

ARCHIE HAYES MERRILL PAPERS

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PROVENANCE

The contents of one box (38x37x27 cm.) containing correspondence, notes, drafts and proofs for newspaper articles and books, and photographs, in 39 folders were given to Kay Jackett by Mrs. Arch Merrill for Jacket's research for her SUNY - Brockport M.A. Thesis. Ms. Jackett, at the request of Mrs. Merrill, donated this material to the Warren Hunting Smith Library of Hobart & William Smith Colleges. In addition to the box described above were 22 scrapbooks with copies of Merrill's Sunday feature articles for the Democrat and Chronicle, in need of microfilming, and, an index to the scrapbooks.

Included with these papers is a copy of Kay Jackett's thesis, donated by Marlin Merrill, nephew of AHM,, and correspondence relating to the AHM papers from Warren Hunting Smith Library Archives.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Archie Hayes Merrill Papers contain correspondence, and papers related to AHM's profession as journalist; also photographs both of a professional and personal nature.

The records are arranged as received in six series: Correspondence, Notes related to AHM's books and articles, Items such as maps, Photographs. They are foldered in their original order. The fifth series consists of scrapbooks in which AHM pasted his Sunday articles for the democrat and Chronicle, now in the HWS Library vault pending eventual microfilming. The sixth series is Kay Jackett's Thesis: Arch Merrill, 1983.

Photographs have been kept with other items as foldered when received, and interleaved with acid-free tissue. Where necessary items have been photocopied on acid--free paper.

Oversized items have been withdrawn and placed in oversize box # 6.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Arches Hayes Merrill (1894-1974), (AHM) , a newspaperman, was born in Sandusky, New York and settled in Rochester, New York where he worked for twenty-seven years on Gannett's Democrat and Chronicle.

From high school in Buffalo, New York, AHM went to Hobart College in Geneva, New York. In 1916, after attending Hobart for one year AHM enlisted in the Army, joining Company B, 33rd Engineers, and serving in France. He never returned to Hobart College. From 1919 to 1922 AHM worked at brief stints in Washington, D.C., Detroit, Michigan and New York City. While working in New York he married Katherine Marie Towell.

AHM had a life-long career in journalism. While in high school he sent articles to a Buffalo newspaper and during his single year at Hobart College he served on the staff of the Hobart Herald and was elected to be a regular Herald reporter for the coming year. In 1923, AHM became a copyreader with the Democrat and Chronicle, later working for the Rochester Journal American from 1927-1937. In 1937 AHM returned to the D&C as assistant city editor, and for the next twenty-seven years, in his own words, he "held nearly every post in the city news room", as a reporter, assistant city editor, back-up editor, night city editor and member of the editorial staff. In 1939 AHM began to write feature stories for the Sunday D&C resulting in about 1650 articles, largely based on the history of Rochester and surrounding areas. These articles, collected and expanded, became the basis of AHM's many popular books.

AHM retired from the D&C in 1963, but he continued to write his column, "Arch Merrill's History" He died July 15, 1974 and is buried in Old Brighton Cemetary, Hoyt Plat, Rochester, New York.

SERIES TITLES

- I. Correspondence
- II. Notes
- III. Items
- IV. Photographs
- V. Scrapbooks
- VI. Thesis: Arch Merrill, by Kay Jackett, 1983

Folder 1

"This Week in. History" folder containing 350 sheets of yellowed newsprint with headlines beginning 1837; 350 pages

Folder 2

Photos and Negatives

photo: Arch with Donald Knorr (D&C reporter) 1955

photo: Arch with Tanner, Powderly, O'Brien & Vagg 1955

photo: Arch with Clune and Gannett (publisher) 1948

photo: Arch with Carl Carmer 8/7/53

Folder 3

The Courant 4/3/41

Photographs

photo: sailing

photo: Cornell

photo: William H. Seward Mansion at Auburn

photo: Seneca Falls waterfront

photo: boat on Owasco Lake

photo: Cornell Campus 1872

photo: Cornell women of the 1890's

photo: "Gloomy Gil" Dobie

photo: McGraw Hall

photo: Cornell Campus

photo: Cornell Quad

photo: Cornell Summer Survey Camp

photo: Statles Hall

photo: Myron Taylor Hall Law School

photo: Feasel

photo: grave of William H. Seward

photo: Creighton Hale

photo: movie days in Ithaca

photo: Milton Sells and Irene Castle in "Patria"

photo: Taughannock Falls

photo: Taughannock Falls

photo: Cornell

Folder 4

Personal

various menus

Folder 5

photos and delicate papers (proofs)

AHM column 11/3/46

Historical Wyoming, March, 1952

Pamphlets (2)

Ticket to "Last Trolley"

Folder 6

"The Changing Years"

(Merrill wrote the book of the same title)

Articles (4) N.D.

