The Florence Sillers Ogden Papers

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Biographical/Historical Sketch

Florence Sillers Ogden (1897–1972), daughter of Walter Sillers, Sr., wrote the column “Dis ‘n’ Dat” for the Delta Star in Greenville and the Clarion Ledger, in which she not only related local social news but also commented on political, economic, and social issues. She was also active in the Mississippi Delta Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Women for Constitutional Government. Her correspondence reflects her interest in politics, agricultural and governmental affairs, participation in the D.A.R., and social activities, as well as response to her columns.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of clippings collected by Florence Sillers Ogden, from various newspapers, and also copies and drafts of her column Dis ‘n’ Dat. It also contains correspondence and other miscellaneous materials.
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2. Correspondence to Mr. George McLaren May 26, 1923
3. 4 copies of suggestions for plays, The Battle of Maubilla (booklet), a postcard, and correspondence from 1924
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5. Correspondence from Daughters of the American Revolution Feb. 15, 1930
6. Correspondence to Governor Connor
7. Correspondence to Greenwood, MS Dec 23, 1933
8. Correspondence between 1935-1970
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11. Library of Congress Copyright Congress 1939 Examiner’s Report
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14. Correspondence from 1942 and Congressional Record Appendix
15. Copy of letter Bolivar County Blood Plasma (Nov. 2, 1943)
16. Counter Resolution (March 27, 1944), newspaper clipping and correspondence from1944
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26. St. Albans School 45th Commencement Program (June 5, 1954), newspaper clippings, The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of MS (Nov. 12, 1954), and correspondence from 1954
27. Newspaper clippings, a copy of “The Evolution of World Council of Churches; Congressional Record and Correspondence from 1955
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30. Correspondence and newspaper clippings from 1956
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110. Newspaper clippings, speech (Gen. U.S. Grant III), and correspondence from 1960
111. Paper (Building Responsible Citizens through Knowledge and Appreciation of our Country and its History) Feb. 20, 1961
114. Annual Report (Oct. 29, 1963), U. N.- Panel Discussion (Sept. 6, 1963), Women for Constitutional Government (June 25, 1963), Stars and Stripes Forever (June 14, 1963), Civitans (Mar. 10, 1964), and papers from 1963
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