

**Finding Aid for the
Caryl Halliburton Linton papers
OBU.2025.090**



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Title: Caryl Halliburton Linton papers

Dates: 1924-2022

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Abstract: Papers of both Caryl Halliburton Linton and her father, W. H. Halliburton, a writer and journalist from Clark County, Arkansas. Contains original and typescript manuscripts of W. H. Halliburton's writings, writings by Linton and her mother, Grace Halliburton, family photographs, ephemera, publications, newspaper clippings, awards, plaques and other artifacts.

Identification: OBU.2025.090

Languages: English

Acquisition Information: Gift of Caryl Halliburton Linton, April 2025.

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Scope and Contents and Arrangement

Papers contain original and typescript manuscripts of Arkadelphia journalist, W. H. Halliburton, his wife, Grace, and daughter Caryl Linton. Manuscripts include works on local history, family history, W. H. Halliburton autobiography, and poems. Some of these documents are typescripts of Halliburton's newspaper columns, possibly prepared for the 2015 Clark County Historical Association publication, *This 'N' That By Hal*. Papers also include documents from the Clark County Historical Association, family and professional photographs, pages from a 1924 travel scrapbook, publications, programs from local events, postcards, newspaper clippings, and ephemera.

Biographical Summary

Caryl Halliburton Linton (b. circa 1936) is the daughter of William Henry and Grace Leonard Halliburton. Caryl attended Arkadelphia High School. She currently resides in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

W.H. Halliburton (1887-1976) was born in 1887 in Reydel, a community in Jefferson County, Arkansas. He attended Ouachita Baptist College. His byline first appeared in 1909 when he began writing for the school's literary magazine, *Ripples*. By 1920, Halliburton was hired as the city editor of the *Daily Siftings Herald* in Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas. During this time he also served as a "stringer" for the *Arkansas Gazette*, the *Texarkana Gazette*, the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*, and other area newspapers.

He wrote feature articles for the *Arkansas Democrat's* Sunday magazine section. In 1943, Halliburton left the *Daily Siftings Herald* to edit the weekly *Southern Standard*, an older Clark County newspaper. He remained in his position until his retirement.

W. H. Halliburton covered local sports at both the high school and college levels for over sixty years. Both Arkadelphia colleges – Ouachita Baptist and Henderson State – recognized him for his contributions to their institutions. His work resulted in a publication called, *History of Athletics at Ouachita Baptist College, 1888-1943*. He received the special honor of having the 1954 Ouachita College yearbook, the *Ouachitonian*, dedicated to him.

Halliburton married Grace Leonard (1896-1978) of Camden, New Jersey, in 1925. They had two daughters, Barbara Grace (1930-2013) and Caryl Elizabeth. Caryl married Bill Earl Linton in 1955.

Keywords

Arkadelphia (Ar.)
Arkansas County (Ar.)
Bledsoe, Bennie Gene, 1917-2021
Carpenter Dam
Church camps
Clark County (Ar.)
DeWitt (Ar.)
Halliburton, Richard Henry, 1900-1939)
Hodges, Charlotte, 1900-1994
Hodges, Thomas Luther, 1868-1953
Journalism
Key, Clyde Ernest, 1903-1977
Local history
Ouachita Baptist University
Poetry
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930

Separated Material: Henderson State University Junior Band Camp, 1979 LP housed with LP Collection on RR:13.

Related Material:

W. H. Halliburton papers and accretion, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR.

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Box/Folder Contents Inventory

Box 3472

- 3472/001** Correspondence, 1971-2008
- 3472/002** Typed manuscripts, original and photocopy, of autobiographical manuscript by W. H. Halliburton, not dated
- 3472/003** Typed manuscripts of poems, most attributed to W. H. Halliburton, not dated:
 A Ouachita Idyll
 Nature and Man
 The Heavens Declare
 Nearer than the Stars
- 3472/004** Typescript copies of W. H. Halliburton manuscript on Col. W. H. Halliburton [grandfather]: three typescript copies and one photocopy of *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* journal, not dated
- 3472/005** Three copies of W. H. Halliburton typed manuscript on his grandfather: two titled "He Was Armed," and one titled "His Only Weapon," 5 July 1966 and not dated
- 3472/006** W. H. Halliburton manuscripts, typescripts:
 Mrs. C. M. (Winnie) Sanders
 Ouachita Rounds Out 50 Years [1936]
 President Taft's Visit to Arkadelphia 1909
 There Will Always be an England
 Trail of the Indians
 A College Botanical Garden [Ouachita College]
 Historic Old Jail Is Razed [Clark County]
 Clyde Key
 Historians With Mud on Their Boots [Thomas Luther Hodges and Charlotte Hodges]
 Ouachita's "Soaring" Tigers
- 3472/007** W. H. Halliburton typed manuscripts:
 [Chandler Crystal Katherine Turner]
 Iotokatook and Heavens Declare
 Iotokatook
 ["Two documents – one signed by Jefferson Davis . . ."]
- 3472/008** Three drafts of article or speech about a trip to Great Britain, 7 October 1981 not dated
- 3472/009** Typed manuscript by Grace Leonard Halliburton, not dated. 2 copies.

