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Summary Information

Repository	Manuscripts Division, South Caroliniana Library
Creator	Billings, John S., (John Shaw), 1898-1975
Title	John Shaw Billings Scrapbook Collection
Date [inclusive]	1855-1970
Extent	74.0 items 74 bound scrapbooks
Location Note	Most materials are stored offsite; advanced notification is required.
Language	English

Administrative History

The calendar for this collection was completed in 1994 and encoded in 2010. Provenance information and other details can be found in the University South Caroliniana Program, 1985, pp.3-4.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Manuscripts Division, South Caroliniana Library

Restrictions on Access

Library use only.

Collection Inventory

MS vol. 1 bd. 1887-1939.

Description:

History of Redcliffe, its owners; "The Old Yard" (house built by Galphins before 1800 on present Redcliffe land); pictures showing outside and inside, including furniture and portraits; record of Billings' restoration (work schedules, blue prints, pictures of work in progress, electrical fixtures, etc.); shrubs and other plantings; new sections of cemetery wall; map of the plantation, showing roads.

MP vol. 2 bd. 1862-1913

Description:

Billings family tree; pictures of family homes, members of the John Shaw Billings (1838-1913) family; Army Medical Library and Museum, Washington; Johns Hopkins Hospital staff; offices of John Sedgwick Billings (1869-1928); family tombstones in Arlington National Cemetery.

MP vol. 3 bd. 1875-1912

Description:

Earliest pictures of John Shaw Billings (1898-1975), Hammond and Billings relatives, Redcliffe, Old Yard, Billings homes in New York and elsewhere.

MS vol. 4 bd. 1877-1959

Description:

Career data on John Sedgwick Billings (1869-1928): autobiographical sketch of his training at University of Pennsylvania and Johns Hopkins; experience as Chief of Bureau of Communicable Diseases, New York City, and Major in Medical Corps, World War I; clippings, pictures, programs.

MS vol. 5 bd. 1855-1908

Description:

Autobiographical account of "the early life of John Shaw Billings II" (1898-1975) in detailed prose, childhood drawings (photostats) and photographs that include his family, relatives, friends, homes, and places visited. Biographical sketches of John Sedgwick Billings and Katharine Hammond Billings (1867-1925).

MP vol. 6 bd. 1864-1924

Description:

Photograph album, including pictures of the Billings family, Irene Castles, Marilyn Miller, General Meade's staff in 1864, offices of John Sedgwick Billings, home at Douglas Manor, Long Island.

MP vol. 7 bd. 1909-1910

Description:

Scrapbook of clippings.

MS vol. 8 bd. 1912-1915

Description:

St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire: pictures, curriculum, compositions, exams, reports, programs, souvenirs, clippings.

MP vol. 9 bd. 1910-1916

Description:

Snapshot album with pictures of Repton and St. Paul's schools; family outings at Woods Hole and Bay Head; Douglas Manor on Long Island; John Sedgwick Billings' trip to Panama.

MS vol. 10 bd. 1915-1920

Description:

St. Paul's School, Harvard: pictures, programs, souvenirs, letters.

MP vol. 11 bd. 1914-1926

Description:

Newspaper and magazine clippings, snapshots, John Shaw Billings' confirmation certificate, 1914; New York Public Library memorial bookplate to John Shaw Billings (1838-1913); obituaries re death of Katharine Hammond Billings.

MS vol. 12 bd. 1917-1918

Description:

Snapshots with comments re John Shaw Billings' World War I service in France.

MS vol. 13 bd. 1917-1918

Description:

Record of John Shaw Billings' service as an ambulance-driver in France and with the Aviation Section, Signal Corps, U. S. A., World War I.

MS vol. 14 bd. 1916-1920

Description:

Notes and practice sketches.

MS vol. 15 bd. 1918-1919

Description:

Plots and jottings for short stories, character sketches, original poems, personal experiences, lists of publishers of short stories and poems.

MS vol. 16 bd. 1919-05 - 1919-11

Description:

Sketches of persons and plots, largely from personal experience, for use in a class on writing composition at Harvard.

