

MS-285: Margaret Shardelow Young Papers

Collection Number: MS-285

Title: Margaret Shardelow Young Papers

Dates: 1894-1991

Creator: Young, Margaret Shardelow, 1895-1987

Summary/Abstract: Dayton native, Margaret Shardelow Young, was a member of the Friday Afternoon Club, one of the city's oldest women's literary clubs. She was also a local school teacher and long-time member of the First Baptist Church of Dayton. The collection includes her Friday Afternoon Club writings, schoolbooks, teaching notes, photographs, and greeting cards with her original poetry.

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Acquisition:

The collection was donated to Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries, by Margaret Shardelow Young's niece and nephew, Patricia Shardelow DeReamer-Surgener of Louisville, Kentucky; and William D. Shardelow of Ramsey, New Jersey in 1991. The papers were accessioned in May, 1999. Additions were received in 2008.

Separated Material:

Oversize diplomas and a marriage license in the collection were separated to Oversize flat file storage.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms285.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Related Material:

[MS-290: Friday Afternoon Club Records](#)

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Arrangement:

The collection is arranged into 8 series:

- Series I: Personal Materials, 1913, 1927-1969, 1982, 1987
 - Subseries IA: School, 1913, 1937, 1982, undated
 - Subseries IB: Journals, 1934, 1946-1957, 1969
 - Subseries IC: Travel, 1927, 1932, 1959-1962
 - Subseries ID: Dwight E. "Deak" Young, 1953, 1962-1968
 - Subseries IE: General, 1957, 1967, 1974, 1987
- Series II: Writings, 1953-1989, undated
- Series III: Friday Afternoon Club Papers, 1956-1984, undated
- Series IV: Correspondence, 1946, 1953-1979
- Series V: Newspaper Clippings, 1942-1987, undated
- Series VI: Family History, 1881-1957, undated
- Series VII: Photographs, 1894-1967, 1975
- Series VIII: Patricia Shardelow DeReamer-Surgener, 1934-1942, 1964-1991

Biographical/Historical Note:

Margaret Shardelow Young was born on September 7, 1895. A Dayton native, she graduated from Steele High School in 1913 and Miami University in 1917. She earned a master's degree from Columbia University in 1937. She taught English in Lewisburg, Oakwood, and Dayton, settling at Roosevelt High School from 1926-1953. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Dayton, the member with the longest continuous membership at 78 years. She spent many summers in New York City, working at the Doubleday Book store, where she had the opportunity to meet many famous writers.

Throughout her life, Margaret Shardelow Young enjoyed writing and studying poetry as is evidenced in the samples included in this collection. Additionally, she was a very active member of the Friday Afternoon Club, one of Dayton's oldest women's literary clubs. Her papers covered a variety of topics and exemplified her varying intellectual interests. More information about the Friday Afternoon Club is located in their collection of papers, MS-290.

In 1953, Margaret Shardelow Young married Dwight E. “Deak” Young. A native of Decatur, Illinois, Young had been involved with newspapers for most of his life. He attended Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, from 1903-1907, and served as editor of the school paper, *The Decaturian*, from 1904-1906. He served as city editor for the *Decatur Herald*, and in 1909, married fellow Millikin student, Daisy Payne. They eventually moved to Dayton in 1918, eventually becoming editor and publisher of the Dayton *Journal Herald*. Daisy Payne Young passed away in November 1945. After their 1953 marriage, Margaret Shardelow and Dwight Young traveled to Europe and the Far East, as well as many places around the United States, including several visits to the White House. Margaret Young was known as an interesting and talkative person – a reputation furthered by her husband who referred to her in his columns as his “seldom silent companion.” Dwight Young passed away in April 1967.

Margaret Shardelow Young continued a very active life after the death of her husband until her death at the age of 91 in 1987.

Scope and Content Note:

Series I, Personal materials, contains items relating to Margaret Shardelow Young’s life.