- 3472/010** Typed manuscripts by Caryl Linton on:
Bennie Gene Bledsoe, circa 2005
The War Years: A Kid's Eye View, not dated
The Rear View Mirror, 2011
Climbing Walls, not dated
New Years Day 1957, not dated
- 3472/011** Two manuscripts by Eugene M. Simonson, Colonel US Army, Huntsville, Alabama, and Simonson letter to editor, *Clark County Historical Journal*, 2013
- 3472/012** Spiral bound copy of "Our Special Memories," a publication from the Women's Journaling Class, Fall 2005, with essays by: Amy M. Thompson, Doris Lisemby, and Caryl Linton
- 3472/013** Documents related to the Clark County Historical Association:
Handwritten request by Caryl Linton re. publication of W. H. Halliburton essays
Manuscript by Adam Wheat
Organizational minutes, 8 January 2013
Newsletters from 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2018
- 3472/014** Photographs:
- a. Two unidentified men standing in front of Carpenter Dam, under construction, 24 July 1930
 - b. Walter Mitty party in Arkadelphia, 13 December 1947 with Phil McCorkle, Jr., Mary Jo [McCorkle], George Dews, Louise Ewing, Mrs. Faunt Smith, Ann Dews, Helen Garrison, Claudia Garrison, W. H. Halliburton, Grace Halliburton, Charlie Dews, Blanche Dews, and Faunt Smith
 - c. Arkadelphia First Methodist camp at Camp Tanako, circa 1950, with Frances McLean, Barbara Teague, Jonelle Huit, Caryl Halliburton, G. W. Lookadoo, Barbara Hunter, Ruth Stone, Margie Frantz and others
 - d. Arkadelphia High School Band, 1951 [copy photograph]
 - e. Senior party at Arkadelphia High School, 28 April 1953 with Leon Cox, Alvin Stone, Dorothy Berryman, Clem Harrell, Beryl Meeks, Jack Bell, Sybil Cox, Janice Boyd, Ruby Sturgis, Eloise Stone, Mrs. Crawley, Hazel Cooper, Clement Berryman, John Sturgis, Bonnell Birkhead, Clary Boyd, Grace Halliburton, W. H. Halliburton, Rob Crawley, Cornelius Cooper, Harrell

- f. W. H. Halliburton, Ovie Bradford, Helen Bradford, and Thelma Mattmiller standing at Arkansas Post historical marker, 3 May 1963
- g. W. H. Halliburton seated at desk, pencil in hand, 1973
- h. 22 color candid photographs of Caryl Linton and others on a trip to the USSR, July 1973
- i. W. H. Halliburton, photographic portrait, (2) not dated

- 3472/015** Pages from circa 1924 scrapbook/photograph album with newspaper clippings and photographs related to W. H. Halliburton trips to Lake Erie, Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, TN, the St. Lawrence River, Canada, Atlantic City, Niagara Falls, Boston, MA. Includes photographs from New York Yankees game in Toronto with shots of Babe Ruth and a letter of introduction from Thaddeus Caraway to Hon. Bascom Slemp, Secretary to the President, Washington, DC, 12 July 1924
- 3472/016** *Young America Sings*, 1949; a publication of the National High School Poetry Association, with poems from Arkadelphia students
- 3472/017** *Ouachita Ripples*, student literary magazine of Ouachita College, June 1911
- 3472/018** *Grand Prairie Historical Society Historical Bulletin*, Centennial Edition, [1961 or 1962]
- 3472/019** Programs from Clark County and Arkadelphia events, 2013-2022
- 3472/020** Ephemera including:
 Ouachita Baptist College student handbook, 1953-1954
 Printed documents related to the groundbreaking, presentation and dedication of the Richard Halliburton Memorial Tower at Southwestern [Rhodes College] in Memphis, TN, 1961-1962
A Brief Compact History of Clark County Arkansas 1819-1969
 Page from Ouachita vs. Henderson football game, 1979, showing former Ouachita female faculty and staff members: Evelyn Bowden, Hazel Cooper, Maude Wright, and Frances Crawford.
 Bennie Gene Bledsoe funeral program, 2005
 Arkadelphia informational brochure, 2005
 Dr. Edwina Thedford funeral program, 2016
 7th and Caddo Street, Arkadelphia [Deaton's Cleaners] real estate advertising postcard, not dated
 George Fisher cartoon of W. H. Halliburton, not dated (copy)

W. H. Halliburton plan for house renovation with attached note of explanation from Caryl Linton, not dated

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Postcards:

Sixth Street, Arkadelphia, not dated [W. H. Halliburton is pictured]. 2 copies.

Arkadelphia Passenger Station, not dated. 2 copies

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Compact disk labeled "Mr. Halliburton," not dated

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Newspaper clippings

Box 3473

Framed Hall of Honor certificate for W. H. Halliburton from the Clark County Historical Association, October 2022. 50th Anniversary awards program taped on reverse side of frame.

Henderson State Teachers College 1954 yearbook

Ouachita Baptist University yearbooks, 1918 and 1932

Plaque presented to W. H. Halliburton by Ouachita [Baptist] Athletic Department and Sigma Tau Delta, not dated.

Plaque presented to W. H. Halliburton from the Lions Club, not dated

W. H. Halliburton signature stamp