

Linus J. and Cecile M. Carleton Papers, 1916-1991

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Carleton, Linus J., 1903-1987 and Cecile M.
Title	Linus J. and Cecile M. Carleton Papers
Dates	1916-1991 (inclusive) 1916 1991
Quantity	1.75 linear feet, (4 boxes)
Collection Number	Mss 491
Summary	Linus J. Carleton was a professor and dean in the School of Education at the University of Montana; Cecile was his wife. The collection contains his personal and professional papers, documenting his career as a public school and college teacher and administrator, public speaker, Methodist, and retired volunteer in Missoula, Montana.
Repository	University of Montana, Mansfield Library, Archives and Special Collections Archives and Special Collections Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library University of Montana 32 Campus Dr. #9936 59812-9936 Missoula, MT Telephone: 406-243-2053 Fax: 406-243-4067 library.archives@umontana.edu
Access Restrictions	Researchers must use collection in accordance with the policies of Archives and Special Collections, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, and The University of Montana--Missoula.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for creating this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Historic Publications and Records Commission. Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Biographical Note

Linus J. Carleton was born in St. Charles, Minnesota in 1903 to Ralph and Gertrude (Ferguson) Carleton. His father was a Methodist minister. He attended schools in North Dakota and Montana, graduating from Harlowton High School in 1921. He entered Wesleyan College, later Intermountain Union College, in Helena, Montana, where he graduated in 1925. During his senior year, he served three churches along the Montana Hi-Line. He obtained a position as pastor and principal of a school in Galata, Montana, then later taught at Stanford and Moccasin, Montana.

In 1940, he earned a M.Ed. from Montana State University (the University of Montana). He was a teacher and administrator for several other schools in Montana before he came to Montana State University (University of Montana) in Missoula in 1946 as a professor in the School of Education. He completed his doctorate at the University of Oregon in 1956 and became the Dean of the School of Education. He retired in 1971.

While at Intermountain Union College, he met Cecile Mallahan, whom he married in 1925. They had three children: Katherine, Trudi, and Linus Mark.

Carleton was active in many professional organizations and gave many talks in Montana high schools. Although he was not an ordained minister, he continued to speak from the pulpit as well. In retirement, he and his wife volunteered for the Povarello Center in Missoula, Meals on Wheels, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula. He and his wife were recognized for their significant volunteer service in Missoula. A scholarship fund was established in his name to provide assistance for undergraduate education majors at the University of Montana.

He died in 1987.

Content Description

The collection contains his personal and professional papers, documenting his career as a public school and college teacher and administrator, public speaker, Methodist, and retired volunteer in Missoula, Montana. Personal materials include a biography that Cecile compiled and materials from his teaching and administrative career. Correspondence includes both family and professional exchanges. The speeches and writings are the most substantive portion of the collection and include school papers from religion courses at Intermountain Union College; commencement and conference speeches given as a teacher, professor, and dean; and religious talks and sermons given in the Methodist Church and other venues. A clippings series compiled by Cecile documents his professional and personal life, and one folder of photographs contains images of both Linus and Cecile.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in five series:

Series I: Personal, 0.25 linear feet, 1916-1991

Series II: Correspondence, 0.25 linear feet, 1920-1990

Series III: Speeches and Writings, 0.5 linear feet, 1921-1989

Series IV: Clippings and Publications, 2 folders, 1945-1987

Series V: Photographs, 1 folder, 18 items, 1954-1987

Custodial History

The papers remained in Carleton's possession until time of donation to the Archives.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Cecile M. Carleton, 1991.

Processing Note

The collection was originally processed by Cecile Carleton; the Archives staff numbered the collection UM 8 and prepared a finding aid. In 2004, that finding aid was minimally revised and encoded, and the collection was renumbered Mss 491.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Personal, 1916-1991

0.25 linear feet

This series contains personal information about Carleton. It begins with a 1991 biography of Carleton compiled by his wife. It contains mostly information about his teaching career, including contracts, college transcripts, a scrapbook from his campaign for Superintendent of Public Schools in Judith Basin County, and membership in professional organizations. It also contains purely personal materials, including play programs from his high school and college years and World War II classification and ration books.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Biography	1991
1/2	Campaign for Superintendent of Public Schools, Judith Basin County	1934
1/3	Contracts	1927-1971
1/4	College transcripts and professional experience	1925-1971

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/5	Doctoral program, University of Oregon	1951-1952
1/6	Linus Carleton Scholarship Fund	1988-1991
1/7	Membership in professional organizations	undated
1/8	Play programs	1916-1930
1/9	World War II classification cards and ration books	1942-1945
1/10	Miscellany	1946-1984

