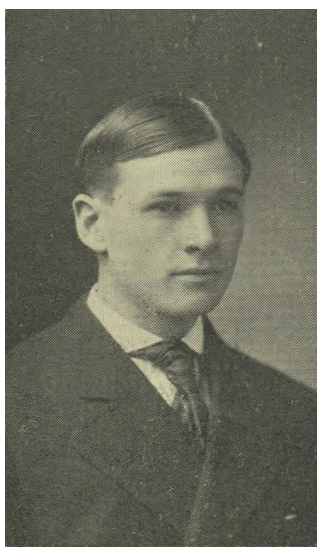


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INVENTORY TO THE SIMEON V. B. MILLER SCRAPBOOK, 1900-1906

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Descriptive Summary

Creator Information	Miller, Simeon Van Buren, 1882-1958
Title	Simeon V. B. Miller scrapbook
Collection Identifier	MSA 21
Date Span	1900-1906, predominant 1905
Abstract	Various memorabilia, most contained within a scrapbook: newspaper clippings, programs, dance cards, fraternity souvenirs, report cards, letters (get well), calling cards, etc., which documents the college career of Purdue University alumnus, Simeon Van Buren Miller, BSME, 1906.
Extent	0.25 cubic feet (1 box and 1 folder)
Finding Aid Author	Mary A. Segó, 2009
Languages	English
Repository	Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University Libraries

Administrative Information

Location Information:	ASC
Access Restrictions:	Collection is open for research.
Preferred Citation:	MSA 21, Simeon V. B. Miller scrapbook, Archives and Special Collections, Purdue University Libraries

Subjects and Genres

Persons

Miller, Simeon Van Buren

Organizations

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity

Purdue Boilermakers (Football team)--1903 train wreck

Topics

Purdue University--Alumni and alumnae

Purdue University--Students

Railroad accidents--Indiana--Indianapolis

Form and Genre Types

Calling cards

Letters (correspondence)

Memorabilia

Scrapbooks

Biography of Simeon V. B. Miller

Simeon Van Buren Miller was born in Nineveh, Indiana on August 27, 1882. He graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1906. He was a member of the football team and was among those injured in the Purdue train wreck of 1903. Per a newspaper clipping among his scrapbook memorabilia, "Mr. Miller is admitted to have been the most horribly mangled of all the wreck victims who recovered..." He was also a member of Phi Delta Theta, as his father and two brothers had been. Simeon Miller was also president of the class of 1905, during his sophomore year at Purdue.

Miller established a marine-engine dealership in Crystal Lake, Washington in 1908 and retired in 1945. He won various trophies in inboard and outboard motorboat races. He was instrumental in acquiring property for a game refuge for the Seattle Rod and Gun Club. Miller was a past commodore of the Seattle Outboard Association, a former deacon and elder for the First Christian Church, and a member of Tau Beta Pi engineering honorary.

Simeon Miller died April 17, 1958.

Source(s):

Simeon V. B. Miller scrapbook and obituary in *Seattle Daily Times*

Collection Description

Scope

The Simeon V. B. Miller Scrapbook (1900-1906; 0.25 cubic feet) contains memorabilia from Simeon Van Buren Miller's college career at Purdue University. Since he had been involved in the train wreck of 1903, there are numerous newspaper clippings from the wreck, get well letters and calling cards from his hospital stay. Because Simeon followed in the footsteps of his father and two brothers, as a member of Phi Delta Theta, there is also a concentration of ephemera from the fraternity. He had been president of the class of 1905 during his sophomore year, so the scrapbook also contains items from his tenure as class president. The scrapbook contains many other miscellaneous items, such as fee statements, grade cards, dance cards, items from the athletic association and athletic events and numerous other programs. The scrapbook contains most of the items in the collection, but there is one folder that contains loose items from the scrapbook and five additional envelopes containing dance cards, a calling card signed by Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Golden, a coin purse and get well letters and calling cards.

Arrangement

1. **Scrapbook, 1900-1906.** Materials in the scrapbook are arranged chronologically, for the most part.
2. **Envelope # 1, not dated.** The envelope contains a coin purse, approximately 3"x2.75".
- 3 **Envelope # 2, 1902.** Phi Delta Theta Hall, Dance Card, Thanksgiving, 1902, 3"x9".
4. **Envelope #3, 1905,** Phi Delta Theta Hall, Dance Card, January 30, 1905, 2.5"x5".
5. **Envelope #4, not dated.** Calling card, signed K. E. Golden and M. J. Golden, with notation, "A msg. full of good wishes." 3"x1.53".
6. **Envelope #5, 1903.** Get well letters and calling cards.

