

Miller Vocational High School, MPLS

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Collection title: Miller Vocational High School, MPLS

Dates: 1958-2008 (Bulk 1955-1958, 2008)

Extent: 1 half Hollinger box (.291 linear feet)

Creator: Betty Douglas Lins (& other classmates- see archivist notes)

Language of the material: English

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:

Minneapolis Public School was started in 1850. In 1914, The Miller Vocational High School was opened as a girl's school that trained women for jobs and domesticity. In 1921, the school began admitting boys (who had their own vocational school at that point). In the 1930s, the schools combined and in 1932, the Miller Vocational High School opened. The school was named after an early settler of Minneapolis named Mary Miller. The school was renowned and toured by many US dignitaries. In 1948, it was renamed to the Minneapolis high school & Technical Institute. In 1954, the school was integrated. In the 1970s, vocational education was expanded to the other high schools. According to *Forgotten Minnesota*, enrollment was at 2,300. The school started to decline to decline in the 1970s and closed in 1976. In the 1980s, it was renovated as office space. It was renamed to Century Plaza and used as office space for Hennepin County until 2017. The building is known for its modern architecture.

SCOPE & COLLECTION:

The collection was primarily donated by Betty Douglas Lins & other classmates. Since the archive was lost, various classmates (class of 1951-1967) compiled newspapers, photographs, yearbook, ephemera. Most of the items consist of items donated from the class of 1958. The collection primarily focuses on student life and alumni events. This would be a valuable collection for those studying social history, education, high school sports, and genealogy.

The collection is arranged in three series with no subseries. The series include:

- Series 1: Class reunions
- Series 2: Newspapers
- Series 3: Photographs

SEPARATION NOTES:

4 items were separated from the collection.

1. The yearbooks, The Tradewinds, was put in the yearbook collection. I copied the newspapers in brittle condition.
2. The newspapers, The Craftsman, that were copied were separated to the newsletter/newspaper collection in the reading room.
3. The photos were separated to the photo collection.
4. The Beanie/ fabric “letter” is in the 3D collection.

ACCESS

The collection is open to researchers and has no restrictions. Alumni directory was redacted because personal information such as phone numbers and addresses were included.

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RELATED MATERIAL

- Hennepin County Library, Miller Vocational High School
- Minnesota Historical Society: Tradewinds (Yearbooks) & Vocational Crier (Newspaper)

ACQUISITION

Betty Lin Douglas donated the collection in 2008.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
1	1	Archivist Notes
1	2	Class of 1958 “Scrapbook”

Series 1: Class Reunions

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
1	3	1952 & 1968 Class reunions
1	4	1989 Class reunions
1	5	2008 Class reunions

Series 2: Craftsman Newspaper

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
1	6	1955
1	7	1956
1	8	1957
1	9	1958

Series 3: Photographs

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder No.</u>	
1	10	1957-1958 Parties
1	11	1957-1958 Prom & Prep rally
1	12	1957-1958 Homecoming
1	13	1957-1958 Senior Banquet
1	14	1989 Reunion



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