Subseries IA, School, centers on school materials and includes a charming 1913 yearbook containing several inscriptions from and about Ivonette Wright [Miller], who graduated Steele High School in 1914. It also contains undated teaching plans and notes from early in her forty-year career as a schoolteacher. Subseries IB, Journals, contains journals covering the period 1946 to 1957 as well as one for 1969. Of particular interest is the Five-Year diary from 1953-1957, which includes her wedding and subsequent travels. Also, there is a journal in which she kept notes about the books she read during her lifetime. Subseries IC, Travel, includes travel documents and notes, including a 1927 travel guide to Europe between the wars. Also, there is an amusing American Airlines Brochure on jet travel, advertising what travel would be like on their new 707 jet flagship in 1959. Subseries ID, Dwight E. Young, contains materials primarily concerning his death in 1967. Subseries IE, General, includes information on Margaret Shardelow Young’s long affiliation with the First Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, as well as information concerning her death.

Series II, Writings, contains primarily the personal writings by Margaret Shardelow Young. Materials include her annual Christmas poems and sonnets, some in published form, as well as birthday and anniversary poems written for Dwight Young. Mixed throughout the poetry are original works along with copies of her favorites by other authors.

Series III, Friday Afternoon Club papers, is composed of Margaret Young’s papers written for the literary club. These include: Directions in Modern Poetry, November 21, [1958]; Fact vs. Fiction, October 9, 1959; Henry James, January 6, 1961; The Riddle, February 1, 1963; Book and Thimble Day, February 14, 1964; Dante, [January 21], 1966; Garibaldi, [February 3], 1967; The Durable, Delicate Sex, [November 3, 1967]; Christopher Morley, [November 3, 1961]; Lady Mary Wortley Montague, 1970; The Town in Literature, [January 22, 1971]; Writers in a Foreign Tongue, [March 16, 1973]; Chaucer, April [29], 1977; The Barbary Coast, December 2, 1977; Political Giants, 1979; Willa Cather, [January 11, 1980]; Pilgrim’s Progress, October 16, 1981; The Greeks Had a Word For It, October 8, 1982; and, The Lore of the Land, November

16, 1984. Dates for many of the papers were obtained from the program books of the Friday Afternoon Club found in MS-290.

Series IV, Correspondence, contains letters and cards from a variety of family and friends. Highlights of this series include an article written by Dwight Young concerning Orville Wright, and a copy of Orville Wright's response. Other correspondents include Marquis Childs, Christopher Morley, and William Saxbe.

Series V, Newspaper Clippings, centers primarily on articles written either by or about Dwight Young or Margaret Shardelow Young. It also includes a large series of Dwight Young's regular column, "Talking It Over." There are also articles written by Margaret Shardelow Young, as well as articles written about their travels and respective deaths.

Series VI, Family History, contains items primarily about the Delscamp family. It includes an autograph book collected by Jeanette Delscamp in 1919-1920 as well as a notebook of verse and lyrics collected by Louis Shardelow in 1881.

Series VII, Photographs, contains images from both the Delscamp family and Margaret Shardelow Young's life. There is a scrapbook of the Delscamp family, which includes a few photographs of the 1913 Dayton flood as well as the campsite the family had at Delhurst, on Philadelphia Drive in Dayton, when the women and children were evacuated from Dayton, potentially from an epidemic. There are also several wedding photos of an unnamed wedding in the 1920s as well as the 1953 weddings of Margaret Shardelow and Dwight Young and of her niece, Patricia Shardelow.

