Inventory of the Milton D. Miller Papers, 1939-1992

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Creator: Miller, Milton D. (Milton Davis), 1911-
Title: Milton D. Miller Papers,
Date: 1939-1992
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Abstract: The Milton D. Miller Papers includes University of California, Davis Agricultural Extension Agronomist Milton D. Miller's work in the field of rice, cereal crops, oilseed crops, and food procurement. The collection spans the years 1939-1992 and contains research proposals and reports, publications, photographs, articles, and notes relating to international agricultural development, with an emphasis on rice production. The collection also documents Miller's World War II service in the Australia Branch Section of the United States Army Subsistence Procurement Branch.
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Collection number: D-043
Language of Material: Collection materials in English
Biography
Milton Davis Miller (1911-d.?) was born in Melmont, Washington in 1911 and later moved to Huntington Park, California with his parents. After his high school graduation in 1928, Miller continued his education at the University of California, Davis, where he received his bachelor's degree and a master's degree in agronomy.
In 1936, Miller was appointed Extension Farm Adviser in Ventura County, California. He held this position until 1941, when he took military leave to serve in the United States Army. During his four years serving in World War II, Miller was stationed in Australia, where he served as Technical Adviser to the United States Army and to the Australian government on food production. Miller ultimately rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.
After the war, Miller returned to agricultural extension service in California. He was assigned to the University of California, Davis (known at the time as the College of Agriculture at Davis) as Coordinating Extension Agronomy Specialist. His field assignments were in production of forage seed and in rangeland improvement. In 1949 Miller transferred to Glenn County, California, where he re-established the County Extension Service. Miller continued his work on forage seed and rangeland improvement and began work on rice culture, which would become the major focus of his career.
Miller left Glenn County in 1955 and returned to the University of California, Davis. From 1955 to 1964 he served as Extension Agronomist, was named assistant state director in 1964, and in 1966 at his request was once again Extension Agronomist. From 1966 to his retirement in 1974, Miller had state-wide Extension responsibilities for the University of California in rice, oilseed crops, and applied research on plant growth regulators. He was also appointed Unit Coordinator for the University of California's Extension programs.
In 1966, Miller was part of a team of University of California scientists that went to Thailand to aid Kasetsart University in developing its agricultural research and education programs. Miller also helped to train Peace Corps volunteers for three years. From 1971 to 1974, Miller worked with the Development and Resources Corporation to help design a twelve-year rice research program for Iran. In 1975, Miller served in Romania as a consultant to the World Bank and undertook a complete review of Romania's agricultural sector. In 1977, Miller was in Egypt as the Crop Specialist member of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Study Task Force.
Source: Milton D. and Mary M. Miller Fellowship Fund brochure, Milton D. Miller Papers, D-043, Department of Special Collections, General Library, University of California, Davis.
Scope and Content
The Milton D. Miller Papers span the years from 1939-1992. The collection contains material related to Miller's work as an Agricultural Extension Agronomist at the University of California, Davis. Also present are research proposals and reports; working papers and notes relating to the California Rice Research Board; publications, articles, and notes relating to international agricultural development with an emphasis on rice production; and reports, scrapbooks, and films documenting Miller's World War II service in the Australia Branch Section of the United States Army Subsistence Procurement Branch. The collection also includes a small set of mounted grain specimens.
Separated Material
The following items have been separated from the Milton D. Miller Papers and are now part of the Special Collections Library:

**Related Collections**
The following collections at Special Collections may also be of interest:

D-342, AgRISTARS/LACIE Collection, circa 1970-1980: This collection documents one of the first automated efforts to monitor worldwide crop production.

D-418, Francis DuBois Papers, 1930-2001: This collection contains files on rice research, Demeter Corporation, and DuBois’ involvement with the California Crop Improvement Association and the California Rice Research Board.

D-087, Richard Rominger Papers, 1977-2000: This collection contains correspondence, clippings, budget papers, agendas, and meeting notes relating to Rominger’s work with the Department of Food and Agriculture; and files on pesticides, water appropriation, soil erosion, farm labor, and natural resources.

D-255, Frank J. Veihmeyer Papers, 1924-1959: This collection contains research notes, publications, and pamphlets pertaining to Veihmeyer’s work in crop irrigation, particularly on the movement of water through soil and its availability to plants; and papers on the effects of cultivation and crop irrigation.

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

Miller, Milton D. (Milton Davis), 1911---Archives.

Agricultural development projects--Egypt.

Agricultural development projects--Iran.

Agriculture--Romania.

Agricultural education--Thailand.

Maha`witthaya’laib Kase´tsa´t

Rice--Research.

United States. Army. Services of Supply, South West Pacific Area

World War, 1939-1945--Food supply--Australia.

University of California (System). University Extension.

