

W. Clifford and Daisy Tucker Collection (MC 251)

Biographical Note

William Clifford Tucker (January 19, 1898-April 13, 1961) was the editor of the *Columbus Enquirer* and continued working for the paper when it merged to become the *Columbus Ledger-Enquirer*. He worked with Julian Harris when the paper took its stand against the Ku Klux Klan for which it earned a Pulitzer Prize in 1926. He also covered the Phenix City, Alabama gambling cleanup in the 1950s.

Mrs. Tucker, born Daisy Snellgrove in Pinckard, Alabama on December 11, 1912, was a nurse during World War II, and later became the *Columbus Ledger-Enquirer's* chief librarian and head of research, besides writing book reviews and a weekly humor column. While researching a series of columns for the paper on the subject of mental illness, she made the cause one of her life-long passions, becoming the president of the Columbus Mental Health Association in 1959. She later became the publisher's secretary, before retiring in 1975. After retirement, she became a consultant to the Knight-Ridder newspaper chain. She died May 19th, 2009 at the age of 96.

Both Tuckers worked hard for the establishment of Columbus College, now Columbus State University.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of the personal and professional papers of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Tucker. It covers their careers with Columbus, Georgia journalism, as well as their involvement in social, educational and philanthropic issues. 1732-2006 2 boxes (5 l.f.)

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This material was a gift to the Archives from their son, Cliff Tucker, in January of 2011.

Note to Researchers

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[Frances Tucker Collection \(MC 269\)](#)

[Tucker Press Award Collection \(SMC 81\)](#)

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