

RIDENOUR COLLECTION
A. Sara Ella Miller Collection
B. Agnes Whipple Ridenour China & Painting
APP. MSS #5
FINDING AID

INTRODUCTION: This material was given by Crea Ridenour. The collection may be divided into three main categories: **A)** Sara Ella Miller material **B)** Agnes Whipple Ridenour China & Paintings **C)** George Ridenour Manuscript Collection.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: **A) & B)** – 2 Boxes plus loose pieces

HISTORICAL / BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: Agnes Whipple Ridenour (1882-1964) was born in Wood County, OH and studied art with Franz Bischoff. She taught art at Union University in Jackson, TN, among other schools and later served as Dean of Women at C-N from 1920-21 and 1922-23. She married Dr. George Ridenour (Class of 1914 B.A., 1915 M.A.) after his first wife (Sara Ella Miller) died in 1921.

George Ridenour (1889-1974) was born in Forkvale, TN and was a minister, educator and author of several books that include *Early Times in Meade County, Kentucky*, *The Land of the Lake*, and *A Baptist Primer*. He graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY with a Th.M. in 1923, a Th.D. in 1927, and a Ph.D. in 1932. He returned to Campbell County, TN in 1932 and for the next thirty years was active in Baptist work.

Crea Ridenour (Class of 1941) was George and Sara's daughter. Crea was a missionary with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Cali, Columbia, South America from 1945-1992. She served as a professor at the International Baptist Theological Seminary from 1954. George's third wife was Mary Heatherly Ridenour. (See also Bio VF's for more info).

INCLUSIVE DATES: **A)** Miller - ? **B)** C. Ridenour - ?

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTES: **A)** Bronze bust of Mozart [belonged to Sara Ella Miller who was sister of Jo Oscar Miller, a musician of note in Chattanooga. Upon J. Oscar Miller's death his music library was given to C-N. He was a choral director in Chattanooga (U.T.C.?).

B) China painted By Agnes Whipple Ridenour.

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Artifacts – China, Statue
Paintings

CONTAINER LISTS:

A) Miller

Box 1

Bronze bust of Mozart

B) Agnes Whipple Ridenour

Box 1

3 painted portraits of women in oval frames

Painted winter scene (8.5 X 11)

2 framed oval silhouettes

Box 2

16 plates

2 pitchers

1 urn

1 bowl

*Some of these are on display on library 2nd floor

* Painting of country lane – on display on library 2nd floor