**Access**
Collection is open for research.

**Acquisition Information**

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**Series 1 Biographical Material and Publications by Miller 1939-1980**

Physical Description: 1.6 linear feet

Scope and Content Note
Arranged chronologically. Contains reprints, publication lists, curricula vitae, and a history of the Academic Staff Organization at UC Davis.

- Box/Folder 1: Milton D. and Mary M. Miller Fellowship Fund undated 1974
- Box/Folder 1:2-6 Publications: Prior to 1955 1939-1955
- Box/Folder 1:7 Publications 1956-1957
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| Box/Folder 4:10 | ASO (Academic Staff Organization)-UCD Formation Chronology 1980 |

**Series 2 World War II 1943-1945**

- Physical Description: 0.8 linear feet
- Scope and Content Note
  - Arranged by subject in the following subseries: Military Procurement and Photograph Albums. See also Subseries 7.1: Film for footage of World War II food production.

**Subseries 2.1 Military Procurement 1943-1945**

- Physical Description: 0.4 linear feet
- Scope and Content Note
  - Arranged chronologically. Contains records and reports related to United States Army food procurement programs in Australia. Also contains a set of letters sent to Milton D. Miller upon his departure from the United States Army.

- Box/Folder D Folio 6 Map of Australia and New Guinea undated
- Box/Folder 5:1 Procurement in Australia: Historic Record 1943-1945
- Box/Folder 5:2-4 Procurement in Australia: Historic Record 1943-1945
- Box/Folder 6:1 Subsistence Procurement Report (Draft) [1945?] Subsistence Procurement Tallies 1945
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**Subseries 2.2 Photograph Albums 1944-1945**

- Physical Description: 0.4 linear feet
- Scope and Content Note

- Box/Folder 6:3 "Australian Sojourn" Album 1944
- Box/Folder 6:4-5 South West Pacific Area Album, Volumes 1 and 2 1945

**Series 3 University of California Extension 1946-1990**

- Physical Description: 4.2 linear feet
- Scope and Content Note
  - Arranged by subject in the following subseries: General Files and California Rice Research Board Files.
Subseries 3.1 General Files 1946-1990

Physical Description: 2.7 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

Arranged alphabetically. Contains lecture notes, project proposals, and reports on rice and other crops from Milton D. Miller's career as University of California Extension Agronomist. Also contains study guides, programs from the University of California Rice Experiment Station's Rice Field Day, a set of notebooks with data on various crops, and a rural civil defense manual.

Box/Folder 7:1-3  Agricultural Aircraft Pilots' and Operators' Short Course 1959

Box/Folder 7:4  Agricultural Extension Service Handbook 1946

Box/Folder 7:5  Articles: Integrated Control 1969-1972

Box/Folder 7:6  Articles: Plant Growth Regulators 1972

Scope and Content Note

Includes article by Milton D. Miller and R.E. Johnson.

Box/Folder 7:7  California Rice Production Lecture Notes 1973

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Box/Folder 7:9  Comprehensive Research on Rice Project Proposals 1981


Box/Folder 8:3  Comprehensive Research on Rice Project Proposals: Committees 1981

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**Subseries 3.2 California Rice Research Board Files 1971-1989**

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- **Scope and Content Note:** Arranged alphabetically. Contains working papers and notes from the California Rice Research Board. Includes reports and notes on straw burning, pest and weed management, rice varieties, and water issues.

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Series 4 International Agricultural Development 1961-1986

Physical Description: 1.6 linear feet
Scope and Content Note
Arranged alphabetically. Contains project notes, published materials, and correspondence related to Milton D. Miller's agricultural consulting work in Egypt, Iran, and Romania. Also contains material on the California Survey Team's proposals for new academic programs at Kasetsart University in Thailand.

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Series 5 Newsletters 1957-1992

Physical Description: 0.9 linear feet
Scope and Content Note
Arranged by subject in the following subseries: University of California Extension Newsletters and Other Newsletters.

Subseries 5.1 University of California Extension Newsletters 1957-1992

Physical Description: 0.6 linear feet
Scope and Content Note
Arranged alphabetically. Contains newsletters from the University of California's Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Extension on rice, cereal crops, soils, and irrigation.
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**Cereal Crops Review (Butte County) 1980 July-1983 September**  
Scope and Content Note  
Continues *Rice Review*

Box/Folder 22:2  
**Cereal Crops Review (Butte County) 1984 July-1992 [April?]**  
Scope and Content Note  
Continues *Rice Review*

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*Irrigation and Drainage Letter 1957 June-1960 November*  
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*Irrigation and Drainage Letter 1961 July-1966 September*  
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*Rice Briefs (Colusa County) 1967 March-1973 August*  
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**Subseries 5.2 Other Publications 1969-1989**  
Physical Description: 0.3 linear feet  
Scope and Content Note  
Arranged alphabetically. Contains non-University of California newsletters on oil crops and air quality.

