

**MILLER, H. PRENTICE  
(HENRY PRENTICE), 1905-1985.  
H. Prentice Miller papers, 1916-1985**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Miller, H. Prentice (Henry Prentice), 1905-1985.  
**Title:** H. Prentice Miller papers, 1916-1985  
**Call Number:** Series No. 159  
**Extent:** 1.25 linear ft. (3 boxes)  
**Abstract:** Papers of H. Prentice Miller, Emory University faculty member and administrator, include personal and professional correspondence, newspaper clippings, speeches and writings, printed materials, and other materials, chiefly related to Miller's work as Dean of Alumni and his involvement with the Emory University Alumni Association and with various non-Emory scholarship foundations. Some correspondence is that of Judson C. Ward, also an Emory University faculty member and administrator. The collection also includes correspondence, writings, and other items attributed or related to Samuel Candler Dobbs, notably a letter, 1919, confirming his appointment as president of the Coca-Cola Company.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Collection Description****Biographical note**

Henry Prentice Miller was an Emory professor and administrator. Miller was born in Barnesville, Ga. on March 7, 1905 and attended the Gordon Military Institute before enrolling at Emory. He received his Ph.B. from Emory in 1927 and his A.M. in English in 1928. Miller was hired as an instructor in English and used his summers to work toward a Ph.D. at the University of Chicago, which he received in 1942. Miller was named Assistant to the Dean of Emory College in 1930, Assistant Dean in 1934, Associate Dean of the Lower Division in 1943, Dean of the Lower Division in 1948 and Dean of Undergraduate Instruction in 1958. During this time period, Miller continued teaching as an Assistant or Associate Professor in English. Also in 1958, Miller served as Special Assistant in Development and in 1959 took a year's leave of absence to raise funds under the auspices of the Alumni Loyalty Fund. Miller became the first Emory faculty or staff to head the Emory Alumni Association in 1949 and in 1960 was named Dean of Alumni. Miller retired in 1973 but remained an active volunteer in the Alumni Office, holding the title Dean of Alumni, Emeritus until 1984. Miller died on November 21, 1985.

**Scope and Content Note**

H. Prentice Miller papers consist of personal and professional correspondence, newspaper clippings, speeches and writings, printed materials, and other materials, chiefly related to Miller's work as Dean of Alumni and his involvement with the Emory University Alumni Association and with various non-Emory scholarship foundations. Some correspondence is that of Judson C. Ward, also an Emory University faculty member and administrator. The collection also includes correspondence, writings, and other items attributed or related to Samuel Candler Dobbs, notably a letter, 1919, confirming his appointment as president of the Coca-Cola Company.

**Arrangement Note**

Organized into five series: Clippings (1), Correspondence (2), Samuel Candler Dobbs materials (3), Foundations (4), and Writings and speeches (5).

**Finding Aid Note**

Finding aid available in the repository.

## **Description of Series**

[Series 1: Correspondence, 1916-1985](#)

[Series 2: Writings and speeches, 1916-1985](#)

[Series 3: Scholarship foundation materials, 1972-1983](#)

[Series 4: Clippings, 1916-1944](#)

[Series 5: Samuel Candler Dobbs papers, 1919-1944](#)

**Series 1**  
**Correspondence, 1916-1985**  
**Box 1**

**Scope and Content Note**

Series contains general correspondence, and correspondence between Prentice Miller and his associates, and between Judson "Jake" Ward and his friends and associates. The general correspondence pertains to the Coca-Cola Company, administrative correspondence about Prentice Miller and his involvement with scholarship foundations, as well as correspondence between administrative assistants for both Judson Ward and Prentice Miller. The correspondence to and from Judson "Jake" Ward deal primarily with condolences and well-wishes to Miller while he was in the hospital with declining health between 1984 and 1985. The correspondence to and from Prentice Miller are primarily regarding the multitude of scholarship foundations he was involved with and students he influenced over the years, as well as many letters of alumni and friends expressing their support for Miller after his fall and subsequent time in the hospital.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	4	General correspondence, 1916-1985
1	5	Letters from Judson "Jake" Ward, 1984-1985
1	6	Letters to Judson "Jake" Ward, 1984-1985
1	7	Letters from Prentice Miller, 1961-1977
1	8	Letters from Prentice Miller, 1979-1984
1	9	Letters to Prentice Miller, 1973-1981
1	10	Letters to Prentice Miller, 1982-1985

**Series 2**  
**Writings and speeches, 1916-1985**  
**Boxes 2-3**

**Scope and Content Note**

Series contains various manuscripts, typescripts, and printed speeches and writings from a variety of authors. The unattributed writings and speeches are from unknown authors and cover a wide variety of dates. Additionally, the series contains writings from various named authors who write on a variety of subjects, like business, religion, and general advice, dating from 1921 to 1944. There is also some printed and typed material about Prentice Miller, from both before and after his death.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order by material type.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
2	5	Unattributed writings and speeches [1 of 6]
2	6	Unattributed writings and speeches [2 of 6]
2	7	Unattributed writings and speeches [3 of 6]
2	8	Unattributed writings and speeches [4 of 6]
2	9	Unattributed writings and speeches [5 of 6]
2	10	Unattributed writings and speeches [6 of 6]
3	1	Various authors' writings and speeches, 1921-1930
3	2	Various authors' writings and speeches, 1931-1938
3	3	Various authors' writings and speeches, 1939-1944
3	4	Various authors' writings and speeches, undated
3	5	Writings and speeches about Prentice Miller

**Series 3**  
**Scholarship foundation materials, 1972-1983**  
**Box 2**

**Scope and Content Note**

Series contains materials from the various scholarship and fundraising foundations with which H. Prentice Miller was involved. Miller served on the Gordon Junior College foundation board, where he raised money for the school he had once attended. He also worked with the University of Chicago Alumni Foundation as a liaison in Atlanta, working on various fundraising efforts for the school. He also served on the board for the Ty Cobb Educational Foundation, raising money for scholarships.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order by foundation name.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
2	1	Gordon Junior College Foundation materials
2	2	Ty Cobb Educational Foundation materials [1 of 2]
2	3	Ty Cobb Educational Foundation materials [2 of 2]
2	4	University of Chicago Alumni Foundation materials

**Series 4**  
**Clippings, 1916-1944**  
**Box 1**

**Scope and Content Note**

Series contains various newspaper clippings, comprised primarily of articles about Samuel Candler Dobbs, business, and general advice.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in chronological order.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	1	Newspaper clippings, 1916-1929
1	2	Newspaper clippings, 1930-1944
1	3	Newspaper clippings, undated

**Series 5**  
**Samuel Candler Dobbs papers, 1919-1944**  
**Box 1**

**Scope and Content Note**

Series contains papers attributed to Samuel Candler Dobbs. One piece in the series, a letter confirming the appointment of Samuel Candler Dobbs as the president of the Coca-Cola Company in 1919, is noteworthy. Additionally, there are various speeches and typed manuscripts of addresses given to entities like the Coca-Cola Company and colleges and universities around Georgia on topics like the importance of higher education and the need for strongly capitalist business practices.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in chronological order and by material type.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	11	Letter of appointment to President of Coca-Cola Company, 1919
1	12	Samuel Candler Dobbs Correspondence, 1934-1940
1	13	Samuel Candler Dobbs writings and speeches [1 of 3]
1	14	Samuel Candler Dobbs writings and speeches [2 of 3]
1	15	Samuel Candler Dobbs writings and speeches [3 of 3]

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