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COLLECTION SUMMARY

Collection Number: 2011.017

Collection Title: Shirley Garrigus McIlroy Collection

Date Range: 1769 – 2003, bulk 1955 – 1995

Size: 3 boxes, 1.25 linear feet

Creator/Collector: McIlroy, Shirley G.

Acquisitions Information (Provenance): Donated to the SHS by Stephen R. Griffin, Attorney-at-Law, Executor of the Shirley G. McIlroy estate. Accepted / accessioned by volunteer, Susan Bradbury. Deed-of-Gift signed 8/10/2011.

Repository: Old Town Hall Museum Vault
624 South Britain Road
Southbury, CT 06488

Accruals: None

Processed by: Melinda Elliott & Kimberly Neuenschwander (September 2015 – January 2016)

Languages: English

Conservation Notes: The collection is in good condition, although contains a large quantity of newspaper print – some extremely fragile due to age. A future project would consist of copying remaining newspaper print, removal of metal staples and paper clips, and copying of correspondence in Subseries 1.2. Photographs are enclosed within archival quality polyester sleeves.

RIGHTS & ACCESS

Access: Collection is available for research. Please contact SHS ten days prior to research visit.

Restrictions

Donor: No known donor restrictions.

Physical: Research restriction on Jehu Minor's church records located in Box 1, Folder 9 due to age and condition. A copy of the diary's contents is included in the box for research purposes. Photographs should not be removed from protective sleeves unless by archivist or museum personnel.

INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

Preferred Citation: *Item description and author (if applicable). Box number, Folder number. Accession number and collection name. Southbury Historical Society Archives, Southbury, Connecticut. Date accessed.*

Related Collections: None

Separated Material (and Location): None

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION/ORGANIZATION HISTORY

Shirley McIlroy was born December 21, 1920 in Waterbury, Connecticut to William H. and Dorothy B. Garrigus. She is a 1938 graduate of Woodbury High School. She married Leonard James McIlroy on October 5, 1985. McIlroy was a member of the South Britain Congregational Church and extremely active in various Southbury organizations including the Historic Buildings Commission and the Southbury Historical Society, the latter of which she was a founding member and president. McIlroy died on September 19, 2015 in Southbury, Connecticut.

SCOPE & CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of the personal effects of Shirley Garrigus McIlroy including personal papers, photographs, newspaper articles, and maps mostly regarding local Southbury history. Because of her involvement in several local historical organizations the bulk of the collection consists of committee minutes, reports, by-laws, and related ephemera. The collection also includes information regarding various churches in Southbury, in particular the South Britain Congregational Church (SBCC) where she was a member. Most notable is an original church record by original pastor, Jehu Minor from 1769. There is a small portion of correspondence by her father, William Garrigus, relating to his involvement with the construction of the Southbury Training School. A large portion of newspaper articles reference historic buildings and local Southbury residents, including historical sketches and obituaries.

SYSTEM OF ARRANGEMENT

The collection is processed by subject on the folder level and chronologically within each folder. ND = No Date and [Date] = Approximate or best estimate of date. It consists of the following series and subseries:

Series 1: Southbury History

Subseries 1.1: Churches

Subseries 1.2: Southbury Training School

Subseries 1.3: General History

Series 2: Committees

Subseries 2.1: Friends of Bullet Hill School

Subseries 2.2: Historic Buildings Commission

Subseries 2.3: Bullet Hill School / Old Town Hall Museum

Series 3: Newspaper Articles

Series 4: Photographs

Series 5: Maps

Series 6: Personal

COLLECTION INVENTORY

Series 1: Southbury History

Subseries 1.1: Churches *(SBCC = South Britain Congregational Church)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
1	1	SBCC Transfer of Membership for Milton Coer, 1919
	2	SBCC Correspondence regarding resignation of Rev. Charles L. Tomblen, 1963
	3	Newspapers referencing SBCC: 1925, 1955, 1966, ND
	4	Newspaper article about the Southbury Federated Church Splitting, 1966 United Church of Christ (UCC) Mission Pamphlet, ND
	5	Manual of the Congregational Church in South Britain, 1885
	6	SBCC Member Directory, 1998 SBCC Calendar, 1970
	7	SBCC Annual Report, 1996
	8	SBCC 200 th Anniversary Program, 1966
	9	SBCC Church Records by Jehu Minor, 1769 - 1790
	10	SBCC Various Pamphlets and Programs: 1929, 1953, 1964, 1986

Subseries 1.2: Southbury Training School (STS)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
1	11	Bill Garrigus correspondence referencing STS, 1936
	12	Bill Garrigus correspondence referencing STS, 1937
	13	Bill Garrigus correspondence referencing STS, 1938
	14	Bill Garrigus correspondence referencing STS, 1939
	15	Bill Garrigus correspondence referencing STS, 1940
	16	STS Newspaper Articles: 1939, 1990 - 92
	17	STS Newsletter, 1972
	18	STS Preparation of Nomination / National Register of Historic Places, 1991

