

# Millikin University Archives: Staley Library

## Wilma Lux Collection

**Collection Number:** 4.07.125

**Inclusive Dates:** 1939 – 1953

**Bulk Dates:** 1940s

**Quantity:** 1 box with 2 folders, 2 books, 1 tissue paper parcel.

**Acquisition Information:** Unknown.

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

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**Photographs:** No.

**Condition Notes:** Some staining, some tears on miscellaneous papers. Bulletins and directories in good condition.

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

### Biographical Note

Wilma Lux is a native of Milmine, Illinois, daughter of alumna Clara Lefever (class of 1914). While a student at Millikin, Lux was the co-editor of the Decaturian and was an assistant in Gorin Library. She was active in Phi Mu Theta, the Women's Athletic Association, and the Conant Literary Society. She graduated from Millikin in 1940, then received her Master's Degree from the University of Chicago. From 1946-1948, Lux returned to the area and taught Political Science and History at Millikin. From 1953-55, Lux was a Fulbright teacher in England. She later would spend two years in Morocco, where she helped establish an English language library under the sponsorship of the U.S. government. She returned to the states, and studied administration at Eastern Illinois University; it was at EIU that she became the first woman of the university to receive the Specialist in Education Degree. Lux would go on to become one of the first Program Planners for the Decatur-Macon County Economic Opportunity Corp. in the 1960s. In the 1980s, Lux would occasionally write for The Herald and Review.

### Scope and Content Note

This collection consist miscellaneous papers and ephemera from Wilma Lux's time at Millikin, both as a student and later as a professor. There is no personal information on Lux within this collection.

### Series Notes

*Series 1: Ephemera*

14 Items

Includes textile ephemera, papers, and University programs and publications.

**Collection Inventory**

<b>Folder/Item Title</b>	<b>Container #</b>	<b>Folder/Item #</b>	<b>Description</b>
Varsity Letters, JMU Patch, and class of "40" numbers (wrapped in tissue paper)	F-0011	1	One patch with blue JMU embroidered letters on ivory fabric. Blue felt class of "40" patches. One blue "M" varsity letter, with some minor fraying on backing fabric. One white "M" varsity letter.
Miscellaneous Papers	F-0011	2	Folder contains: Two certificates for gifts/contributions (1946, 1953), typed and handwritten Kappa Society directory list, and a program tribute to the memory of Hessler and Cole.
Varsity directories, and Commencement program (1942)	F-0011	3	Two initialed Millikin directories of faculty and students (1939, 1947). One directory for the Decatur branch of the American Association of University Women (1946). One Commencement program (1942): some staining, tear.
Bulletin Catalogue (1947-1948)	F-0011	4	Blue Millikin Bulletin (1947-1948): some color fading around edges. Handwritten note on top of cover, indicating where

			Lux's classes are listed.
Bulletin Catalogue (1948-1949)	F-0011	5	Blue and white Millikin Bulletin (1948-1949): Wilma Frances Lux written on front cover.