapbook and a folder with several loose items.

Collection Inventory

Folder/Item Title	Container #	Folder/Item #	Description
Scrapbook	D-0002	1	Scrapbook with tooled leather cover and photo of Millikin tower in the center. Photos of Millikin buildings and students, and area. Many images have hand-written labels written later (by daughter?). Also includes ephemera and what looks like two cyanotypes.
Loose scrapbook items	D-0002	2	Folder with loose items from scrapbook: two unidentified photographs, one group photo of the 1903 football team, two postcards from Decatur, IL, one recital program.