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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: McLellan, David Stanley , author

TITLE: David Stanley and Ann Handforth McLellan papers

DATES: 1938–2020

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 6.5 linear feet (13 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Writings, correspondence, journals, photographic prints, slides, audiovisual material, born-digital material, and other papers created by or related to David Stanley and Ann Handforth McLellan.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Marjorie McLellan, 2024.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Box 12 (audiovisual material): Restricted fragile. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

David Stanley and Ann Handforth McLellan

David Stanley McLellan (1924-2010) (Yale 1948, MA 1950, PhD 1954) was a professor emeritus of political science at Miami University. He served in World War II, flying B29s in the Pacific during the final months of the war. McLellan married Ann Handforth in 1945 while he was in basic training. After graduating from Yale, he and Ann went to Geneva, Switzerland and Grenoble, France where McLellan earned a License en Sciences Politiques from the University of Geneva.

He worked as a contract employee for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to scout potential airfields for Allied Forces in the Alps. Upon return to the US in 1955, McLellan and his family moved to Riverside, California where he taught political science at the University of California, Riverside. He joined the political science department at Miami University in 1970. McLellan focused on international relations and foreign policy in his academic scholarship and authored biographies on Dean Acheson and Cyrus Vance.

Ann Handforth McLellan (1925-2021) was an artist, activist, and frequent letter writer to Amnesty International. She earned a Bachelor of Arts from University of California, Riverside. Handforth McLellan supported her husband's academic career by organizing long-term research and teaching stays in Berkeley, CA, Washington, D.C., France, England, and Italy while also taking care of their four children. She proofread, edited, and typed McLellan's manuscripts for publication.

Scope and Contents

The David Stanley and Ann Handforth McLellan Papers contains correspondence, writings, personal papers, photographs, negatives, slides, and audiovisual material that document the career and family life of political scientist David McLellan and his spouse Ann Handforth McLellan. The correspondence documents the early years of the McLellans' marriage as well as their lives abroad including when David served in the US Army during World War II and when he worked for the United States Central Intelligence Agency in the French Alps. These papers also document the McLellans' family life and many travels as well as David McLellan's career as a professor of political science at University of California Riverside and Miami University.

Arrangement

Materials are arranged in six series: I. Correspondence, 1942-2009. II. Professional papers, 1938-2000. III. Family papers, 1945-2020. IV. Photographs and slides, 1945-2000. V. Audiovisual materials, 1944. VI. Computer media, 2009.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1942–2009

This series contains personal correspondence between David and Ann McLellan and their family members. Correspondents include Ann's parents F. Hunter and Jessie Handforth, as well the McLellan's four children: Hilary, Michele, Marjorie, and Eric.

David McLellan's professional correspondence is also included.

This series is arranged into two sub-series: I. Incoming, 1951-2009. II. Outgoing, 1942-1999.

	Incoming	1951–2009
	This sub-series contains correspondence sent to David and Ann McLellan.	
	Materials in this sub-series are arranged alphabetically by sender.	
b. 1, f. 1	Acheson, David	1976–1988
b. 1, f. 2	The American University	1980
b. 1, f. 3	Cowles, John to Dean Acheson	1959–1970
b. 1, f. 4	Department of State	1951–1986
b. 1, f. 5	Dodd, Mead & Company	1979
b. 1, f. 6-7	McLellan, Hilary	1972–2001
b. 1, f. 8	McLellan, Hilary	2006–2009
b. 1, f. 9	McLellan, Marjorie	1971
b. 1, f. 10-11	McLellan, Marjorie	1977–2000
b. 2, f. 1-2	McLellan, Michele	1973–2001
b. 2, f. 3	McLellan, Robert	1984–2003
b. 2, f. 4	Student correspondence	1980–1998
b. 2, f. 5	United States senators	1973–1995
b. 2, f. 6	General correspondence	1980–1995
b. 2, f. 7	General correspondence	1982–2000
	Outgoing	1942–1999
	This sub-series contains correspondence sent from David and Ann McLellan.	
	Materials in this sub-series are arranged alphabetically by recipient.	
b. 2, f. 8	Handforth, F. Hunter and Jessie	1952–1983
b. 2, f. 9-10	Handforth, F. Hunter and Jessie	1966–1968
b. 2, f. 11	Handforth, Jane - Yale and World War II	1942

Outgoing (continued)

b. 2, f. 12	McLellan, Eric	23 October 1980
b. 3, f. 1-2	McLellan, Michele	1972-1999

Series II: Professional papers, 1938–2000

This series documents David McLellan's career as a professor of political science. The papers include research notes, drafts, project proposals, course materials, and interviews.

Materials in this series are arranged alphabetically by folder title.

b. 4, f. 1	Aperçus on Vance	1980–1995
b. 4, f. 2-3	Articles by David McLellan	1972–1984
b. 4, f. 4	Betts and Gelb, Vietnam War	1979
b. 4, f. 5	Book contracts	1973–1979
b. 4, f. 6	Book proposal	undated
b. 4, f. 7	Cold War	1990
b. 4, f. 8	Conference papers	1980
b. 4, f. 9	Containment	undated
b. 4, f. 10	"Containment is the Best Strategy"	undated
b. 4, f. 11	Controversial letter to the editor	undated
b. 4, f. 12	Course materials	undated
b. 4, f. 13	Cyrus Vance study interviews	1983
b. 4, f. 14	David S. McLellan curriculum vitae	1970–1988
b. 4, f. 15	Dean Acheson book	1964–1978
b. 4, f. 16	Détente and deference	1974–1976
b. 5, f. 1	<i>Diplomatic History</i> reviews and manuscripts	1986–1989
b. 5, f. 2	Drafts and notes	undated
b. 5, f. 3	"Eurocommunism and U.S. Foreign Policy"	1979
b. 5, f. 4	Group think and the war in Vietnam	undated
b. 5, f. 5-6	I.R. [International Relations] theory and foreign policy Steven Smith <i>Journal of International Studies</i> summer 1987	1983–1990
b. 5, f. 7	McLellan article	undated
b. 5, f. 8	"The Military as Political Decision-makers: Vietnam"	undated
b. 5, f. 9	Nixon and Kissinger notes	1974
b. 5, f. 10	Notes	1989–1996
b. 5, f. 11	Notes to Margie regarding teaching ideas	undated
b. 5, f. 12-13	Teaching materials	1938–2000

b. 6, f. 1	Truman notes	circa 1985
b. 6, f. 2	Vietnam War	1968-1992
b. 6, f. 3	Writing	1990

