

# Millikin University Archives: Staley Library

## **Modesta Scott Collection**

**Collection Number:** 4.07.102

**Inclusive Dates:** 1919 – 1979

**Bulk Dates:** 1920 – 1924

**Quantity:** 2 scrapbooks.

**Acquisition Information:** Unknown.

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

**Copyright:** Millikin University.

**Photographs:** Yes, in scrapbook and envelopes.

**Condition Notes:** Binding on student scrapbook is in decent condition, much of the ephemera is coming loose.

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### **Biographical Note**

Modesta Louise Scott (1900-1995) graduated from Millikin University in 1924 and received the Alumni Loyalty Award in 1979. She taught at Arcola High School from 1930-1964. As a student, she became a member of Theta Upsilon and was active within the organization at least until the 1940s.

### **Scope and Content Note**

This collection is comprised of various music programs, social invitations, notes/letters, and various other types of memorabilia. There are some photographs and newspaper articles as well. There is a substantial amount of memorabilia from Modesta Scott's activities in Theta Upsilon after her graduation from Millikin. This collection is a good source for ephemera, however, there is not a lot of substantial campus information included.

### **Series Notes**

#### *Series 1: Correspondence*

12 items

Correspondence and directory related to the class of 1924 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in 1974.

#### *Series 2: Ephemera*

13 items

A mixture of alumni recognition items and sorority-related items.

*Series 3: Scrapbooks*

2 items

1 student scrapbook (1919-1924) and 1 Theta Gamma convention scrapbook (1946-1951).

*Series 4: Photographs*

6 items

Photographs from Modesta Scott's reunions and time as a Millikin student.

**Collection Inventory**

| <b>Folder/Item Title</b>      | <b>Container #</b> | <b>Folder/Item #</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| Alumni Notes & Correspondence | A-0041             | 1                    | Alumni letters, addresses related to the 1974, "Golden" reunion   |
| Ephemera                      | E-0003             | 2                    | 1979 Alumni Loyalty Award; 1965 Donor plaque; Theta Gamma spring tea poster   |
| Miscellaneous Ephemera        | A-0041             | 3                    | Programs and Christmas card   |
| Newspaper Clippings           |                    | 4                    | Refers to Modesta Scott's activities with Theta Upsilon sorority  |
| Sorority Items                | A-0041             | 5                    | Certificates and programs relating to Theta Upsilon, Lambda Pi Delta,   |
| Scrapbook                     | E-0003             | 6                    | Black and white cover composition book with memorabilia from Theta Gamma conventions. Includes postcards, programs, notes, napkins, tickets, photographs, etc. 1946-1951. |
| Scrapbook                     | F-0002             | 7                    | Very large, black scrapbook with "Memory Book Modesta Louisa Scott" on the cover.   |

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|             |        |   | Includes a lot of ephemera such as party invitations and souvenirs, letters, calendar pages, tickets, food wrappers, dried flowers, a green tissue "freshman cap," etc.   |
| Photographs | E-0003 | 8 | 1923 photo montage mounted on board, used as page 198 of 1924 Millidek  |
| Photographs | A-0041 | 9 | 3 envelopes (5 photos), 1 undated and unidentified photo of a church, one photo labeled "Grace Church," one photo composite of young women, labeled "Modesta Scott," one of class of 1924 from 1984 (60 <sup>th</sup> reunion), one of Modesta Scott receiving alumni loyalty award in 1979 from President J. Roger Miller. |