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### Summary:

Title: Marcia Clark Myers Collection

Span Dates: 1895-1993

Creator: Various

Repository: Marshall University Special Collections, Morrow Library (Huntington, WV)

Processed by: Elizabeth James, 2019

Accession Number: 1994/10.0598

Date Completed: November, 2019

Access to Collection: Open

Extent: 0.25 feet

Donor: Marcia Myers

### Search Terms:

Marcia Clark Myers

Missionary work

Presbyterian church

Female missionaries

Women's religious history

Appalachian religions

Bible schools

Social work

### Biographical Notes:

Marcia Myers was director of the Office of Vocation for the Presbyterian Church (USA). She came to ministry after working as a New Jersey family service caseworker. She has a B.A. from Drew University, an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a D.Min. from McCormick Theological Seminary, and has served as pastor, co-pastor, and presbytery staff in West Virginia and Kentucky. Her husband is Jeffrey I. Myers.

### Scope and Content:

This collection primarily documents Marcia Myers' research into female Presbyterian missionaries in Appalachia, particularly West Virginia. Significant in the collection is the correspondence of Helen Desbrow, stationed in Raleigh Co., West Virginia, to her family in New Jersey, regarding her work in the Home Mission between 1922 and 1935, central to Myers' thesis on female Presbyterian missionaries in Appalachia submitted for her M.Div at Princeton University. Correspondence by Hugh J. May and Frances H. Pindar are directly in response to Myers' request for information on the same topic, and the Helen Disbrow correspondence was gifted possibly from Disbrow herself. Other collection items include several dozen photographs from the 1920s-1940s, possibly from the Clear Fork Parish in Colcord, West Virginia, where Myers' husband served as pastor, secondary printed materials such as journal and magazine articles related to Myers' thesis, and typescript narratives written by female missionaries as well as reports on missionary activities such as social work and setting up bible schools.

## Processing Notes:

This collection was already processed at the time the finding aid was created. No changes to folder titles, order, or content were made. The collection was divided into three series by the original processor, but the series were unnamed and undeterminable. The collection is small enough that this division was ignored by the current processor.

## Preferred Citation:

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Container	Contents
<b>Box 1</b>	
Folder 1	"The Event of the Year" typescript, carbon copy
Folder 2	"Nine Years of Service" by Martha Priscilla Spencer
Folder 3	Mimeographed Typescript Narrative
Folder 4	Report on Church Activities, Photocopy typescript, nearly illegible
Folder 5	Instructions to missionaries
Folder 6	Pioneering on Horseback by Emma Agnes Jackson
Folder 7	Printed material
Folder 8	"Presbyterian Home Missions in Appalachia" by Marcia Clark Myers
Folder 9	Photographs
Folder 10	Helen Disbrow Correspondence, 1922-1979 (bulk 1920s-1930s)
Folder 11	Mrs. Hugh J. May Correspondence, 1934-1979
Folder 12	Frances H. Pindar Correspondence, 1979