MS vol. 17 bd. 1917-02 - 1918-01

Description:

Chronicle of John Shaw Billings' one-sided love-affair with Marilyn Miller. In three volumes--a, b, c..

MP vol. 18 bd. 1919-1920

Description:

Clippings, chiefly poems.

MS vol. 19 bd. 1919-1921

Description:

Notes and practice sketches.

MS vol. 20 bd. 1920-06 - 1920-07

Description:

Clippings from Bridgeport (Conn.) Telegram, "My first newspaper endeavours."

MP vol. 21 bd. 1921-1922

Description:

Brooklyn Eagle stories by John Shaw Billings, other clippings, snapshots, credentials to The Harvard Club and The Union Club.

MP vol. 22 bd. 1922-1930

Description:

Snapshots of John Shaw Billings and Frederica Wade Billings, with comments.

MS vol. 23 bd. 1924-1927

Description:

Washington. "A sort of Commonplace Book containing unimportant and unambitious odds and ends. . . ."

MS vol. 24 bd. 1926-1936

Description:

Letters, snapshots, clippings, programs, invitations, copies of paintings by Henry Billings, Time Inc. memos

MP vol. 25 bd. 1930-1939

Description:

Snapshots of John Shaw Billings and Frederica Wade Billings; their home in New York, relatives, outings, and vacations.

MP vol. 26 bd. 1931-09-15 - 1931-09-23

Description:

Trip to Alaska by John Shaw Billings and Frederica Wade Billings: pictures, clippings, itinerary.

MS vol. 27 bd. 1934-1938

Description:

Photos and snapshots of John Shaw Billings and Frederica Wade Billings, their life in New York City, outings; Time Inc. activities; Henry Billings' home at Milan Hollow, N. Y.; Uncle Henry Hammond's home in Augusta; Cottage Cemetery, Augusta, with graves of Fitzsimmons, Spanns, and Hammonds.

MP vol. 28 bd. 1938-1940

Description:

Life in the Billings penthouse, 1200 Fifth Avenue; photos of some of Time Inc. staff.

MP vol. 29 bd. 1940-1946

Description:

Snapshots at New York and Redcliffe; Mt. Zion Cemetery and graves of Joseph Bryan and Maria Bryan.

MS vol. 30 bd. 1870-1946

Description:

Redcliffe after Billings restoration; Hammond and Cumming correspondence and pictures; H-bomb plant and Redcliffe; clippings; "5 rose bushes from Mount Vernon to Redcliffe"; pictures of children (names included) on Downer School steps, 1901.

MP vol. 31 bd. 1949

Description:

Clippings. "Bits and pieces of news and ads . . . to pin down the evidence . . . of the tastes and feelings of 1949."

MP vol. 32 bd. 1950-1952

Description:

Clippings, with comments, from newspapers and New Yorker re current news and issues, including Judge and Mrs. J. Waties Waring and race issue in S. C.; nuclear bombs, sex, and something new-- television.

MP vol. 33 bd. 1953-1954

Description:

Pictures of life at 1200 Fifth Avenue and Redcliffe.

MP vol. 34 bd. 1952-1958

Description:

Clippings, with comments, from newspapers and New Yorker re current news and issues.

MS vol. 35 bd. 1952-1957

Description:

Billings' move to Redcliffe from New York; histories of some of Redcliffe portraits; copy of deed of northern section of Redcliffe Cemetery to Beech Island community; arrival of desk of John Shaw Billings

(1838-1913) from Billings Wilson; pictures of family gatherings; compass map with Redcliffe in center, showing directions to various places and cities.

MP vol. 36 bd. 1954-1956

Description:

Pictures of activities at Redcliffe; visiting Hammond and Wade-Black relatives.

MS vol. 37 bd. 1958-1964

Description:

Chiefly personal pictures of John Shaw Billings and Frederica Wade Billings, their pets, life at Redcliffe; theft and restoration of bust of Governor Hammond; illnesses and death of Frederica; two letters from Chalmers Davidson.

