Malcolm Argyle Franklin Collection, 1847-1978
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Descriptive Summary

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Scope and Contents Note

Malcolm Argyle Franklin was born on December 3, 1923 in Shanghai, China to Cornell and Estelle Franklin. His father, Cornell, was in the import business. In 1929, Estelle Franklin returned to her hometown of Oxford, Mississippi, after divorcing Cornell and married William Faulkner. Her children from her previous marriage, Malcolm and Victoria, grew up as a member of the Faulkner family at Rowan Oak. Malcolm’s memories of those years are the subject of the book he published Bitterweeds: Life with William Faulkner at Rowan Oak (1977).

During the late 1930s and early 1940s, Franklin assisted in animal research at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine and the Medical University of South Carolina. Franklin joined the U.S. Army in 1943 and served as a combat medic in
Europe. While he was serving the army he wrote many letters to his mother, Estelle Faulkner which are included in the collection. After World War II, Franklin returned to China to attend lectures at St. John’s University in Shanghai, the Union Medical College in Peking, and to collect parasitical and pathological materials. He returned to the United States to earn a B.A. from the University of Mississippi in 1949. While taking periodic graduate work, Franklin furthered his career in animal research at the University of Mississippi and later the Medical College of South Carolina at Charleston where he lived the rest of his life. During his career, he presented and published a number of papers on parasites in wild and domesticated animals. He was also a member of the American Society of Parasitologists and the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists.

Franklin was married twice. He married his first wife, Gloria, in Shanghai in 1948. They had one child together, Mark Argyle Franklin born in 1954. They divorce in 1957. His second wife was Jeanne Huger Franklin. After a long illness, Franklin died on November 30, 1977 in Charleston, South Carolina. He was buried in St. Peter’s Cemetery in Oxford, Mississippi in the Faulkner family plot.

The collection of Malcolm Argyle Franklin in the Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections spans the time from Franklin’s introduction into the U.S. Army in May of 1943 to his death in 1977. The collection includes his World War II letters, much of his correspondence to and from other members of the Faulkner family as well as those outside the family, science notes and papers, as well as legal and financial materials.
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VE Day headlines, Christian Science Monitor, May 7 & 8, 1945

“Foxhole Flats in Normandy”, Warweek, July 13, 1944

Form letter from War Department to Malcolm Argyle Franklin, May 1943

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Clippings, Faulkner Archive at Cooper Library, University of South Carolina, 1977

VITAE through 1967

Autographs, no date

*Autographs*, autograph and copy book of Maumee W. Taylor of Mobile, AL, sent to Franklin with explanation by his uncle Billy & Tille Hairston of Columbus, MS, May 6, 1977, 1880

Bookplates of Malcolm Argyle Franklin, pen and ink drawing, no date
Pocket Memo, addresses and notes, no date
Photocopy of Popular Diary, 1948--; Department of Anatomy, University of Mississippi, 1952, dates in Latin and Chinese characters, 1952
University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) materials including B.A. diploma, 1949-1977
Invitation to Twelfth Night Ball, 1962
Poetry Franklin liked, 1977
Photocopy of Franklin’s copy of New Discoveries by Sir Arthur Keith, 1944
Pictures of son, Mark Franklin, no date
Photos of Franklin’s backyard in Oxford, MS, no date

Box 6

Standard Daily Journal, gift from Jeanne Huger Franklin to Malcolm A. Franklin, some of his addresses, scribbling, and notes Pencil draft of Dedication and Preface to Bitterweeds, June 1969
“To Save a House”, an article on historic preservation by Franklin, 1970
Job inquiries and correspondence, 1961
Social Security data, 1976
Franklin at the Medical College of South Carolina, 1972
Life in Charleston, c 1962
Miscellaneous letter in German, from Nazi Germany, 29 November 1943
Clippings about William Faulkner’s Rowan Oak and Mississippi
“Malcolm Franklin Returns to Write a Book About Pappy”, Bitterweeds, 1970
Franklin’s years in China, 1972
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His own published scientific writings, some reprints, 1935-1965, no date
Franklin’s notebook of anatomy and pathology notes, University of Mississippi, 1952
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Legal papers and correspondence with Lomax Lamb, 1957-1964, no date

Miscellaneous financial and personal papers, 1963-1977, no date

Financial and business letters from Franklin’s financial agent: Herrick, Waddell & Co., Inc., 1948-1950, no date

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Faulkner, Dean (Mrs. Jon Lyman Mallard), clipping, photocopy, 1958

Faulkner, Estelle to Malcolm A. Franklin, during Basic Training, 1943

Faulkner, Estelle to Malcolm A. Franklin, other letters, 1944-1971, no date

Faulkner, Estelle to Malcolm A. Franklin, Cards and notes, 1966, no date

Faulkner, Estelle to L.E. Oldham (her mother), Re: meeting Edward, Prince of Wales, 1920