Series II: Correspondence, 1920-1990

0.25 linear feet

This series contains a mix of personal and professional correspondence. The earliest letters are mostly to his mother. Later exchanges concern his appointments at Galata, Stanford, and Moccasin, Montana. Many letters after the 1940s concern his activities as professor and dean of the School of Education at Montana State University (University of Montana). The later correspondence concerns Linus and Cecile's volunteer services and donations to the scholarship fund after his death.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/11		1920s
1/12		1940-1943
1/13		1944
1/14		1945-1949
1/15		1950-1954
1/16		1955-1959
1/17		1960-1969
2/1		1970-1979
2/2		1980-1990

Series III: Speeches and Writings, 1921-1989

0.5 linear feet

This series contains a variety of Carleton's writings and a few writings about him that his wife collected after his death. They begin in the 1920s with his class notes and term papers from religion courses at Intermountain Union College and a few sermons that he wrote for the parishes he served at the time. Later writings and speeches consist of a few sermons, commencement addresses, teacher's conference talks, and talks that he gave at the Methodist Church men's group and Kiwanis. There is also an account of his years at Moccasin, Montana, that was published in a history of Judith Basin County.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/3	"Apathy," PTA Convention	1960
2/4	"Buy Bonds"	1945
2/5	"Linus J. Carleton" Marion Arnsby	1988
2/6	"Chataqua"	undated
2/7	Commencement address, Northern Montana College, Havre, Montana	1956
2/8	Commencement address, Western Montana College, Dillon, Montana	1970
2/9	Commencement addresses--programs	1951-1970
2/10	"Education in a Changing World"	undated
2/11	Father & Son Banquet, Hobson, Montana	1943
2/12	Harlowton, Montana, Methodist Church	1984
2/13	Helena High School talk	1944-1945
2/14	"Highlights of my Experiences in Education"	undated
2/15	"The Idea of Man in the Bible"	undated
2/16	Intermountain Union College Alumni Association	1930s

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/17	"Leadership"	undated
2/18	"Leadership," PTA convention	undated
2/19	"The Need for Realistic Evaluation of Our Educational Program"	1955
2/20	Notebooks, religion classes, Intermountain Union College	1921-1925
2/21	Notes, religion classes, Intermountain Union College	1921-1925
2/22	"The Principal: Now and Then"	1972
2/23	Sermon: "Behold, the Man!"	undated
2/24	Sermon: "A Home in Nazareth"	undated
3/1	Sermon: "Mother's Day"	undated
3/2	[Sermons written while a student]	1925-1927
3/3	Sermons	1940s
3/4	Sermons and commencement talks	undated
3/5	Sermons and commencement talks	undated
3/6	"Significance of the Psalms"	undated
3/7	"Montana's Problem in Secondary Education: The Small High School"	1930s
3/8	"The Small School," Great Falls	1969
3/9	"Some Comments on the Use of Violence"	undated
3/10	Talk to Helena teachers	1944
3/11	Talk to Helena teachers	1945
3/12	Talk to Methodist Men's Group	1980s
3/13	Talk to seniors, Senior Banquet, Moccasin, Montana	1936

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/14	Talks at churches--programs	1949-1963
3/15	Term papers, religion classes, Intermountain Union College	1921-1925
3/16	"These are Tomorrow"	undated
3/17	"Whither Christianity?"	undated
4/1	Years at Moccasin as school superintendent	1930-1941
4/2	"Youth in a Changing World"	undated

Series IV: Clippings and Publications, 1945-1987

2 folders

This series contains clippings and meeting programs from the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools. The clippings appear to have been collected by Mrs. Carleton and document Linus Carleton's life and career, ending with his obituary.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
4/3	Clippings	1945-1987
4/4	Meeting programs, Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools	1955-1962

Series V: Photographs, 1954-1987

1 folder, (18 items)

This series contains eighteen color and black-and-white photographs of Linus and Cecile Carleton. Most are of Linus in professional situations; a number of images date from retirement. One photograph is attached to a 1967 letter from the Wesley Foundation at the University of Montana, thanking Carleton for participating in the "Sexiest Professor on Campus" context.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
4/5		

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Methodist Church--Montana--Missoula
Methodist Church--Montana--Missoula--Clergy
Religion--Study and teaching--Montana--Helena
Teachers colleges--Montana--Missoula
Voluntarism--Montana--Missoula

Personal Names :

Carleton, Linus J., 1903-1987--Biography

Corporate Names :

Intermountain Union College--Students
University of Montana--Missoula. School of Education
University of Montana--Missoula--Alumni and alumnae
University of Montana--Missoula--Faculty

Geographical Names :

Missoula (Mont.)--Religious life and customs

Form or Genre Terms :

Personal papers--Montana--Missoula
Photographs
Sermons, American--Montana--Missoula
Speeches, addresses, etc., American--Montana--Missoula

Occupations :

Clergy--Montana--Missoula.
College teachers--Montana--Missoula.
Deans (Education)--Montana--Missoula.
Methodists--Montana--Missoula.
Older volunteers--Montana--Missoula.
Teachers--Montana.

Other Creators :

Personal Names :

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