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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 679 MILLER, Harold Asher, b. 1939

2 boxes. 15 folders. 232 items. 1974-1993.
 Originals, photocopies, reel-to-reel tapes, video cassette.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Harold Asher Miller was born on 12 June 1939 to Asher and Elsie (Basham) Miller in Richardsville, Kentucky. He attended public schools in Richardsville. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Western Kentucky State College (Western Kentucky University) in 1961 and his pharmacy degree from the University of Kentucky in 1964. Miller operated a hospital pharmacy and eventually opened a stand alone drugstore in Bowling Green. He ran for Bowling Green City Commission in 1978 and served one term before being elected mayor in 1980. He was known for supporting fiscal responsibility in city government. Prior to his public service for the city and afterwards, he ran for Warren County Judge Executive. He married Ella Clarine Richey in 1963 and had three children: Kathy, Jennifer, and Timothy.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of items collected by and related to Harold Asher Miller and his political campaigns for Bowling Green City Commissioner, Bowling Green Mayor, and Warren County Judge Executive. Besides the inventory, Box 1, Folder 1 contains a brief vita and a bibliography of articles related to Miller's political career. Folder 2 includes two political letters not related to Miller's political positions and a listing of flowers at Asher Miller's (Miller's father) Bowling Green funeral in February 1983. Folders 3-6 relate to political topics that Miller had particular interest in: the Bowling Green city manager position, the City-County Hospital, Bowling Green Municipal Utilities and Urban-County Metro Government. Folder 7 houses material related to Miller's campaign for Bowling Green City Commission in the mid-1970s. Folder 8 includes material from Miller's time on the City Commission such as correspondence, City Commission agendas and minutes, speeches and a lengthy document on city budget account overruns for 1975-1976. Folder 9 features material from Miller's campaign for Bowling Green Mayor in the late-1970s, and Folder 10 contains includes similar material from Miller's opponent Charles Wilson. Folder 11 features items from Miller's time as Mayor of Bowling Green, including programs, speeches and correspondence.

Box 2, Folder 1 includes speeches, correspondence, advertisements, etc. related to Miller's 1993 campaign for Warren County Judge Executive. Folder 2 houses some photographs and notes related to Basil Griffin's campaign for the same office. Folder 3 contains a video of a debate between Harold Miller and Basil Griffin while campaigning for the Judge Executive position in 1985, as well as two audio reel-to-reel tapes that include audio spots for the City Commissioner campaign and radio spots for Miller's mayoral race in 1979.

SHELF LIST

| BOX 1 | Campaign and political material | 1974-1984 | 172 items |
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| Folder 1 | Inventory and biographical information | 1979 | 3 items |
| Folder 2 | General correspondence | 1974-1983 | 4 items |
| Folder 3 | Bowling Green City Manager | 1976-1977 | 15 items |
| Folder 4 | City-County Hospital | 1977 | 9 items |
| Folder 5 | Bowling Green Municipal Utilities | 1977-1983 | 24 items |
| Folder 6 | Urban-County Metro Government | 1987 | 3 items |
| Folder 7 | Campaign for Bowling Green City Commission | 1975-1977 | 31 items |
| Folder 8 | Bowling Green City Commissioner | 1975-1978 | 16 items |
| Folder 9 | Campaign for Bowling Green Mayor | 1978-1979 | 32 items |
| Folder 10 | Bowling Green Mayoral Candidate Charles Wilson | 1979 | 6 items |
| Folder 11 | Bowling Green Mayor | 1979-1984 | 29 items |
| BOX 2 | Campaign and political material | 1975-1993 | 61 items |
| Folder 1 | Campaigns for Warren County Judge Executive | 1981-1993 | 52 items |
| Folder 2 | Warren County Judge Executive Candidate Basil Griffin | 1985 | 6 items |
| Folder 3 | Campaign spots for radio and video of debate with Basil Griffin | 1975?-1985 | 3 items |

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Correspondence, speeches, political material and notes related to Harold Asher Miller's political career, which included several terms on the Bowling Green City Commission and one term as the city's Mayor in the 1980s. It also includes material related to several Miller campaigns for the Warren County Judge Executive position.

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Brown, Phyllis Ann (George), 1949-2020 B1,F11
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City-County Hospital – Bowling Green – Relating to B1,F4
Coates, Charles William, 1940-2022 – Relating to B1,F3
Collins, Martha Layne (Hall), b. 1936 B1,F11
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Funerals and funeral rites – Relating to, 1983 B1,F2
Griffin, Basil W., Jr., 1923-1997 – Relating to B2,F2
McCauley, Paul Lafayette, 1929-2024
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Politics and government – Warren County
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City-County Hospital

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