Faulkner, Estelle, Social Affairs in Honduras, clippings, photocopy, no date

Faulkner, Estelle to Dorothy Oldham (sister), no date

Faulkner, Estelle, Deposit slips, First National Bank of Oxford, 1944
Faulkner, Estelle, exhibition of her painting at U. of VA., photocopy, 1966
Faulkner, Estelle, death and funeral, clippings, 1972
Faulkner, William to Miss Myrt (Mrs. W.E. Stone), photocopy of letter from William Faulkner, 1922
McLean, Alabama Falkner (Aunt “Bama”) to William Faulkner re: Col. Falkner legend, photocopy, no date
Faulkner, William to Anita Loos, “He didn’t think much of women writers”, clipping, 1980
Cofield, “Colonel” Cofield to William Faulkner, no date
Faulkner, Maude (Faulkner’s mother) to William Faulkner and family, 1943
Faulkner, William and Estelle, Congratulatory cards on the birth of one of their children, 1933, no date
From various correspondents to William Faulkner, 1943-1955, no date
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Articles on Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha, Oxford and Jefferson, stories and film, 1964-1982, no date

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Faulkner in Hollywood, clipping, 1977
Faulkner in Venezuela, clippings, photocopies, 1961, no date
Faulkner in Buenos Aires, clippings, 1939
Faulkner in Athens, 1957, no date
Faulkner at the University of Virginia, clipping, photocopy, no date
Faulkner portraits, 1963, no date
Faulkner on cover of Saturday Review of Literature, 31 October 1936
Faulkner, William, Nobel Prize Notices, clippings, photocopies, 1950
Faulkner, William, recognition in The Congressional Record, 67th Congress, 1st session, 1921
On Faulkner’s works, clippings, 1931-1980, no date


Malcolm Cowley on Faulkner, *Saturday Review*, 11 June 1966

Faulkner, clippings, re: Faulkner in French and German, 1957-1969, no date

Faulkner conferences at Ole Miss, clippings, photocopies, 1972-1974, no date

Faulkner obituary notices, photocopies, clippings, 1962

Faulkner, miscellaneous biography items, 1962-1980, no date

Fielden, Cho Cho (Melvina Victoria Franklin Fielden) to mother Estelle, letters and clippings, 1940-1944, no date

Fielden, Cho Cho to Franklin, 1943-1968, no date

Fielden, Cho Cho to Jeanne Franklin, 1969

Fielden, Cho Cho to L.E. Oldham (grandmother), 1953, no date

Fielden, Cho Cho, home from Shanghai, clipping, no date

Fielden, Vicki (Cho Cho’s daughter), no date

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Franklin, Cornell to Malcolm A. Franklin, 1938-1958, no date

Franklin, Cornell to Mrs. Hugh Hairston (mother), 1915

Franklin, Cornell and Mr. and Mrs. Hairston, society clippings, 1916-1918, no date

Franklin, Cornell to Mrs. L.E. Oldham, 1937-1941

Franklin, Cornell, *Eighty-Five Years of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps*, Cornell’s copy passed to Malcolm, 1938

Franklin, Cornell and Estelle, wedding notices, clippings, 1918

Franklin, Cornell Jr., to Jeanne Franklin, 1978, no date

Franklin, Dallas (Mrs. Cornell) to Malcolm A. and Jeanne Franklin, 1966

Franklin, Jeanne to others, 1971, no date

Franklin, Jeanne to Malcolm A. Franklin, anniversary card, , no date

Franklin, Jeanne, tribute to her late blind son, Michael Huger Malcolm Edwards, clipping, no date

Franklin, Jeanne, her work in Hampton Park, clipping, no date
To Franklin, Jeanne, 1976
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Oldham, Lemuel to wife Lida, letters and poems, 1895-1944
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Oldham, Lida, Republican National Convention Associate Member medal, 1924
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From Davidson, Donald to William Faulkner, 1941
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From Emerson, O.B. to Malcolm Franklin, 1977
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From Friedman, Ralph to Estelle Faulkner, 1949
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From Harvey, Fred and Phoebe to Malcolm Franklin, 1968
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From Pratt, Franklin to Estelle Faulkner, 1941
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From Thompson, Mrs. Holland “Auntee” to Dorothy Oldham, 1946
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From Wright Jr., Ensign Paul to Estelle Faulkner, 1944
From others to Malcolm and Jeanne Franklin, 1943-1976, no date
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“Social Life in Colonial Days”, unidentified essay, no date

**Series VII: Oversized Materials**

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**Oversized Box**

Cornell Franklin, *The Baby’s Biography*, Cornell (Corny) Sidney Franklin, 18928+

Certificate of Honor, Medical Department of the University of the City of New York, Sidney Franklin, 1860

*Life*, 20 July 1962 (2 copies)

*The Saturday Evening Post*, 20 July 1963

**Oversized Folder**

Clipping, “William Faulkner, Literary Tyro of Mississippi Overwhelmed by Fame of His Astounding Novels”, The Commercial Appeal, 6 November 1932

Sidney W. Franklin, Medical Institution of New York, medical degree, 1847

**Double Oversized folder**

Sidney W. Franklin, City University of New York, medical degree, 1847