Overview of the Collection

Title: Hallye Gene Hart Hill Collection

Collection Number: A2012-002, M003

Dates: c. 1935-December 3, 2002

Creator: Hallye Gene Hart Hill

Abstract: This collection contains items that Hallye Gene Hart Hill collected as a student of Mississippi Woman’s College in the mid 1930’s. One copy of the Pine Burr from 1935 contained newspaper clippings, photographs, programs, and other miscellaneous items stashed between the pages. Notes from classmates can be found on several pages throughout the 1935 yearbook. Her 1936 yearbook contains some writing in it, but no items that have been placed between the pages. The two duplicate years of the Pine Burr that accompany this collection were owned by Roma Fay Vinson Hatten, one of Hallye’s classmates.

Storage Note:

Folder 1 contains Hart’s 1937, leather bound commencement program that was found in a mailing envelope inside of two white envelopes. These were removed and placed into Folder 1. The actual commencement program was placed into an acid-free enveloped and filed into Folder 1.

Folders 2-6 were found between pages of Hallye Gene Hart’s 1935 copy of the Pine Burr. These were sorted into document type and placed into folders. Folder 5 contains photocopies of newspaper articles; the actual newspaper articles are in Folder 12, as far away from the rest of the collection as possible.

Folder 7 contains a William Carey College Alumni Directory from 2002.

Folders 8-11 consist of Pine Burr annuals; all have been placed into oversized acid-free envelopes and labeled. Hallye’s 1935 Pine Burr has the original publisher’s jacket. Two yearbooks are Hart’s and two are Roma Fay Vinson Hatten’s. *Also see Arrangement section and Scope.
Descriptive Summary

Biographical/Historical Note: Hallye Gene Hart Hill was born in Lucedale, Mississippi to William Percy Hart and Leta McNease Hart on October 23, 1915. Her father was a pharmacist in Lucedale. Hallye attended Mississippi Woman’s College from 1934-37 and she can be found in Pine Burr annuals from these dates. According to her obituary, Hallye married Ivan Kennedy Hill in 1939 and moved to Winfield where she began working at The Citizens Bank of Winfield. Hallye became the director, Vice Chairman of the Board and Corporate Secretary of The Citizens Bank of Winfield. Hallye was very active within the First United Methodist Church where she not only served as an administrator, but also taught Sunday school. She died on February 5, 2010.

Items from this collection were found between the pages of Hallye’s Pine Burr annual from 1935; notes written by her classmates can be found in both issues of Pine Burrs found in this collection. Not much is known about Roma Faye Vinson Hatten or why her Pine Burr annuals from the exact date were donated along with Hallye’s. According to Hallye’s Pine Burr issue from 1935, Roma was a friend and classmate of Hallye’s. To read Roma’s note to Hallye, see page 43 of this annual. According to ancestry.com, Roma was born in Rankin County, Mississippi on November 6, 1913. She died in Seminary, Mississippi in 1993.

Hallye was Rebecca (Becky) Carothers’ aunt. Some of the items in the collection were mailed by Becky Carothers; she also wrote notes on some of the items.

Sources Consulted:


**Arrangement:**

This collection is alphabetically arranged by document type. The only exception is Folder 12 which contains actual newsprint articles that have been copied. The copies of the newspaper articles can be found in Folder 6. The reason this arrangement was chosen was because the collection is small and lacks a variety of documents. Yearbooks, which are oversized, can be found in the very back. *See Storage Note

**Series I:**

**Box I:**

- Documents Placed in Alphabetical Order

**Series II:**

**Box II:**

- Significant Pages in Hart’s 1935-6 copies of *Pine Burr*.

**Scope and Content:**

**Box I:**

- Folder 1: Expenses 1934-35
- Folder 2: HGH Hill’s Commencement Program June-7-1937
- Folder 3: Miscellaneous Items c.1937
- Folder 4: Mississippi Woman’s College Programs June 6-7, 1937
- Folder 5: Mississippi Woman’s College Report Cards 1935-1937
- Folder 6: Newspaper Articles and Images (actual) c. 1937-1962
- Folder 7: Newspaper Articles and Images (copies) c.1937-1962
- Folder 8: Photographs of Classmates 1935
- Folder 10: Mississippi Woman’s College Bulletins May 1, 1936-1937

**Box II:**

- Folder 11: Yearbook: H.G.H. Hill c.1934
- Folder 14: Yearbook: H.G.H. Hill 1936
- Folder 15: Yearbook: R.F. Vinson Hatten 1936

*Pine Burr* 1935, Hallye Gene Hart:
Publisher’s Dust Cover intact and has writing: “Hallye Gene Hart. Sophomore 1934-1935.”

Page 10: Note from Agnes Louise Cutrer, Latin Professor
Page 38: Note from Katherine Baker of Gulfport, MS.
Page 39: Note from Loretta Fillingame
Page 41: Note from Emile Jones and Olive Jones
Page 42: Note from a “Mrs. Ma”
Page 43: Note from *Roma Faye Vinson (Hatten)
Page 47: Note from Amelia Spiers.
Page 54: Note from Jimmie Reese and Mildred Ammon
Page 56: Note from Johnnie Coon
Back Page Stamped: “L. Q. Campbell”

Pine Burr 1936, Hallye Gene Hart:

Back of front cover lists activities, page facing this has a note from Agnes Louise Cutrer, the Latin Professor, and J.O. Van Hook.

Page 16: Note from Norman L. Roberts, 6-8-37
Page 26: “Brown” written next to Gladys Ferrill’s name
Page 29: “Tere” written next to Emile Jones’ name
Page 31: “Jack” written next to Vivian Layford’s name
Page 38: Note from *Roma Faye Vinson (Hatten)
Page 44: Note from Beatrice Phillips and Emma Mae Pope
Page 45: Note from Edith Ryan, “James Lee” written next to Marbeth Snowden, and “FLY” written next to Elizabeth Statham
Page 52: Note from Mildred Ruth Ammon
Page 54: “Thomas Jefferson Dukes” written on bottom of page
Back Page: A poem to Estelle Fagan and “To a Senior” by H.G. Hart, also “Night Watchmen: Mr. Cox” and “Cook: Boston”

Related Collections: The Ross Collection and the Johnson Papers may share similar dates with this collection. Because of this, information regarding particular students and faculty members may be present in the Ross Collection and the Johnson Papers. There is one article during 1937 that mentions the closing of Mississippi Woman’s College; this is also the subject of some of the Ross Collection’s correspondence.

Topics Covered: Commencement, the closing of Mississippi Woman’s College, classmates, photographs, newspaper clippings

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Provenance: This collection was acquired by Barbara Hamilton on behalf of William Carey University. It was given to Barbara Hamilton by Becky Crothers, the niece of Hallye Gene Hart Hill.