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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Ann Rogers Dillard Collection
Dates:	1951-1963
Collector:	Dillard, Ann Rogers
Physical Extent:	1 box (.917 linear feet)
Repository:	University of Mississippi. Department of Archives and Special Collections. University, MS 38677, USA
Identification:	MUM00549
Language of Material:	English
Abstract:	Publications concerning Civil Rights, particularly the 1962 integration of the University of Mississippi by James H. Meredith.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated by Ann Rogers Dillard (Mrs. John W. Dillard, Jr.), 2002.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Archives & Special Collections staff.

Additions

No further additions are expected to this collection.

Subject Terms

Meredith, James, 1933-
University of Mississippi -- History
College integration -- Mississippi -- Oxford
Civil rights

Formats

clippings (information artifacts)
serials (publications)

Biographical Note

Ann Rogers Dillard graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1963.

Historical Note

In January 1961, James Howard Meredith applied for admission to the University of Mississippi, receiving a letter of rejection on 25 May 1961. Following eighteen months of legal battles, the United States Supreme Court ruled in favor of Meredith on 10 September 1962, permitting his admission. Throughout September, Governor Ross Barnett attempted to prevent his enrollment. On 30 September 1962, Meredith arrived at the University of Mississippi campus to enroll. A riot erupted on the night of Meredith's arrival during which a white crowd attacked United States Marshals sent to protect Meredith; the arrival of federal troops ended the violence in the early hours of 1 October 1962; two bystanders were killed, 206 marshals and soldiers were wounded and 200 people were arrested during the riot. Meredith officially registered for classes in October 1962 becoming the first African-American student at the University of Mississippi.

The Open Doors events of 2002-2003 commemorated the 40th anniversary of the integration of the University of Mississippi. As part of the commemoration, various integral people involved in the events were invited to campus. A drive to solicit historical materials related to the events of 1962 was a major portion of the commemoration, as well.

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Related Material

Resources at the University of Mississippi

For more materials related to the Integration of the University of Mississippi, see our [Civil Rights & Race Relations subject guide](#).

For select images and documents related to the Integration, see the [Integration of the University of Mississippi digital collection](#).

Container List

- 1.1 Reprint. *Ebony Magazine*, November 1951
Scope: "Negroes Vote in Mississippi: Candidates Ignore Colored Vote Publicly by bid for black ballots in secret."
- 1.2 *Information Bulletin*, January 1963. Published by the Mississippi Association of Methodist Ministers and Laymen
Scope: "A Methodist Declaration of Conscience on Racial Segregation."
- 1.3 *Newsweek*, 30 September 1963
Scope: Bombing in Birmingham, Alabama
- 1.4 *New Albany Gazette*, November 1962
Scope: University of Mississippi integration
- 1.5 Newspaper Clippings, 1962
Scope: General clippings regarding the University of Mississippi integration
- 1.6 Newspaper Clippings, 1962
Scope: Clippings about *Daily Mississippian* editor Sidna Brower
- 1.7 *Commercial Appeal*, 26 September - 27 November 1962
Scope: University of Mississippi integration
- 1.8 *Commercial Appeal*, 26 September - 27 November 1962
Scope: University of Mississippi integration
- 1.9 Newspapers, 1963
Scope: Assassination and funeral of President John F. Kennedy