

Baylor University . The Texas Collection

Roberta Lucille Malone Bailey Papers. Inclusive: 1936, undated

Summary Information

Creator	Neff, Pat Morris, 1871-1952 Bailey, Roberta Lucille Malone, 1915-2010
Extent (quantity/size)	Two folders.
Language	English
Abstract	This small collection contains two items: a letter written by Pat Neff to William and Ada May congratulating them on 50 years of marriage and a photocopy of a journal entry citing this letter.

Subjects

Baylor University -- History. / Neff, Pat Morris, 1871-1952.

Administrative Information

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Preferred Citation When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is:

Roberta Lucille Malone Bailey Papers, Accession # 3769, Box#, Folder #, The Texas Collection, Baylor University.

Processing Information Described by Thomas DeShong and released on 2012-11-28.

Scope and Content

This collection was acquired as a gift from Celia Grant on 2010 July 19.

There are two documents in the collection. The first is a letter of correspondence written by Baylor President Pat Morris Neff on 1936 December 16. He congratulated William and Ada May on their 50th wedding anniversary. The second item is a journal entry by Roberta Lucille Malone, the granddaughter of William and Ada May. This entry explains the context of the letter.

Administrative/Biographical History

In the winter of 1936, William and Ada May of Nigo Park, Texas, were preparing to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary alongside their many descendants.

One granddaughter, Roberta Lucille Malone, was pursuing academic study at Baylor University. Malone was born in Briscoe County, Texas on 1915 December 3. After graduating from Wayland Baptist College, she began teaching at the age of 17. She then decided to pursue additional studies at Baylor.

Unfortunately for Malone, the Christmas session at Baylor did not begin in time for her to attend her grandparents' celebration. According to her journal entry, found in folder two of this collection, Roberta approached Pat Neff, the President of Baylor University, to ask if she could leave early.

To her surprise, President Neff was willing to dismiss the entire student body! He then sent a letter to William and Ada May congratulating them on their golden wedding anniversary. This letter, signed by Pat Neff, can be found in folder one of the collection.

Pat Neff was the former governor of Texas. In 1932, he accepted the presidency of Baylor University and guided the school through the years of the Great Depression and World War II. Enrollment at Baylor grew significantly under his leadership. For a more extensive biography of Pat Neff, see the Pat Neff Papers finding aid.

Roberta Lucille Malone Bailey graduated from Baylor University on 1937 August 18. She went on to earn a master's degree in music education at Midwestern University and taught music in Oklahoma and Texas public schools for 40 years. In 1939, Roberta married Reverend Harvey Wolfe. The couple had three daughters: Celia, Dorothy, and Nena. After Reverend Wolfe passed away, Roberta married Reverend Milton Bailey in 1977. Roberta passed away on 2010 February 8 at the age of 94.

Celia Grant, a daughter of Roberta Lucille Malone Bailey, was the donor of this collection. She currently resides in El Paso, Texas.

Related Resources

Related citations

Heights Funeral Home. "In Memory of Lucille Malone Bailey." <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Lucille-Bailey&lc=2091&pid=139545204&mid=4142399>. Accessed November 13, 2012.
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 Thomas E. Turner. "Neff, Pat Morris." *Handbook of Texas Online*. <http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fine05>. Accessed November 13, 2012. Published by the Texas State Historical Association.

Archival Arrangement

There was no organization when the collection was received on 2010 July 19.

Two series were created during the processing stage: Series I. Correspondence and Series II. Literary Productions.

Series 1: Correspondence. 1936**Summary Information**

Extent (quantity/size) One folder

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains one item: a letter of correspondence written and signed by Baylor President Pat Neff and sent to William and Ada May, a couple celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The letter is dated 1936 December 16.

Item List

Box 1. Folder 1. Correspondence: Pat Neff to William and Ada May, 1936 December 16

Series 2: Literary Productions. undated**Summary Information**

Extent (quantity/size) One folder.

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains one item: a journal entry by Roberta Lucille Malone. She recounts the story of when Pat Neff, President of Baylor, closed the University early in 1936 December. She implied that he did this so that Roberta could attend her grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

Item List

Box 1. Folder 2. Literary Productions: Diary. Entry: Roberta Lucille Malone Bailey, undated