The Dr. Montague McMillan Collection at Limestone College

**Repository:** The Archives at Limestone College

**Creator:** Montague McMillan, various other sources

**Title:** The Dr. Montague McMillan Collection

**Dates:** 1911-1981

**Quantity:**

**Abstract:** Collection consists of 2 archival boxes (.8 cubic feet) of newspaper clippings, personal writings, college transcripts, photographs and awards written by or relating to Dr. Montague McMillan.

**Identification:** LC1918.01.1

**Language:** English

**Biographical/Historical Note**

Isla Montague McMillan was born August, 29, 1892. A native of Marion, S.C., she enrolled at Limestone College in 1908, graduating in 1911. In 1917 Dr. McMillan was hired as an instructor at Limestone where she remained a professor until her retirement in May, 1970. While an instructor at Limestone College Dr. McMillan completed graduate work at UNC, Chapel Hill, Duke University and Georgetown University. At Limestone College Dr. McMillan was head of the English department, liaison to foreign students, and College Historian, also serving briefly as principal of the preparatory department, registrar, Dean of Women, librarian, and basketball coach. In addition she served one year as school nurse. Dr. McMillan served as General Chairman of the Limestone College Centennial Commemoration in 1945. She also served as Dean of Women at Furman University Summer School for 5 years (date unknown). She was an active member of the American Association of University Women on state and local levels. She served at Vice President of the South Carolina Branch of AAUW for two terms and as State Parliamentarian for a number of years. Dr. McMillan was also active in Chi Delta Phi National Honorary Literary Society and initiated into the Zeta Chapter of Duke University. At Limestone College Dr. McMillan sponsored the Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Chi Delta Phi for 30 years, beginning in 1932. She was also an honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma, International Education Sorority. Dr. McMillan was an honorary member of the Business and Professional Women’s Club.

Dr. McMillan was affectionately referred to as “Dr. Mac” by her students. She was a gifted public speaker, sought out by many organizations in Cherokee County. Her honors include: Business and Professional Women’s Club Cherokee County Woman of the Year, 1956; Limestone College Alumni Association Distinguished Teacher, 1967; Daughters of the American Revolution Distinguished Service Award, and the Montague McMillan Chair for the Humanities at Limestone College. Dr. McMillan authored *A History of Limestone College, 1945-1970* to commemorate the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Limestone College. Dr. McMillan never married; instead she dedicated her life to teaching at Limestone College. In 1970 Dr. McMillan retired to her family home, Knapdale, in Marion, S.C. She lived to be 105 years old, dying on May 16, 1998 in her hometown of Marion, S.C.

**Scope and Contents Note**

The McMillan collection consists of 2 boxes, with 23 folders and 7 artifacts. The collection includes newspaper clippings, 1 literary piece, numerous writings authored by Dr. McMillan, photographs, and awards received, including her personal silver letter opener, date book, English text book and a paperweight.
**Arrangement Note**

Materials have been arranged topically.

**General Note**

A portion of the Dr. Montague McMillan Collection is on permanent loan for display in the McMillan building on campus.

**Administrative Information**

**Provenance**

Items: the majority of items were once in the personal collection of Dr. Montague McMillan.

**Preferred Citation Note**

Items from this collection should be cited as follows:

[Item name], Dr. Montague McMillan Collection, Limestone College Archives.

**Bibliography:**