Series VIII, Patricia Shardelow DeReamer-Surgener, contains both personal materials from Patricia as well as materials documenting the long and close relationship between Margaret Shardelow Young and her niece. Of particular interest are the extended series of letters from Margaret Shardelow Young to Patricia, covering more than twenty-five years. They demonstrate not only the great love and affection between the two women but also offer insights into Margaret Shardelow Young's thoughts and life.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Young, Dwight E. (Deak), 1884-1967
Young, Margaret Shardelow, 1895-1987
DeReamer-Surgener, Patricia Shardelow
Delscamp, Jeanette
Delscamp family
Shardelow family

Organizations/Corporate Names

Steele High School (Dayton, Ohio) -- Periodicals
Friday Afternoon Club (Dayton, Ohio)

Places

Dayton (Ohio) -- History

Material Types

Diaries

School yearbooks – Ohio -- Dayton

Diplomas

Passports

Travel documents

Poems

Correspondence

Newspaper clippings

Photographs

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
Series I: Personal Materials			1913, 1917, 1927-1969, 1982, 1987
Subseries IA: School			1913, 1917, 1937, 1982, undated
1	1	School book (primarily verse)	undated
1	2	"School Girl Days" High School Memory Album	1913
1	3	<i>The Spur Annual</i> , Steele High School, Dayton, OH	1913
1	4	Diplomas [Located in oversized]	1917, 1937
1	5	Teaching Notes	undated
1	6	Lesson Plans	undated
1	7	"A Quick Glimpse of Ohio's Contribution to the American Dream"	undated
1	8	Roosevelt High School Class of 1932 Reunion Book	1982 June 5
Subseries IB: Journals			1934, 1946-1957, 1969
1	9	<i>Memories of Books I Have Read</i>	1934
2	1	Diary	1946
2	2	Five-Year Diary	1947-1951
2	3	Five-Year Diary	1953-1957
2	4	Diary	1969
Subseries IC: Travel			1927, 1932, 1959-1962
2	5	Passports	1927, 1959
2	6	European Travel Guide and Travel Journal, Summer trip to Europe	1927
2	7	Travel Notes/Story for unnamed person	1932
2	8	American Airlines brochure on 707 jet flagship travel	1959
2	9	Travel Journal, Asia trip	1960 February-April
2	10	Travel Records	1961, 1962
2	11	Travel Notes, Greece and Europe	undated
Subseries ID: Dwight E. Young			1953, 1962-1968
3	1	Wedding Announcement	1953
3	2	Marriage License [Located in OS25, File 10]	1953 October
3	3	"Welcome to Dayton Newspapers, Inc." employee booklet	circa 1962
3	4	Articles on death of Dwight E. "Deak" Young	1967 April
3	5	Dwight E. "Deak" Young memorial booklet	1967 April

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3	6	Correspondence concerning the death of Dwight E. "Deak" Young	1967, 1986
3	7	Dwight E. Young Scholarship information	1967
Subseries IE: General, 1957, 1967, 1974, 1987			
3	8	Address Book	undated
3	9	Memorial Service Card for Nettie Lee Roth	1957
3	10	"Wilbur Was His Name," by Rosamond Young, <i>Historical Bulletin</i>	1967 Spring
3	11	First Baptist Church Membership Recognition Papers	1974, undated
3	12	Funeral Notes, Memorial Service Information	1987, undated
3	13	Memorial Service Book	1987 September 5
Series II: Writings			1953-1989, undated
3	14	Christmas Poems	1953-1984
3	15	<i>Christmas Sonnets</i>	1959-1986
3	16	Anniversary poems for Dwight "Deak" Young	1954-1966
3	17	Birthday poems for Dwight "Deak" Young	1959-1966, undated
3	18	Father's Day poems for Dwight "Deak" Young	1966, undated
3	19	"The Alchemy of Us"	undated
3	20	Miscellaneous poetry	1957-1981, undated
3	21	Materials concerning inclusion of letter in K. Jason Sitewell's <i>Book of Spoofs</i>	1977, 1988-1989
3	22	Devotions, Notes, and Inspirations	undated
Series III: Friday Afternoon Club Papers			1956-1984, undated
3	23	Papers	1956-1960
4	1	Papers	1961-1968
4	2	Papers	1970-1977
4	3	Papers	1979-1984
4	4	Papers	undated
4	5	Miscellaneous writings	undated
Series IV: Correspondence			1946, 1953-1979
5	1	Dwight Young's article on Orville Wright and response by Orville Wright (copy)	1946 August
5	2	Letters to/from Dwight Young	1953-1966, undated
5	3	Miscellaneous letters to/from family and friends	1954-1979, undated
5	4	Marquis Childs to Dwight Young	1958 August 26
5	5	Correspondence concerning Christopher Morley	1961
5	6	Invitation to reception at the White House	1964 April 17
5	7	Letter to Margaret Young from William Saxbe, Attorney General	1974 January 21