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*AGRICOMments 1976 February-1978 November*  
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*AGRICOMments 1979 February-1981 April*  
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*OILscoop 1985 March-1989 May*  

**Series 6 Environmental Studies and Reports 1974-1990**  
Physical Description: 1 linear foot  
Scope and Content Note  
Arranged in the following subseries: Air Quality, Water Resources and Quality, and Pesticide Use.
Subseries 6.1 Air Quality 1978-1981

Physical Description: 0.6 linear feet

Scope and Content Note
Arranged alphabetically. Contains reports and the working documents of the California Citizens' Advisory Council to Air Resources Board.

Box/Folder 25:4-6 Air Quality in California: William Simmons Report 1980 December
Box/Folder 25:7 Citizens' Advisory Council to Air Resources Board 1981-1982
Box/Folder 25:8 Citizens' Advisory Council to Air Resources Board: Acronyms and Abbreviations 1980 October
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Box/Folder 25:23 "Some Ways to Clean up the Air", Sacramento Regional Area Planning Commission 1978 January

Subseries 6.2 Water Resources and Quality 1974-1979

Physical Description: 0.2 linear feet

Scope and Content Note
Arranged alphabetically. Contains working documents and reports on water management for the Central Valley and water quality throughout California.

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Box/Folder 27:3 Total Water Management Study for the Central Valley Basin, California. Working Document no. 2 1974 October
Box/Folder 27:4 Total Water Management Study for the Central Valley Basin, California. Working Document no. 3A 1975 January
Box/Folder 27:5 Total Water Management Study for the Central Valley Basin, California. Working Document no. 3B 1975 January
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Subseries 6.3 Pesticide Use 1990

- **Physical Description:** 0.2 linear feet
- **Scope and Content Note**
  

| Box/Folder 28:4-5 | **Pesticide Use Report Annual 1990: Indexed by Chemical 1990** |
| Box/Folder 28:6-7 | **Pesticide Use Report Annual 1990: Indexed by Commodity 1990** |

Series 7 Other Visual Materials 1943-1979

- **Physical Description:** 2.5 linear feet
- **Scope and Content Note**
  
  Arranged by subject in the following subseries: Film, Slides, and Framed Displays.

Subseries 7.1 Film 1943-1945?

- **Physical Description:** 0.4 linear feet
- **Scope and Content Note**
  
  Arranged alphabetically. Two 16mm films on World War II food production and one unidentified 16mm film. See also Series 2: World War II for related reports, and photograph albums.

- **Film 16mm, 7 inch silver case**
  
  **ANZAC House. Lima Beans at Seabrook. 1943?**
  
  Scope and Content Note
  
  Film shows mechanization of lima bean production in New Jersey circa 1943. Used in USA food production program in Australia.

- **Film 16mm, 11 inch silver case**
  
  **"The Right Material in the Right Place" 1945?**
  
  Scope and Content Note
  
  Film on food production in Australia.

- **Film 16mm, 14 inch brown case**
  
  **Untitled 1945?**

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Inventory of the Milton D. Miller Papers, 1939-1992
Subseries 7.2 Slides 1943-1979

Physical Description: 1.3 linear feet
Scope and Content Note
Arranged alphabetically. Contains slides depicting agronomy practices, California agriculture, rice production, and University of California Cooperative Extension projects. Slides are mostly images of crops, fields, land use, and agricultural equipment. Some views of UC Davis campus mixed throughout. Also present are set of slides of United States Army food production and procurement activities in Australia and a small set of commercial slides of 1969 moon landing.

Box/Folder 28:8-29:3
Agronomy 1943-1979
Physical Description: 734 slides

Box/Folder 29:4-8
California: General 1947-1978
Physical Description: 712 slides

Box/Folder 30:1-3
California Agriculture: General 1952-1970
Physical Description: 597 slides

Box/Folder 30:4-6
California Rice Production 1947-1976
Physical Description: 362 slides

Box/Folder 30:7-8
Extension 1948-1974
Physical Description: 175 slides

Box/Folder 30:9
Moon Landing 1969
Physical Description: 18 slides

Box/Folder 30:10
Rice undated
Physical Description: 10 slides

Box/Folder 30:11
Slide List: World War II [1944]
Physical Description: Slide list for Slide Case 1

Slide Case 1
World War II [1944]
Physical Description: 119 slides, 3 rolls of film

Subseries 7.3 Framed Displays undated
Physical Description: 0.8 linear feet
Scope and Content Note
Arranged alphabetically. Contains two framed displays of barley and one framed display of wheat.

Box 31
Barley Specimens undated
Scope and Content Note
Two mounted displays of Mariout barley.

Box 32
Malting Barley Specimens undated

Box 32
Wheat Specimens undated