Series III: Family papers, 1945–2020

This series contains David and Ann McLellan’s family life and includes memoirs, family stories, and travel writings.

Materials in this series are arranged alphabetically by folder title.

b. 9, f. 1	<i>500th Bombardment Group</i> with annotations	circa 1945
b. 7, f. 1	Ann Handforth McLellan memoir	2020
b. 7, f. 2	“Bordeaux and Other Journeys” by Eric, Hilary, Margie, and Michele McLellan	undated
b. 7, f. 3	Dad’s [David McLellan] stories	circa 2015
b. 7, f. 4	David McLellan death	2001–2011
b. 7, f. 5	David McLellan memorial/obituary	2010
b. 7, f. 6	David McLellan retirement	1990–2003
b. 7, f. 7	Documents	1993–2010
b. 7, f. 8	Family documents	1950–1975
b. 7, f. 9	Hilary McLellan death	2009
b. 7, f. 10	“The McLellan-Handforth Family History: A Personal Story” by Eric McLellan	circa 1976
b. 7, f. 11-12	Memoir by David McLellan with Ann McLellan	2008
b. 7, f. 13	Michele McLellan powerpoint	circa 2001
b. 7, f. 14	Poem about Prince Edward Island neighbors by David McLellan	undated
b. 7, f. 15	Poems treasured by David McLellan	undated
b. 7, f. 16	Robert McLellan memorial	undated
b. 7, f. 17	Seawood Estates summer house, [Prince Edward Island] PEI	1973–1999
b. 8, f. 1	“Senior class outing” fiction	2015
b. 8, f. 2	Travel journal	1948–1949
b. 8, f. 3-4	Work, military papers and correspondence	1945–2002

Series IV: Photographs and slides, 1945–2000

This series contains David and Ann McLellan's family life and travels through photographs and slides. Along with their children, Michele, Eric, Marjorie, and Hilary, David and Ann's travels included trips to France, Italy, Spain, Arizona, and Prince Edward Island.

Materials in this series maintain order found at time of acquisition.

b. 10, f. 1	Slides	1969–1985
b. 10, f. 2	Europe 1949 bike trip slides	1949–1952
b. 10, f. 3	Yale and New Haven slides	undated
b. 10, f. 4	Out west slides	1953
b. 10, f. 5	Chloride, Arizona slides	circa 1971
b. 10, f. 6	Grenoble, Europe 1950s	1951–1953
b. 10, f. 7	Europe 1950s slides	circa 1953
b. 10, f. 8	Washington D.C. and east coast slides	1963
b. 10, f. 9	Riverside, California slides	1957–1971
b. 10, f. 10	Southern California slides	1968
b. 10, f. 11	Cambridge, Lake Como, and academic travel slides	1968
b. 10, f. 12	Bordeaux, Le Bouscat, and beach slides	1967–1968
b. 10, f. 13	Europe, Moscow, and Leningrad slides	1967–1968
b. 10, f. 14	Europe slides	1965–1968
b. 10, f. 15	Paris, Bordeaux, Paum and Pamplona slides	1966–1967
b. 10, f. 16	Europe slides	1967–1968
b. 10, f. 17	Oxford, Ohio slides	1972–1992
b. 10, f. 18	Prince Edward Island slides	1978–1992
b. 10, f. 19	Slides	1973–1990
b. 11, f. 1	Ann and David McLellan Europe photographs	1948–1953
b. 11, f. 2	Photographs	1948–1968
b. 11, f. 3-4	Photo book	1948–1979
b. 11, f. 5	Portrait negatives of Michele, Eric, Marjorie, and Hilary as kids	undated
b. 11, f. 6	Family photos	undated
b. 11, f. 7	McLellan family photographs	circa 1955-2000
b. 11, f. 8	Miami-Western and Prince Edward Island 35 mm negatives	1992

b. 11, f. 9	World War II album page	1945
b. 11, f. 10	Miami photographs	1972-1980

Series V: Audiovisual material, 1944

This series contains a recorded interview by David McLellan and an audio letter David sent to Ann McLellan during World War II.

Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

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b. 12	#1 David McLellan / High School	
b. 12	#2 Dave McLellan - WWII	
b. 12	"A 'Letter on a Record'" / from David S. McLellan 1st Nav Trng Grp Honda AAF, Tex / to Miss Ann Handsforth Spring Valley Rd Ossining, N.Y.	1944

Series VI: Computer media

This series contains memorial videos for Hilary McLellan, daughter of David and Ann McLellan.

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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Cold War
Dissenting opinions -- United States
Families -- United States
Foreign policy of the United States
History -- Study and teaching -- United States
Political science -- Study and teaching
Travel
Universities and colleges -- Study and teaching
-- United States

Occupations

College teachers -- United States -- 20th
Century

Geographic Names

United States -- Central Intelligence Agency
United States -- Foreign relations -- 20th
Century

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