MP vol. 38 bd. 1956-1961

Description:

Days at Redcliffe, visiting relatives; Frederica Wade Billings' illnesses; fire destroys "Brezivu" (Frederica Wade Billings' Beech Island house before marriage); tombstone for Uncle Henry Hammond.

MP vol. 39 bd. 1971-1974

Description:

Clippings, cards, snapshots.

MS vol. 40 bd. 1964-1970

Description:

Chiefly clippings, including items re former colleagues at Time Inc., letters, greeting cards, tributes to John Shaw Billings (1838-1913). Comments by John Shaw Billings.

MS vol. 41 bd. 1809-1962

Description:

Genealogical data re the Black, Kirkland, Robison, Reid, Bryan, Lamar, and Peters families of Georgia and South Carolina: charts, pictures, letters, and biographical sketches.

MS vol. 42 bd. 1853-1963

Description:

Genealogical data re the Wade, Ingersoll, Habersham, and Washburn families of Georgia and South Carolina: charts, pictures, letters, biographical sketches, and including a photograph of the home of Dr. Crawford W. Long.

MS vol. 43 bd. 1908-1912

Description:

Resume of John Sedgwick family history, including grandparents and relatives on both sides, as well as friends. Experiences in schools and summer vacations.

MS vol. 44 bd. 1895-1963

Description:

Chiefly condolence letters, newspaper clippings, biographical sketches, tributes from scholarly, scientific, and civic organizations re the death of John Shaw Billings (1838-1913). Also photographs.

MS vol. 45 bd. 1817-1967

Description:

"A Miscellany of Clippings and Such with Mildly Historical Overtones" including: letters (copies) from James Monroe, 1817; General Lafayette (dictated), 1826; Andrew Jackson (photostat), 1843; Richard Henry Wilde, 1845; Grover Cleveland, 1894; William Osier, 1904. Documents of General Lafayette, 1824 (report of address); Elisha Hammond, 1826; Henry Cumming, 1830; Harry Hammond, 1866 (pardon).

MP vol. 46 bd. 1950-1952

Description:

Tear sheets of advertisements with comments by John Shaw Billings.

MS vol. 47 bd. 1973-1975

Description:

Letters, snapshots, clippings re gift of Redcliffe to South Carolina and other items.

MS vol. 48 bd. 1936-1940

Description:

Letters, memos, photographs, clippings, chiefly re Life magazine and including letter and autographed picture of Shirley Temple, pictures of Luce's Mepkin Plantation; World's Fair art of Henry Billings. Filed in P.

MS vol. 49 bd. 1931-1953

Description:

Random thoughts re: public issues, himself, Henry R. Luce; Churchill's address on Russia and Communism at Luce dinner; Cardinal Spellman, Louis B. Mayer, Robert Sherwood, and other guests at Luce-Churchill dinner; the Maharaja of Nawanagar and Luce dinner in his honor; and others. Also, Billings' Christmas gift lists, 1947-1953; salaries and bonuses of Time Inc. executives, 1948-1950; Billings' tongue-in-cheek autobiographical sketch. Filed in P.

MS vol. 50 bd. 1860-1951

Description:

Time Inc. data: correspondence, staff memos, diagram of Time Building in Rockefeller Center; picture of court martial of Gen. Billy Mitchell, 1925; letter from Duke of Windsor, Christmas card from Winston Churchill (his painting on cover), 1947; advertisement in Honolulu paper containing code warning local Japanese of forthcoming attack on Pearl Harbor. Also: floor plan of Billings penthouse at 1200 Fifth Avenue; photos of Henry Billings' paintings; photos of ancestors, family, relatives, friends, Redcliffe, buildings at St. Paul's School, New Hampshire. Filed in P.

MP vol. 51 bd. 1938-1943

Description:

Photos of Time Inc. editors, Billings penthouse, Redcliffe, visit of Henry R. Luce and Ralph McGill to Redcliffe in 1943. Filed in P.

MP vol. 52 bd. 1886-1951

Description:

Photos of Billings' colleagues at Time Inc., his office at Time Inc., Henry R. Luce and Clare B. Luce, JSB in 1947, Harry Hammond family at Redcliffe in 1886, copies of family portraits at Redcliffe. Filed in P.