Subseries 1.3: General History

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
1	19	Historical research by Burdette Atwood and Bob Klein: 1965, 1973, 1976, 1983, 1991, 1998-99, 2003, ND
	20	Settler's Plaque in Setter's Park / Crook Horn Road, 1995-96
	21	World War I and II Records, 1944-45, ND
	22	Historical Sketch of the Smiths of Glastonbury by Lillian Prudden (great, great granddaughter of Eleazer Mitchell, [circa early 1900s])
	23	Southbury Excerpt from John Warner Barber's book, <i>Connecticut Historic Collections...</i> , 1836
	24	Charter of the Town of Southbury, 1975 Town of Southbury Visions, 1998
	25	Information on <i>Wool Painting, no. 5 – Pine Tree Corner</i> by Alan K. Magary, [1940s]
	26	Houses in Historic Southbury – Program Guide, 1967

1	27	Purchase newsletter, Old Hundred guest check, Postcards, Stationary: 1941, 1988, ND
	28	Obituaries and biographical sketches: Russell Burdette Atwood, [1994]; George Bennett, 1980; Jules Bourglay (The Leather Man), ND; Lloyd Fowler, 1982; Avis Hicock, 1986; Sophie Kowalski, 1972; Leo Kozenieski, 1980; John Ludorf, 1996; May (Platt) Mitchell, 1999; Marie Platt, 1981; Leroy Platt, 1996; Edward Scoville, 1985; Andrew Shoopinsky, 1955; Vivian Platt Tarbox, [1999]
	29	School pamphlets and class lists: 1924 – 1931, ND
	30	Russian Village, 1979

Series 2: Committees

Subseries 2.1: Friends of Bullet Hill School (FBHS) / Southbury Historical Society (SHS)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
2	1	FBHS Historical Sketches and Newspaper Clippings: 1968, 1998, ND
	2	FBHS Membership Card and Envelope, ND
	3	FBHS Programs, Notices, and Press Releases: 1968 – 1970, 1972, 1974, ND
	4	FBHS Correspondence: 1966, 1968 – 1969, 1974
	5	FBHS By-Laws, 1968
	6	FBHS Newspaper Articles: 1972, 1974
	7	FBHS Meeting Minutes, 1967 – 1968
	8	FBHS Meeting Minutes, 1969
	9	FBHS Meeting Minutes, 1970
	10	FBHS Meeting Minutes, 1971
	11	FBHS Meeting Minutes, 1972 – 1973
	12	FBHS Meeting Minutes, 1974
	13	FBHS Financials, 1974 – 1984
	14	FBHS Bullet Hill School Inventory, 1989
	15	SHS Formation from Friends of Bullet Hill School, 1974
	16	SHS Events: 1974, 1977, 1981 – 1982, 1989
	17	SHS Correspondence: 1974, 1980 – 1982, 1987 – 1988
	18	SHS By-Laws: 1974, 1986
	19	SHS Forms (Loan, Gift, Dues) and Stationary, ND
	20	SHS Meeting Minutes: 1974, 1976, 1978
	21	SHS Meeting Minutes, 1981 – 1984
	22	SHS Meeting Minutes, 1987 – 1989
	23	SHS Meeting Minutes, 1990 – 1992

Subseries 2.2: Historic Buildings Commission (HBC)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
2	24	HBC Correspondence, 1988 – 1995
	25	HBC By-Laws: 1983, 1988
	26	HBC Meeting Minutes, 1981 – 1982
	27	HBC Meeting Minutes, 1983 – 1984

2	28	HBC Meeting Minutes, 1985 – 1986
	29	HBC Meeting Minutes, 1987 – 1988
3	1	HBC Meeting Minutes, 1989 – 1990
	2	HBC Meeting Minutes, 1991 – 1992
	3	HBC Meeting Minutes, 1993 – 1994
	4	HBC Meeting Minutes: 1995 – 1996, 1998 – 1999
	5	HBC South Britain Library: 1982 – 1996, 1997

Subseries 2.3: Bullet Hill School (BHS) / Old Town Hall Museum (OTHM)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
3	6	BHS Brochure, Stationary, Bullet Hill School Days Notes and Information: 1977, 1989, ND
	7	OTHM Planning Committee, Exterior Sign Proposal, Brochure, and Stationary: 1983 – 1984, 1997 – 1998, ND

Series 3: Newspaper Articles

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
3	8	Southbury Buildings: 1941, 1967, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1996, 2000 – 2002
	9	Events: 1939, 1980, 1982
	10	General History: 1881, 1938, 1953, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1981, 1984, 1986 – 1987, 1996 – 1997, 1993, 1996, 2002
	11	Southbury Historical Society: 1983, 1996 – 1997, 2001
	12	Southbury Bund: [1937], 1975
	13	Vital Statistics, 1937 – 1938

Series 4: Photographs

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
3	14	Cassidy House, SBCC Parish, Bullet Hill School, Southbury Consolidated School, Parsonage, Retirement, Moses Down House, Nancy Down House: 1958 – 1959, 1970, 2001, ND

Series 5: Maps

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
3	15	Beers – Southbury and Waterbury, 1868 Connecticut State Parks and Forests, 1939

Series 6: Personal

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
3	16	Bicentennial Award / Bullet Hill School, 1989 Woodbury High School 60 th Reunion, 1998