

Finding Aid to the Stabler Family Papers

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Stabler Family Papers 1941-1973

Size of the Collection: 7 linear feet, 7 boxes

Accession Numbers: MSS 2006-04

Records created by: Stabler Family

Short Description

This collection of records of the Stabler Family documents their activities primarily from 1941 to 1973. Personal histories including correspondence, photographs, newspapers, official documents, and certificates provide a brief biographical sketch of the members of the Hayes/Stabler family. The collection also contains ephemera and books. This collection is organized into six series: Correspondence, Pamphlets and Flyers, Photographs, Certificates and Official Documents, Newspapers and Clippings, and Miscellaneous.

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Biographical Note

Edmund Stabler, senior member of the Stabler family, was superintendent of the Baltimore Manual Labor School from 1884 to 1904. During his tenure, he was credited for bringing the school to its highest standards through innovative learning techniques which combined study and farming. His wife, Hester Ella Stabler, taught at the school. She was a graduate of the Maryland State Normal School, which is now known as Towson State University. Edmund Stabler died at his home on June 3, 1905 and was survived by his wife and six kids. In 1916, the Baltimore Manual Labor School was destroyed by a fire. The University of Maryland Baltimore County now occupies the site where the Baltimore Manual Labor School once stood. The Albin O. Kuhn Library rests on the property of the Stabler Family.

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Scope and Content Note

This collection of records of the Stabler family covers the years 1893 to 1973 with the bulk of the materials dating from 1941 to 1973. Some records date back earlier than 1941 but they are sporadic and consist mostly of correspondence, photographs, and official documents. This collection is organized into six Series: Correspondence, Pamphlets and Flyers, Photographs, Certificates and Official Documents, Newspapers and Clippings, and Miscellaneous.

The Correspondence series contains primarily letters to and from Harold Hayes and his family from 1941 to 1945. Documents sent to Hayes from government agencies have been interspersed with this correspondence. The records detail Hayes' service in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Miscellaneous correspondence relating to the Stabler family but not the war dating from 1917 to 1943 has also been included in a separate Miscellaneous Correspondence subseries. All materials have been arranged in chronological order.

Pamphlets and Flyers contains birthday cards, a Garden Tea Room menu (with accompanying picture), Catonsville High School Graduation exercises, Christmas programs, business cards, religious pamphlets, a book mark, patriotic brochures, religious brochures and a chemical agent reference card which have been collected by the Stabler family.

The Photographs series contains miscellaneous photographs dating from 1927 to 1953, as well as a large amount of undated and unmarked pictures. When no date was provided, photographs were arranged according to the era in which they were taken. Main subjects include documentation of a trip to Africa, a mock Native American settlement in Halethorpe, businessmen in Chicago, a photo album consisting primarily of baby pictures of Harold and Leroy Hayes, family vacation pictures from Ocean City, and 4th of July photographs.

The Certificates and Official Documents series consists of a registration card, discharge papers, a Navy oath of allegiance, the Stabler Family coat of arms, marriage certificates, and a baptism certificate dating from 1893 to 1918.

The Newspapers and Clippings series contains documents dating from 1902 to 1973. Records from 1963 to 1973 cover the construction of UMBC and Spring Grove Mental Hospital. Miscellaneous obituaries, marriage announcements, funeral announcements, poetry, and other articles dating from 1902 to 1959 have been included in a separate Miscellaneous Clippings subseries. All materials have been arranged in chronological order.

The Miscellaneous series contains ephemera and books collected by the Stabler family. Ephemera specifically consist of a handbag, a change purse with a lock of hair, a set of keys, a cigarette tin, a cloth cross and a box filled with medallions, pins, and jewelry. Books include Bibles, war magazines, and sheet music.

Organization of Collection

This collection is organized into six Series: I. Correspondence, II. Pamphlets and Flyers, III. Photographs, IV. Certificates and Official Documents, V. Newspapers and Clippings, and VI. Miscellaneous. Series I, V, and VI are further divided into subseries.

Series I: Correspondence – Box 1

Subseries:

1. War Correspondence
2. Miscellaneous Correspondence

Series II: Pamphlets and Flyers – Box 1

Series III: Photographs – Box 1-3

Series IV: Certificates and Official Documents – Box 4

Series V: Newspapers and Clippings – Box 5

Subseries:

1. UMBC and Spring Grove Construction
2. Miscellaneous Clippings

Series VI: Miscellaneous – Box 6-7

Subseries:

1. Ephemera
2. Books

Provenance and Acquisition Information

The records were donated to UMBC Special Collections as a single gift by Edmund T. Stabler on August 22, 2006. The acquisition number is MSS 2006-04.

Processing Information

This collection was processed by Gregory Horvitz under the supervision of Marcia Frank Peri and completed in November 2006.

