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Guide to the Homer Maris Collection, 1918-1968

Title

Homer Maris Collection

Dates

1918-1968 (inclusive)
1918-1946 (bulk)

Creator

Maris, W. Homer.

Summary

The Homer Maris Collection contains correspondence and manuscripts relating to the Oregon State University alma mater, *Carry Me Back*, which was written and composed by Maris. Also included in the collection are photographs and an Oregon Agricultural College student handbook.

Quantity

0.05 cubic foot (2 boxes, including 1 oversize box)

Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Alumnus Homer Maris earned an M.S. degree in Agriculture from Oregon Agricultural College in 1918. In 1914, Maris began composing the words to a song that he felt would gather the spirit of Oregon Agricultural College, which became *Carry Me Back*, the College's alma mater. In 1918, Maris dedicated the piece to "Mother Kidder", the much-loved College librarian. Maris died in 1933 in a bicycle accident.

Content Description

The Homer Maris Collection consists of materials pertaining to Homer Maris and the Oregon State University alma mater, *Carry Me Back*, written and composed by Maris. Of especial note are letters from Ida A. ("Mother") Kidder to Maris, to whom the alma mater is dedicated. The collection also includes annotated manuscript copies of *Carry Me Back*, documents pertaining to its copyright, correspondence, an obituary for Maris written by E.T. Reed, a 1920-21 Oregon Agricultural College student handbook, and three photographs. The photographs are an image of the Trysting Tree (ca. 1918), a portrait photograph of Ida A. Kidder (ca. 1915), and a portrait photograph of Homer Maris (ca. 1925).

Preferred Citation

Homer Maris Collection, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Custodial History

These materials were donated to the Library in 1982, by Maris' daughter, Marjorie Maris Peterson. While the intent at the time was that the materials would be transferred to the Archives, the transfer was not completed until 1997. Additional materials were transferred from the Oregon State University Libraries Special Collections to the Archives in 2001.

Related Material

Materials relating to Homer Maris and Oregon State University's alma mater can be found in the Memorabilia Collection. The Archives' holdings also include the papers of Maris' wife, Buena Maris Mockmore.

Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu/>) using these headings.

Organizations

Oregon Agricultural College. Songs and music.

Oregon State University. Songs and music.

Topics

Students' songs--Oregon--Corvallis.

Forms of Materials in the Collection

Photographs.

Sheet music.

Other Creators

Kidder, Ida A. (Ida Angeline), 1857-1920.

Reed, Edwin Thomas, 1872-1948.