

**MCIVER, PILGRIM MILLARD, 1916-1979.**  
**Pilgrim Millard McIver papers, circa 1919-1960**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** McIver, Pilgrim Millard, 1916-1979.  
**Title:** Pilgrim Millard McIver papers, circa 1919-1960  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1363  
**Extent:** .5 linear feet (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Papers of African American cotton farmer and poet Pilgrim Millard McIver including ledgers, notebooks, photographs, and time books.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Administrative Information**

**Restrictions on Access**

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**Source**

Purchase, 2016

**Citation**

[after identification of item(s)], Pilgrim Millard McIver papers, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

**Processing**

Arranged and described at the folder level by Sarah Quigley, June 2016.

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**Collection Description**

**Biographical Note**

Pilgrim Millard McIver was born on April 23, 1916 to Malry Christopher McIver and Clara Bynum in Sanford, North Carolina. His father was a cotton farmer and Pilgrim McIver regularly

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worked with his father on the farm. He enlisted in the United States Army at Fort Bragg (North Carolina) on January 22, 1942 and later served in the Seventh Air Force during World War Two. He married Martha Jean Tyson on February 8, 1965, and the couple had five children. McIver died on February 26, 1979.

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of the papers of Pilgrim Millard McIver from circa 1919-1960 and primarily includes ledgers, notebooks, photographs, and time books. The ledgers include financial information for an unidentified church, as well as notes and poems/lyrics probably written by McIver. There is an additional notebook that only contains poems and lyrics, and loose poems and essays, also written by McIver. The photographs primarily document McIver's service in the military and includes photos of the Seventh Air Force in Hawaii. Other photographs are of an unknown woman and her Women's Army Corps unit. The time books document labor and wages on the McIver family farm. A folder of receipts also relates to the operation of the farm and documents purchases of cotton seed and the sale of picked cotton.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order.

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## Container List

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	1	Application for Civil Service Examination, 1937
1	2	Bynum family Bible page listing birthdays
1	3	Certificate to operate school buses in North Carolina, 1937
1	4	Clippings, circa 1940-1945
1	5	Johnson, Georgia Douglas, "Trinity," and untitled poem by Kahlil Gibran, undated
1	6	Ledger and notebook, circa 1919-1929
1	7	Ledger and notebook, circa 1936-1960
1	8	Medical prescription, undated
1	9	Notebook of lyrics, circa 1933
1	10	Photographs, circa 1940s
1	11	Poems and essays, undated
1	12	Receipts, 1935-1938
1	13	Recipes, undated
1	14	Riley, James Whitcomb, "In a Friendly Sort o' Way," undated
1	15	Time book, 1935
1	16	Time book, 1943
1	17	Time book, 1946
1	18	Time book, 1947

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