Descriptive Rules

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

Whenever possible, original order of the materials has been retained. All materials have been housed in polyester sleeves, acid-free folders, and acid-free boxes. All

newsprint has been photocopied and in most cases original newspaper clippings have been discarded. Some clippings containing images of people or front pages of newspapers have been preserved for display purposes, with photocopies made available for research.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Simeon V. B. Miller Scrapbook, 1900-1906

0.25 cubic feet

1 Box Scrapbook

Scrapbook

Section:

1. A page of *Old Franklin Souvenirs*, ribbons from various receptions, card from Phi Delta Theta; *Pledged Oct. 1, 1900*.
2. Lafayette Home Hospital bill, first semester grades; December 20, 1901, stamped by W. E. Stone, President. Book of complimentary train tickets; *The Indianapolis, Greenwood & Franklin* (good only during the year 1902). Northwesters vs. Purdue, November 28, 1901, official souvenir and score card, "Price 10 cents."
3. After the "Soph Banquet" – Purdue Athletic Association booklet, fee statement for 1902-1903 school year, \$18.00 total. Score of 6 to 6, Purdue ties Notre Dame after a desperate struggle, Indianapolis Journal, Nov. 27, 1902.
4. Voter's Certificate, for round trip between points in Central Passenger Association Territory. Tickets on sale Nov. 6, 7, 8, 1904. Booklet; Toasts to Sweetheart, Opening chorus of Minstrels, 1903.
5. Card; Complimentary Banquet to the Purdue Football Squad, Lahr House, December 6, 1902, Simeon V. B. Miller, Member of the Squad – "Big Eats, I drama "PR". Yes, But It Was A Very Close Shave: Purdue at Last Won a Game Yesterday, But by Narrow Margin of 5 to 0, Sunday Times, October 26, 1902. "Rah for the Best Class that ever hit PURDUE – Purdue Men Struggle At Tank; cartoon, with caption, depicting the battle of supremacy between freshmen and sophomores in the matter of ornamenting with the class numbers the tank of the West Lafayette water works. "The best football game I ever saw 6 to 6"; Official score card/program of the University of Michigan vs. University of Wisconsin, Chicago, Illinois, November 1, 1902. Fee statement for semester ending June 10, 1903, \$13.00. Programme of the Purdue Minstrels, Wednesday and Thursday, May the third and fourth, 1905. Sixth Annual Chapter Letter of the Indiana Theta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta, 1893-1903. West Lafayette, Ind.: Purdue University. Grade report for Simeon Van Buren Miller, Junior Class, School of Mechanical Engineering, semester ending June 7, 1905. Purdue Minstrel Banquet Program, May 18th, 1905. Annual Circular Letter Of Indiana Theta Chapter Of Phi Delta Theta, March 1905. Admit Bearer to All Games Of Baseball Played on the Franklin College Grounds During Season of 1904 – Account, S.V.B. Miller
6. Tank Scrap article, card from Chapel Exercises in memory of Fred

Butler Smith, "A grand '05 man." Program from Memorial Day Exercises – 1903, program from Third Annual Football Banquet, Saturday, December 6th, 1902. Purdue University Matriculation Ticket for Mr. S.V.B. Miller, signed by Purdue President, W. E. Stone.

7. Items from Miller's tenure as President of the Class of '05, during his sophomore year - note from W. E. Stone stating that the class could use the chapel for a class meeting, dated Saturday, May 30, 1903. Note from F. Donner V. Sons Co., in regards to an unpaid bill for flowers. There is also a letter from the Central Union Telephone Company asking about a phone that had been removed from a building, during the "scrap" between the freshman and sophomores, and there is a statement of account for the '03 Debris. Also among his class presidency items is a letter from W. E. Stone, detailing the faculty's stance on class functions of a social nature, dated April 6, 1903.
8. Miscellaneous ephemera from Simeon Miller's college days; everything from an application for an absence excuse for malarial fever, to programs, grade cards, a note from a girlfriend, coupons and tickets, postcards, telegrams, a few photographs from football camp in 1903, et cetera. There is also an invitation to the inauguration of J. Frank Hanly as Governor of Indiana and Hugh Th. Miller as Lieutenant Governor (Simeon's brother), dated January 9, 1905.
9. Numerous newspaper clippings from the Purdue Train Wreck of 1903. Ticket stub from the fateful trip. Illustration of Miller in a hospital bed playing a guitar, along with the newspaper article, Last of the Wreck Victims Play Banjo and Guitar at Hospital: Leslie Will Go Home Tomorrow and Re-enter School at Purdue—Miller is to Remain Several More Days (no publication or date noted). Another newspaper article that features Miller: A Romance of the Wreck of the Purdue Football Special: Has Simeon V. B. Miller, Famous Right End of the Purdue Football Team, Recovered From His Injuries Received in the Fatal Wreck Of the Purdue Special Last October, After Being Tenderly Nursed Back to Health by Miss Mima Hull, Fair City Hospital Nurse Only to Receive New Wounds—This Time From Cupid's Darts? Third page of the Sunday Sentinel Magazine Supplement, no date noted.

2. **Envelope # 1, not dated, 0.025 cubic feet.** The envelope contains a coin purse, approximately 3" x 2.75".
3. **Envelope # 2, 1902, 0.02 cubic feet.** Phi Delta Theta Hall, Dance Card, Thanksgiving, 1902, 3" x 9".

4. **Envelope #3, 1905, 0.015 cubic feet**, Phi Delta Theta Hall, Dance Card, January 30, 1905, 2.5" x 5".
5. **Envelope #4, not dated, 0.01 cubic feet**, Calling card, signed K. E. Golden and M. J. Golden, with notation, "A msg. full of good wishes." 3" x 1.53".
6. **Envelope #5, 1903, 0.01 cubic feet**, Get well letters and calling cards from Miller's hospital stay.