Letter with manuscript "Rochester Subways"

Thank you notes (4)

Distribution list.

Folder 7

Photos

photo: Dr. Ray E. Wingate
photo: E. V. Thurber pamphlet
photo: American Girl
photo: Cheekerel Schoolhouse
photo: Bars on the Old Home of the Mormon Exile
photo: Plants at Corning Glass Works
photo: From Waverly Hill (Chemung Valley)
photo: Tioga Point
photo: Graves of Confederate prisoners at Elmira
photo: Gliders lined up on Harris Hill
photo: Chemung Valley from Waverly Hill
photo: Elmira prison camp
photo: Biggest piece of glass ever cast on exhibit (Corning)
photo: Grape Harvest along Keuka Lake
postcard: Balancing Rock
photo: interior of Mark Twain's study
various unlabelled photos
photo: Bear in Allegany State Park
photo: oil spurts
photo: Alfred's carillon
photo: Wellsville's "Pink House"
photo: "3 sisters" at Rock City
photo: Old Stone Vault
photo: International Business Machine Carp. School
photo: *Mark Twain's Study*
photo: *Martin Allen*
photo: Allens
photo: Florence, Eddy and Gloria Allen
photo: Gloria, Florence, Edward Jr. & Sr. Allen
photo: Florence and Gloria Allen
photo: the Susquehanna at Great Bend
photo: Fueman Memorial

Folder 8

North Country photos and booklets

photo: Benton
photo: Bonaparte
photo: Madam Vespucci
photo: "Stone House"
photo: LeRay Mansion
photo: unlabelled

Folder 9

.Merrill's 19th book: Fame in Our Time

Newspaper articles (2) Elmira Telegram, 11/6/60 & D&C
10/30/60

Thank you notes (4)

Folder 10

Gaslights and Gingerbread--18th book

2 newspaper articles about Merrill and his book

Folder 11

Bloomers and Bugles--17th book

Articles (2) 1958

Thank you notes (2) 1958 & 1959

Folder 12

Pioneer Profiles--16th book

Articles (2) 11/10 & 11/21, 1957

Thank you notes (2-), 1957

Folder 13

Photos, articles and proofs

photo: unlabelled

article: Hillcrest House

proofs

letters from Richard Field (2), 1947

History of Castile Sanitarium, 1949

Folder 14

Down the Lone Lanes--20th book

articles (3), 1961

letters (3)

list of complimentary copies

Folder 15

The Underground--21st book

letters (2)

article, 11/3/63

Folder 16

Slim Fingers Beckon

Thank you notes (4)

points of interest list

article on Finger Lakes region -Holiday Magazine, oversize, removed to
oversize box #6

Finer Lakes magazine

Folder 17

Photos

- photos: Merrill (10)
- photo: Merrill with Steve Fitzgerald
- photo: Merrily Rogers and Yakoubin
- photos: Merrill in bookstore (2)
- photos: Merrill with his books
- photo: Merrill, Schmidt, Brown and Dr. Allan Willard Brown
- photo: Merrill and Joe Taylor with Indians
- photo: Merrill, Getzin and Segelin
- photo: Merrill's home
- photo: Merrill, Smiley, Wellington and Hickey
- photo: Newsroom friends bid farewell to Merrill
- photos: old photos of Merrill
- negatives.
- photo: Merrill at Hobart
- photo: Authors, oversize, removed to oversize box #6

Folder 18The White Woman and Her Valley- 14th book

- letters (2)
- article by Steve Fitzgerald, N.D.

Folder 19

Various Maps, mostly N.Y.S.

- Large county maps removed to oversize box #6
- Service station maps removed and discarded
- "Points of Interest". Livingston County
- Brochure, Genesee Falls Hotel

Folder 20Miracle at Niagara

- The Chemung Historical Journal 03/65
- letters (2)
- Merrill's notes an cobblestone buildings

Folder 21

Death of Merrill

- D&C articles announcing Merrill's death (8)
- newspaper clippings
- letters (2)
- articles written by Merrill
- articles written about Merrill
- postcard: Rock City Park
- various articles
- proofs

Folder 22

History of Taylor Instruments Co. and Clifton Springs San.
story of a century of Humanitarian Service
The Taylor Meteor (2)
Deed of Trust

Folder 23 - three envelopes.

Proofs, From Pumpkin Hill to Dumpling Hook

Letters (4), 1969

Photographs

photo: John L. Sullivan

photo: Johnson Canal tunnel, now "bat cave"

photo: Eight-sided cobblestone blacksmith shop

photo: Long excursion trains at Lakeside

photo: Clara Jerome

photo: Leonard Jerome

photo: Elisha Johnson, pioneer promoter

photo: Midway at Charlotte Amusement Park

photo: Cory Lattin residence near Albion, built 1844

Folder 24

"Genesee Valley Mysteries" - manuscript

Photographs (2)

photo: The Rev. George Hetenyi

photo: Jean Gareis Hetenyi

Folder 25 - two envelopes

Letters requesting AHM as a speaker 1943-1964

Related newspaper articles

Radio Scripts, 1945

Biographical sketch, N.D.

