

CHARLES CHRISTOPHER COCROFT COLLECTION
PP0021

Descriptive Summary

Creator CoCroft, Charles C., 1910-2001

Title Charles Christopher CoCroft Collection

Accession Number PP0021

Physical Description 0.5 linear ft. in 1 box

Inclusive Dates 1928-1932

Language Note English

Administrative Information

Repository

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Processing note

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Biographical Note

Charles Christopher “Chris” CoCroft was born in Thomasville, Georgia, on April 1, 1910, the son of Christopher Columbus CoCroft and Nelle Estelle Weldon. CoCroft earned a B.A. from Mercer University in 1932. (His grandfather, William Henry CoCroft, attended Mercer in 1854-57.) CoCroft was a member of Sigma Nu, played saxophone in the Collegians Orchestra, and sang in the Mercer Band while he was a student. He went on to operate his father’s music store, CoCroft Music Company, in Thomasville and married Katie Louise Creesley. He was also the director of Thomas County Federal Savings and Loan. He was a member of First Baptist Church Thomasville, Thomas Rotary Club, Duck Haven Gun Club, and the Thomasville Entertainment Foundation. Along with his wife, CoCroft grew roses avidly. The couple had two children. Mr. CoCroft died on July 22, 2001, in Thomasville, Georgia.

Scope and Content Note

The Charles Christopher CoCroft papers consist of six folders of papers dating from 1928-1932. The first folder contains primarily correspondence between Chris and his father. Other folders include school notes on Mary Shelley and papers on Beethoven, Shakespeare, and various forms of drama.

Also included in the papers are small documents such as a Washington Library (Macon, Georgia) card, various receipts, a photograph, fraternity cards, and a grade report. There are also documents relating to the Mercer Glee Club, including a photograph of the club, sheet music, Glee Club envelopes, and a sheet music writing tablet.

There is also a folder on Joe Jenkins, a student from 1890. The folder includes correspondence between Jenkins and his father, detailing a fight that Joe participated in at Mercer. It also includes faculty papers and letters involving the incident.

Subjects

CoCroft, Charles Christopher, 1910-2001
Mercer University

Related Material

A related collection was housed at the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in Macon, Georgia.

Container List

Folder 1/1: Correspondence, 1929-1932

Folder 1/2: School Papers and Notes, 1931

Folder 1/3: School Papers and Notes, 1932

Folder 1/4: Glee Club, undated

Folder 1/5: General, 1928-1931

Folder 1/6: Jenkins Papers, 1890