The accession of records of the Stabler family arrived in three boxes. The records were filed and received in a disordered state. It was determined that the bulk of materials fell into six recognizable groupings. Newspapers without specific articles pertaining to the Stabler family were discarded. Letter envelopes and duplicate copies of documents were also disposed of. Materials found within other materials were removed and sorted according to document type. Dates were supplied on correspondence in brackets from the envelope postmark when not explicitly written.

Series Description and Container List

Series I. Correspondence

Dates: 1917 - 1945 inclusive: 1941 - 1945 bulk

Size: .40 linear feet: 6 folders

War correspondence and miscellaneous correspondence arranged into two subseries by subject and then by date. Dates were supplied in brackets from the envelope postmark when not explicitly written.

Subseries I. War Correspondence

Dates: 1941 - 1945

Size: .30 linear feet: 5 folders

Correspondence files arranged in date order.

Box 1 Folder 1	Correspondence 1941
Box 1 Folder 2	Correspondence 1942
Box 1 Folder 3	Correspondence 1943
Box 1 Folder 4	Correspondence 1944
Box 1 Folder 5	Correspondence 1945

Subseries II. Miscellaneous Correspondence

Dates: 1917 - 1943

Size: .1 linear feet: 1 folder

Correspondence files arranged in date order.

Box 1 Folder 6	Correspondence 1917 - 1943
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Series II. Pamphlets and Flyers

Dates: (unmarked and undated)

Size: .1 linear feet: 1 folder

Pamphlets, flyers, cards, and brochures arranged by document type.

Box 1 Folder 7	Menu and Brochures
Box 1 Folder 8	Cards, Pamphlets, Flyers, and Brochures

Series III. Photographs

Dates: [circa 1855] to [circa 1960]

Size: 2.0 linear feet: boxes 1-3*

Photographs arranged according to subject by record creator, then by date, and finally by supplied era when dates were not given.

Box 1 Folder 9	Photographs [circa 1855 - 1895]
Box 2 Folder 1	Photographs [circa 1900 - 1905]
Box 2 Folder 2	Photographs [circa 1905 - 1927]
Box 2 Folder 3	Photographs [circa 1900 - 1960]
Box 3 Item 1	Photo Album
Box 8 Item 1	Glass Plate Negative

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*Photographs with preservation needs have been included at the end of box 2, Folder 4. Once needs are met they can be sorted according to era into box 2, folder 1 and folder 2.

Series IV. Certificates and Official Documents

Dates: 1893 to 1918

Size: 1.25 linear feet: 11 items

Marriage certificates, baptism certificate, registration certificate, discharge papers, coat of arms, birth record, and oath of allegiance arranged by document type.

Box 4	Item 1	Marriage Certificate Rosa and Joel Hayes
	Item 2	Marriage Certificate Edmund and Alice Stabler
	Item 3	Marriage Certificate Benjamin and Emma Marr
	Item 4	Marriage Certificate Alvin and Helen Jones
	Item 5	Baptism Certificate Helen Elizabeth Jones
	Item 6	Registration Certificate Joel Hayes
	Item 7	Discharge Paper of Benjamin Hayes
	Item 8	Discharge Paper of Benjamin Hayes
	Item 9	Stabler Coat of Arms
	Item 10	Birth Record of Jones Family
	Item 11	Oath of Allegiance

Series V. Newspapers and Clippings

Dates: 1902 - 1973

Size: 1.7 linear feet: box 5, approx. 45 items

Newspapers and clippings arranged into two subseries by subject and then by date.

Subseries I. UMBC and Spring Grove Construction

Dates: 1963 to 1973

Size: 1.7 linear feet: box 5, approx. 32 items

Newspapers arranged in date order.

Box 5 Newspapers 1963 - 1973

Subseries II. Miscellaneous Clippings

Dates: 1902 to 1959

Size: 1.7 linear feet: 1 folder, approx. 13 items

Poetry, articles, funeral announcements, marriage announcements, and obituaries arranged by document type and then by date order.

Box 5 Folder 1 Clippings 1902 - 1959

Series VI. Miscellaneous

Dates: (unmarked and not dated)

Size: 2.2 linear feet: box 6-7, approx. 20 items

Ephemera and books arranged into two subseries.

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Subseries I. Ephemera

Dates: (unmarked and not dated)

Size: .9 linear feet: box 6, 6 items

Handbag, change purse with lock of hair, set of keys, cigarette tin, cloth cross, and box filled with medallions, pins, and jewelry arranged by type.

Box 6	Item 1	Handbag
	Item 2	Change Purse with lock of hair
	Item 3	Set of keys
	Item 4	Cigarette tin
	Item 5	Cloth cross
	Item 6	Box with medallions, pins, and jewelry

Subseries II. Books

Dates: (unmarked and not dated)

Size: 1.3 linear feet: box 6-7, approx. 14 items

Bibles, war magazines, and sheet music arranged by document type.

Box 6	Item 7	Rosa E. Marr's Bible
	Item 8	Joel Leroy Hayes' Bible
Box 7		Sheet Music, Army Magazines