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Series V: Newspaper Clippings			1942-1987, undated
5	8	Clippings about family members	1942, 1958, undated
5	9	Articles about Margaret Shardelow Young	1950, 1961, undated
5	10	Articles about Dwight E. "Deak" Young	1953-1959, undated
5	11	"Talking It Over" columns by Dwight Young	1954-1964, undated
5	12	Dwight and Margaret Young's travels	1955-1962, undated
5	13	Miscellaneous clippings	1955-1984, undated
5	14	Articles by Margaret Shardelow Young	1958, undated
5	15	Death of Dwight E. "Deak" Young	1967 April
5	16	Transcript, CBS <i>Evening News</i> Clip, "Philippines"	1973 January 18
5	17	Death of Margaret Shardelow Young	1987 August
5	18	Clippings on Marie Aull and Aullwood	undated
Series VI: Family History			1881-1957, undated
5	19	Biography/Eulogy for Priscilla Elvira Folk Shardelow	[1903]
5	20	Autograph Album, Jeanette Delscamp	1919-1921
5	21	Delta Phi Delta membership for Janette Delscamp	1927 March 9
5	22	Clippings on Delscamp family	1957, undated
5	23	"The Ancient History of the Distinguished Surname – Shardelow"	undated
6	1	Louis Shardelow notebook	1881
Series VII: Photographs			1894-1967, 1975
6	2	Delscamp Scrapbook (Dayton flood, Stillwater camp, etc.)	1913-1935
6	3	Delscamp photos (large: Harry Delscamp portrait, circa 1920s wedding photo)	1929, undated
7	1	Harry and Jeanette Delscamp and family	1915-1953
7	2	Ellen Long and daughter, Katie Long Shardelow (includes 2 tintypes)	undated
7	3	Harry and Katie Long Shardelow (Margaret Shardelow Young's parents)	1894-circa 1948
7	4	Margaret Shardelow Young	circa 1900-1980
7	5	Family and friends	1915, 1942, undated
7	6	Margaret Shardelow and Dwight Young's Wedding photos	1953 October
7	7	Patricia Shardelow's wedding	1953 December 5
7	8	Dwight and Margaret Shardelow Young's travel photos	1953-1967
7	9	Dwight and Margaret Shardelow Young	1953-1967
7	10	Dwight and Margaret Shardelow Young with family	circa 1954-1963
7	11	Margaret Shardelow Young's 80 th birthday party album	1975

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Series VIII: Patricia Shardelow DeReamer-Surgener			1934-1942, 1964-1991
8	1	Note from Margaret Shardelow	circa 1934-1935
8	2	Promotion and Membership materials from First Baptist Church, Dayton, OH	1936, 1939, 1942
8	3	General correspondence	1937, 1983-1991, undated
8	4	School items	1937-1938, undated
8	5	Dayton Knights Templar programs	1938, 1939
8	6	Letters from Margaret Shardelow Young	1964, 1969, undated
8	7	Letters from Margaret Shardelow Young	1970-1979
8	8	Letters from Margaret Shardelow Young	1980-1983
8	9	Letters from Margaret Shardelow Young	1984-1987
8	10	Letters from Margaret Shardelow Young	undated
8	11	Letters to Margaret Shardelow Young	1977, 1979
8	12	Letters to Margaret Shardelow Young	1982-1986
8	13	Letters to Margaret Shardelow Young	undated
8	14	Letters from Pauline Yockey, concerning Margaret Shardelow Young	1979
Oversize Materials			
OS 36	4	Diplomas	1917, 1937
OS 36	4	Marriage License	1953 October