Guide to the Records of the

Virginia L. Durnan Collection

Record Group 13: Personal Papers

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Donated to the Mount St. Mary’s Archives by Virginia L. Durnan, the bulk of the collection focuses on the materials related to William Lanahan and the Malloy family.

William “Bill” Lewis Lanahan, who was originally from Mount Vernon, New York, graduated from Mount St. Mary’s College in 1930. He was a member of the Mount’s baseball team and went on to play in the minor leagues for Albany. Later, Lanahan worked for the Hercules Power Company of Easton, Pennsylvania, where he died in an explosion on March 26, 1942.

A relative of William Lanahan, John Foley Malloy was the first of three Malloy brothers to attend the Mount. Formerly of Wilmington, Delaware, John Malloy entered the prep school on September 9, 1892 and graduated in 1893. He played football for the college before graduating in 1897. He then graduated from Harvard Law in 1899, and died on August 12, 1931.

James Matthew Malloy attended the Mount prep school from February 16, 1892 to 1894. He then graduated from the college on June 22, 1898. James Malloy was a member of the Mount’s football and baseball teams. He died January 11, 1941.

Arthur Harland Malloy was the last of the brothers to attend the Mount. He attended the prep school from 1908-1909 before graduating from the college on June 18, 1913. He not only wrote for the Mountaineer but was also a member of the baseball, basketball, and football teams. After serving in the army in World War I, he returned to the Mount and held the positions of professor and Director of Athletics. He died on December 1, 1950.

The remaining majority of the collection contains materials regarding the baseball and football teams of the college in the 1920s-1930s.

PROVENANCE

This collection of materials was donated to the Mount St. Mary’s University Archives on August 23, 2006 by Virginia L. Durnan.

PROCESSING NOTE

Flat materials were placed in acid-free folders and stored in chronological order with the artifacts inside an acid-free box.
SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of 0.4 feet ranging in date from 1926 to 2006. The collection includes correspondence, newspaper articles, and photographs related to William Lanahan and newspaper clippings related to the Malloy family. The collection also contains items related to Mount athletic teams with the main focus on the baseball and football teams. These materials include photographs, newspaper articles and clippings, a schedule, a varsity letter, and award plaques.

The collection is arranged in seven series:

Series I: Virginia L. Durnan
Series II: William Lanahan
Series III: Malloy Family
Series IV: Baseball
Series V: Football
Series VI: Miscellaneous
Series VII: Artifacts

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I: Virginia L. Durnan, 2006 (1 folder)

This series contains information regarding the donor and provenance of the collection.

Series II: William Lanahan, 1928-1931 (0.08 feet)

This series contains correspondence from Lanahan to his family while he attended the college and range in date from 1928 to 1930. This series also contains newspaper articles regarding Lanahan (1930-1931, n.d.), a letter to him from American League Base Ball Club of New York from 1930, and a photograph sheet.

Series III: Malloy Family, n.d. (4 folders)

This series contains newspaper articles regarding Arthur Malloy, the wedding announcement of Miss Dora Sexton and Dr. John Draper Brown, and the obituaries of James Malloy and Anna Malloy.

Series IV: Baseball, 1927, 1930, n.d. (5 folders)

This series contains a team photograph from 1927; three newspaper articles, including one from 1930; and newspaper clippings sheet.

Series V: Football, 1926, n.d. (4 folders)
This series contains the 1926 Mount football team schedule, two newspaper articles, and a newspaper clippings sheet.

**Series VI: Miscellaneous, 1942, n.d (5 folders)**

This series includes two unidentified photographs, including one of an unidentified sports team. Additionally, the series includes a photograph of the Class of 1930; a newspaper article regarding James W. Kerrigan, who graduated from the Mount in 1928; and *The Mountain Echo* from April 4, 1942.


This series contains a Mount varsity letter; the Salt Lake Board of Realtors President’s Award Plaque to Marjorie B. Gump from February 27, 1981; the Mount St. Mary’s Sports Hall of Fame Plaque of Joseph W. Engel, Prep Class of 1911, from February 12, 1983; and the NCAA Division II First Team All-American Plaque of Zena Edwards from May 13, 1988.
BOX INVENTORY

Box 1

Series I: Virginia Durnan

Deed of Gift, 08/23/2006

Series II: William Lanahan

Copy of letter from Lanahan to family, 01/18/1928
Copy of letter from Lanahan to family, 02/12/1928
Copy of letter from Lanahan to family, 01/26/1930
Copy of letter from Lanahan to family, 03/03/1930
Copy of letter from Lanahan to family, 03/10/1930
Copy of letter from Lanahan to family, 04/02/1930
Copy of letter from Lanahan to family, 04/06/1930
Copy of envelope from Lanahan to his parents, 04/07/1930
Copy of letter from Lanahan to family, 04/10/1930
Copy of letter from Lanahan to family, 05/05/1930
“Lanahan to Hurl for Cumberland Today,” *Cumberland Sunday Times*, 8/10/1930
“Another Home Town Athlete Making Good,” 1931
“Mount Vernon Man Signed Up By Yankees,” n.d.
Letter to Lanahan from Paul Krickell, American League Base Ball Club of New York, 06/04/1930
Photograph Sheet containing six (6) photographs, 1926-1930

Series III: Malloy Family

“Sends His ‘Mountmen’ Against Loyola Foe,” n.d.
Wedding Announcement of Miss Dora Sexton and Dr. John Draper Brown, n.d.
Obituaries of James Malloy and Anna Malloy, n.d.
“Arthur Malloy Dies Suddenly,” n.d.

Series IV: Baseball

Team Photograph, 1927
“Mt. St. Mary’s Nine Conquers Dartmouth 1-0,” 04/02/1930
“Dartmouth Nine Will Visit Emmitsburg to Open Season,” n.d.
“Ruth to Show in Exhibition Contest Today,” n.d.
Baseball Clippings Sheets, eight (8) sheets, n.d.

**Series V: Football**

Mt. St. Mary’s College Football Schedule, Season of 1926
“Fumbles and Blocked Punts Robbed Cadets of Victory,” 10/16/1926
Football Clipping Sheet, one (1) sheet, n.d.

**Series VI: Miscellaneous**

Unidentified Photograph, black and white, three subjects, n.d.
Unidentified Sports Team Photograph, n.d.
Photograph, Class of 1930, n.d.
“James W. Kerrigan Wins Doctor’s Degree,” n.d.
*The Mountain Echo*, 04/01/1942

**Series VII: Artifacts**

Mount Varsity Letter
Joseph W. Engel, Prep Class of 1911, Mount St. Mary’s Sports Hall of Fame Plaque, 02/12/1983
Zena Edwards, NCAA Division II First Team All-American, Mount St. Mary’s College Plaque, 05/13/1988
Marjorie B. Gump, Salt Lake Board of Realtors President’s Award Plaque, 02/27/1981