Booklets, Merrill Family Reunions, 1953 & 1955

Booklet, "Rochester", 1946

Booklet, "Kodak Milestones", 1950

Notes for A River Ramble - oversized, removed to oversize box #6

Folder. 26 - three envelopes

Galleys - From Pumpkin Hook to Dumpling Hill

Article, "Letchworth's Forbidden Bat Cave" N.D.

Article, "Piano That 'Saw' Lincoln Assassinated", D&C 4/16/61

Article, "Henrietta Man's Great-Aunt & the South's Memorial Day", D&C 5/28/61

Article, "First Decoration Day" by Sadie Hudson,, N.D. Oversize removed to oversize box #6

Letters (11) 194 & 1947 and N.D.

Manuscripts, untitled, N.D.

Photographs (2)

photo: Laura Keener

photo: Laura Keene's piano in Fast Rochester

Folder 27 '

Manuscript "DAR Unveil Bronze Marker" 6/25/15

Letters (3) 1948

Article, "Last Soldiers of the Revolution" by Archibald MacLeish Life, 1948 - oversized, removed to oversize box #6

Articles (3) by AHM, 1948

Photographs (7)

photo: Grave of Daniel Frederick Bakeman, last soldier of the Revolution.

Photo: Daniel Bakeman

photo: Sandusky, 1918

photo: Winter, 1919 (house)

photo: Winter, 1919 (barn)

photo: B&S Depot, Sandusky N.Y.

photo: Daniel Bakeman

Folder 28

Notes

Drafts or Proofs, 1950

Folder 29

Advertising - D&C cuttings.

Full Page (20) oversize, removed to oversize box #6

Various sizes (16), 1950 - 1951

Advertising copy

Folder 30

D&C article 10/30/ 60

Letter (1), 1968

Manuscript proof - "Cobblestone Society"

"General Objectives of the Cobblestone Society"

Folder 31

U.S. Vice Presidents

Folder 32

Who's Who listing, 1946

Letters (4) 1944 - 1950

Three index cards related to A River Ramble sent from Library of Congress

Folder 33

Citation and Invitation, Rochester. Museum and Science Center, 1953

Folder 34

Radio Script, 1947

Letters (2), 1947 & 1948

Folder 35

"Land of the Senecas"

Review, F. Turner, 1/19/50

Letters (5), 1949 - 1950

Radio Scripts, 1949

Bookstore order card

Letter and article by A.M. Stewart, 1951

Party article, Think Magazine N.D. (p. 9 Iroquois)

Folder 36

"Place Names"

Letters (21), 1952

D&C Article 3/16/52

Article, 7/29/54

Articles (2) N.D.

Folder 37

Letters (87) 1943 - 1962

Includes letters from James w. Wadsworth.. MC., Kenneth B. Keating.. MC, U.S.

Senators A.H. Vandenberg and Stuart Symington, Interior Secretary Stewart

L. Udall and author Carl Carmer.

Letters (8) N.D.

Address by F.E. Gannett 9/28/45

Folder 38

Letters (13) 1948 - 1957

Radio Script, 1950

Tower Talk, 1/20/51

Three newspaper clippings, 1950

Folder 39

Chemung Historical Journal, June 1950 (Review of From Pumpkin Hook p. 1938

Merrill bibliography

Hobart Herald, 5/3/17

"The Genesee Valley", AHM manuscript N.D.

Advertising posters (reprints)

Articles, AHM, D&C, 1/2/72, 1/23/72, 2/8/72

Article, The Courant, 4/3/41

Articles (2), unidentified, N.D.

Photographs

photo: AHM in uniform

photo: AHM with friends

photo: AHM & Katherine Merrill

photo: AHM as Hobart student

photo: AHM portrait in uniform

photo: Advertising photos

photo: Dam across Genesee River, N.D. Removed to oversize box #6

Insignia, "The Confederate Air Force"

Letters (2) 1950 & 1957

Advertising brochure, The Towpath, N.D.

Postcard, 1/22/46

Folder A

Thesis by Katherine Jackett

Folder B

Correspondence concerning the AHM Collection.

Oversize Items - placed in Oversize Box # 6.

"Unsung Eden", Holiday Magazine, N.D. (from folder 16)

Photo: "Author's Day" (from folder 17)

County Maps (from folder 19)

Notes for A River Ramble. Typescript. (from folder 25)

Article, "First Decoration Day" (from folder 26)

Article, "Last Soldiers of the Revolution", by Archibald MacLeish 1948. (from folder 27)

Full Page Advertisements (from folder 29)

Photo: Dam Across the Genesee River. (from folder 39)