M. Alice Isely Papers

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Content Note

The M. Alice Isely Papers contain genealogical information on the extended Isely family, as well as letters, clippings and a scrapbook regarding M. Alice Isely. The collection also contains items relating to other family members, including her brothers Bliss Isely and W. H. Isely. Several members of the Isely family were early leaders of Fairmount College, now Wichita State University.

Series Listing

Series 1 Box 1 Isely Family Materials
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Box and Folder Listing

Series 1 – Isely Family Materials
Box 1  FF 1  Genealogy and family history of the Isely and Dubach families.
Box 1  FF 2  Joss family record from 1767-1964.
Box 1  FF 3-7 Miscellaneous correspondence to M. Alice Isely, 1905-1946. Most of the letters regard church and personal matters. Letter from brother Bliss Isely (on Fairmount College stationery) talks about early history of Fairmount College.
Box 1  FF 8  Autobiography of James McClellan Boomer, 1911.
Box 1  FF 9  Letter from Charles Dawes, Chicago, Illinois, to C. C. Isely, December 27, 1939, congratulating Isely on his address before the Academy of Political Science.
Box 1  FF 10  Letter from the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto, concerning a savings account, dated April 5, 1922.
Box 1  FF 11  Newspaper clippings concerning Paul and Manly Wade Wellman.
Box 1  FF 12  Newspaper clippings concerning Paul and Manly Wade Wellman.
Box 1  FF 13  Isely family tree.
Box 1  FF 14  Clippings concerning C. C. Isely.
Box 1  FF 15  Clippings concerning Bliss Isely.
Box 1  FF 16  Leaflet by Bliss Isely, “Fairmount College and its Gospel Teamwork.”
Box 1  FF 17  Biography of Bliss Isely.
Box 1  FF 18  Clippings concerning M. Alice Isely.
Box 1  FF 19  Letters regarding the death of M. Alice Isely.
Box 1  FF 20  Miscellaneous correspondence concerning M. Alice Isely.
Box 1  FF 21  Miscellaneous letters of recommendation for M. Alice Isely.
Box 1  FF 22  Miscellaneous card and letters to M. Alice Isely.
Box 1  FF 24  Clippings concerning W. H. Isely, including notice of his death.
Box 1  FF 25  Miscellaneous items relating to W. H. Isely.
Box 1  FF 26  Copy of the “Sharps Rifle Episode in Kansas History” by W. H. Isely, reprinted from the American Historical Review, vol. XII, no. 3, April, 1907.
Box 1  FF 27  W. H. Isely’s “Topical Reference Outline of the Beginnings and Political History of the United States,” a reading list for Isely’s American history classes.
Box 1 FF 28 Miscellaneous items regarding Kunigunde Duncan Isely.
Box 1 FF 29 “A List of the Birds of Sedgwick County” by Dwight Isely.
Box 1 FF 30 Audio recording by Alice Isely “Talk to Faculty, Students, and Alumni,” May 4, 1962.

Series 2 – Scrapbook

Box 2 Scrapbook about M. Alice Isely, mainly consisting of documentation of her 95th and 100th birthdays and death at age 103. Includes greeting cards, letters, newspaper clippings and photographs. Notable correspondents include Richard Nixon, Charles Sheldon, Garner Shriver and Clark Ahlberg. Creator of scrapbook unidentified. Materials date from 1897 to 1969.

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