MS vol. 53 bd. 1950-1964

Description:

Clippings and data on Time Inc. colleagues, with photos and snapshots; personal notes and greeting cards. Filed in P.

MS vol. 54 bd. 1855-01

Description:

Autograph album of 33rd U. S. Congress, prepared by Hestor L. Stevens for his daughter Katharine Stevens [Billings], contains signatures of sixty-two Senators and 101 Representatives, including Solomon Chase, Sam Houston, Charles Sumner, William H. Seward, Hamilton Fish, A. P. Butler, and John McQueen.

MS vol. 55 bd. 1880-1901

Description:

Scrapbook of Kate Stevens Billings. Clippings; programs; notes from guests, including Alexander Graham Bell.

MS vol. 56 bd. 1918-03-09 - 1919-03-11

Description:

Pilot's Book. Record of JSB's airplane pilot training, certificate of membership in Federation Aeronautique Internationale and in Aviation Section of the Signal Corps Officers' Reserve Corps.

MS vol. 57 bd. 1921-1969

Description:

Analecta, "selected miscellaneous written passages." Introspection and observation by JSB.

MS vol. 58 bd. 1927 - n.d.

Description:

"Myself and Family." Resume of early JSB recollections; paragraphs about incidents and members of the family, cemetery epitaphs, "odds and ends of Augusta history."

MS vol. 59 bd. 1930-1957

Description:

"Hospitality through the Years." "What [JSB and FWB] did for others and what they did for us."

MS vol. 60 bd. 1938-02 - 1938-09

Description:

FWB's menus and grocery lists.

MS vol. 61 bd. 1939-02-08 - 1951-01-01

Description:

Diary of FWB.

MP vol. 62 bd. 1940-05

Description:

"The Life, Habits & Costumes of Dan Longwell" by JSB. Photograph album. Filed in P.

MS vol. 63 bd. 1942-09 - 1942-12

Description:

FWB's menus and grocery lists.

MS vol. 64 bd. 1945-1960

Description:

Lucky. Photo album with comments by JSB re the Billings' cocker spaniel.

MS vol. 65 bd. 1951-1969

Description:

"I would like to write here as if I were the last man alive on earth." [JSB did not do this for long; book becomes a summary of Frederica's illnesses.]

MS(T) vol. 66 bd. 1953-03

Description:

The Ideology of Time Magazine, Part II. "A research Report on Time during the period 1936-1944. Prepared by Patricia Divver." Analysis of Time Inc. personnel: qualifications, opinions, activities (i. e. labor organizing, Communist participation) and other data. Filed in P.

MS(R) vol. 66(b) bd. 1953-03

Description:

The Ideology of Time Magazine, Part I.

MS vol. 67 bd. 1955

Description:

"Some more small family facts." Chiefly accounts by JSB of incidents in all branches of the Hammond connection. Also Billings family birth, marriage, and death records.

MS vol. 68 bd. 1954-1966

Description:

"Redcliffe dates and data." One-line diary of events. (Useful.)

MS vol. 69 bd. 1967-05 - 1967-10

Description:

News notes by JSB. "The one great cry from all quarters and causes is money. . . . give us more money - or disaster will follow. The two chief causes of this eternal cry are the War in Vietnam and the Poor at home. The poor really means the Negro and Civil Rights. Here are some current clippings to illustrate this point."

MS vol. 70 bd. 1967-10 - 1968-06

Description:

News notes. Clippings with comments by JSB.

MS vol. 71 bd. 1968-07 - 1969-03

Description:

News notes. Clippings with comments by JSB.

MS vol. 72 bd. 1969-03-19 - 1969-07

Description:

News notes. Clippings with comments by JSB.

MS vol. 73 bd. 1969-07 - 1970-08

Description:

News notes. Clippings with comments by JSB.

MS vol. 74 bd. n.d.

Description:

Lists of sound (commercial) films, JSB's films, music, records, contents of JSB films, television log, clippings.

MS vol. 75 bd. n.d.

Description:

History. Short paragraphs by JSB re famous people and events.