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## MS 051 Slusser Collection

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### SUMMARY INFORMATION

Title: Slusser Collection

Creator: Slusser, Peggy

Inclusive dates: 1898-1989

Extent: 2 boxes; 2 linear feet

Abstract: This collection contains personal items belonging to Peggy Slusser, including newspaper clippings about her relatives, correspondence to and from her relatives, correspondence to her, an empty stamp album, an Abraham Lincoln graphic novel, and calligraphy practice sheets.

Call no.: MS 051

Language: English

Repository: Peggy J. Slusser Memorial Library  
920 N. First Avenue  
Tucson, Arizona, 85719

### ACCESS & USE

Acquisition information: Presumably Peggy Slusser's parents donated the items to the Postal History Foundation with the assistance of John Birkinbine. The Tucson High School Yearbook, *Tucsonian* was donated in November 2016 by volunteer Ralph Montano (it was his wife Bertha Navarro Montano's) when Ralph realized that he had gone to high school with Peggy. Though Peggy is listed in the junior section of the 1960 yearbook, an Arizona Daily Star article indicated that she graduated in 1960. Ralph's wife's 1961 yearbook, not kept, does not include Peggy. The yearbook was never in Peggy's possession.

Restrictions: This collection contains newspapers that are crumbling and are stored separately (Box 2), not available for viewing. Photocopies of the articles are available to researchers.

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### **HISTORICAL NOTE**

Peggy Slusser was born in Herington, Kansas, 12 November, 1940. Along with her parents, Wallace “Blaine” and Bessie (Weathers) Slusser, Peggy moved to Tucson in 1948. She attended Tucson High School and later the University of Arizona, earning a Master’s Degree in correctional work. She was employed by the Pima County Superior Court.

Peggy was an active stamp collector, specializing in Micronesia. She was also an avid Civil War buff and was particularly interested in General William Tecumseh Sherman. She collected many books and memorabilia related to and from the Civil War. Much of the Postal History Foundation’s Civil War holdings came from Peggy’s collection.

Peggy had severe arthritis, and used a wheelchair from childhood. The calligraphy practice sheets in this collection are particularly remarkable considering the extreme curvature of her hands from the painful arthritis.

Peggy died on 11 September, 1991, in Tucson, Arizona. Her parents donated funds to the Postal History Foundation to build the Peggy Slusser Philatelic Memorial Library in her honor. The Foundation also received many items from her philatelic and Civil War collection. The library was completed and dedicated October 12, 1996. Bessie Slusser passed away in Tucson on 16 May 2005, and Blaine Slusser passed away in Tucson on 6 June 2007. Upon Blaine Slusser’s passing, the Foundation received an endowment for the upkeep of the library and the retention of a professional librarian. Peggy had been an only child, and she never had any children of her own.

A brief family history may also shed light on the materials in this collection. Peggy’s father, Wallace Blaine Slusser, was born to Grace Moore and Wallace H. Slusser. Many of the clippings and information in this collection is about the Moore family. Thomas Moore and Sarah Covalt (Peggy’s great grandparents) had at least six children: Grace (Peggy’s paternal grandmother), Emery, James “Blaine,” Eunice (who married Dr. J. Whitsett), John, and Clarence.

## **ARRANGEMENT**

The first series of this collection contains Peggy Slusser's items and the second series items belonging to and/or pertaining to her family history. Items are then arranged by subject matter and/or type of document.

## **SCOPE & CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains items that give insight into Peggy's interests in calligraphy, the Civil War, and her family. Researchers interested in the Slusser and Moore family history will especially find the newspaper clippings and family correspondence useful, as many names, dates, and events are mentioned. An unopened envelope Peggy sent to "Any American P.O.W." in Hanoi, Vietnam, is included in the folder containing Peggy's correspondence. Some of Peggy's notes on her family history are found in the folder containing Peggy's personal notes and mementos.

## **SUBJECT TERMS**

Slusser, Peggy  
Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)  
Correspondence  
Moore family – History

## **RELATED MATERIAL**

Related collections :       Postal History Foundation Records (MS 031)  
                                      Civil War Collection (MS 041)

Separated material:       After this material was donated, and prior to processing and forming this collection, some philatelic and Civil War (and possibly other) materials were removed. Some of these were put into the Civil War collection; others were sold by the foundation. On 18 February 2011, five modern reprints of either Lincoln or Grant photos were removed but their present location is unknown.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE**

Acquisition number :       2016-02  
Processed by:               Cosette Hutton and Valerie Kittell, April - May 2016.

**BOX AND FOLDER LISTING**

Box 1	Folder 1	Peggy Slusser correspondence	1963-1989; n.d.
	f. 2	Peggy Slusser personal notes and mementos	1955; n.d.
	f. 3	Peggy Slusser calligraphy	1982; n.d.
	f. 4	Peggy Slusser philatelic collectibles and memorabilia	1958; n.d.
	f. 5	Peggy Slusser Lincoln/Civil War memorabilia	1958-1975; n.d.
Box 1	f. 6	Peggy Slusser's Marvin Mobley tracts with envelope	n.d.; 1958
	f. 7	J. Blaine Moore correspondence	1913-1915; 1927
	f. 8	Newspaper clippings and certificate	1911; 1916; n.d.
	f. 9	<i>Christian Leader</i> magazine	1938
	f.10	Family scrapbook	1898; 1913; n.d.
	f.11	Tucson High School Yearbook <i>Tucsonian</i>	1960
Box 2		Folio of <i>The Oklahoma Farmer Stockman</i> , 10 August 1910, containing pages 5,6,19,20.	1910
		<i>The Cleveland Leader</i> , 27 January 1916 (Clarence Moore death)	1916
		<i>The Cleveland Enterprise</i> , 28 January 1916 (Clarence Moore death)	1916
		Cleveland Public School Certificate of Attainment for Grace Moore	1911
		<i>Toronto Daily Star</i> , 20 August 1955 (clipping of parade in Toronto)	1955
		<i>The Cleveland American</i> 5 November 1936 (large story about Franklin Roosevelt front page; stamped with Blaine Moore 1-37)	1936
		<i>The Tyler Star News (Middlebourne, W. Va.)</i> , 28 November 1935, pages four and five	1935
		Oversize newspaper clippings related to Abraham Lincoln	1960-1962