Guide to the Oliver Cromwell Carmichael collection
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Summary Information

Repository: W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama

Creator: Carmichael, Oliver C., (Oliver Cromwell), 1891-1966

Title: Oliver Cromwell Carmichael collection

Date: unknown

Extent: 0.1 Linear feet (3 items)

Language: English

Text [Box]: 2356

Abstract: A miscellany of material relating to this University of Alabama president, including a newspaper clipping, a Carmichael writing entitled "The Function of Instinct in Education," and a scrapbook.

Preferred Citation note

Oliver Cromwell Carmichael collection, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama
Biographical/Historical note

Oliver Cromwell Carmichael, born on 3 October 1891, was an educator who earned his A.B. (1911) and M.A. (1914) degrees from the University of Alabama. He taught German and French at the University of Alabama, 1911-1912, and at Florence Normal School, 1912-1913, before entering Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar in 1913. However, his studies there were interrupted by World War I.

Following the war he taught high school and served as a principal before becoming dean and assistant to the president of Alabama College (now the University of Montevallo) in 1922. From 1926 to 1935 he was President of that institution. In 1935 he was appointed Dean of Vanderbilt University's graduate school, serving in that capacity until 1937. He was also the University's vice chancellor, 1936-1937 and chancellor, 1937-1946. He left Vanderbilt and served as President of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, from 1946 to 1953. In 1953 he was named President of the University of Alabama, from which post he retired in 1957.

Carmichael was author of Changing Role of Higher Education (1949), Universities: Commonwealth and American (1959) and Graduate Education: a Critique and a Program (1961). He died on 25 September 1966.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains a miscellany of material relating to Carmichael, including a newspaper clipping, "Dr. Carmichael to be Honored at UA" (1973), a Carmichael pamphlet entitled "The Function of Instinct in Education," and a scrapbook.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

• Clippings (information artifacts)
• Reports
• Scrapbooks

Subject(s)

• Education
• Education, Higher
• University of Alabama
• University of Alabama-- Presidents
**Collection Inventory**

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