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MSS 64 / P 18 / PN 18 / POVC 13 **Calvert-Pallen Family Papers, 1899-1982**

2 boxes; 2 cu. ft.

Biographies

The Calvert family was well known for activities in education, writing, business and theatre. Truman B. Calvert was born in 1879 to John and Elizabeth Calvert, on a Greene County farm. T.B. Calvert began his profession as an educator at an early age. While teaching, he continued his personal education at Indiana State Teacher's College; Indiana University, where he obtained his A.B. degree in 1918; and the University of Wisconsin, from which he obtained a M. Ph. degree in 1925. T.B.'s professional activities included teaching at several township schools. He was the principal of the Columbus grade school and later, of Wilson Junior High School in Muncie. In 1919, Truman served as an assistant principal of Muncie Central High School. Toward the later part of his professional career, c. 1922-1937, T.B. Calvert was the Director of Research and Budget for the Muncie City Schools.

In 1903, Truman B. Calvert married Luna Owen, the daughter of Benjamin and Ella Owen of Worthington, Indiana. Luna Owen Calvert was a clubswoman and writer of articles for the newspaper. Most of her articles were travel stories about vacation trips the family had taken. In 1943, Luna's book, *Tales of a Nomadic Wife*, was published. This book was compiled from her newspaper articles and other miscellaneous items.

The Truman and Luna Calvert family was completed with the birth of their daughter and son. Leoma Lucile was born in 1906 and Owen Meredith was born in 1908. Lucile graduated from Muncie Central High School in 1923 and went to Ball State Teacher's College to complete a two-year Grammar Grade Teaching Course. She earned a bachelor's degree from Lake Forest College in 1927, and was invited to that college to fill the position as head of the speech department. In 1929, she graduated with a master's degree from Northwestern University. After her graduation from Northwestern, Miss Calvert became an associate professor of speech and director of the University Theatre at DePauw University. She established the Reading Theatre of C.W. Post College, Long Island University, in February 1962, bringing together students and professional actors to read literature for the stage. In addition to teaching speech and dramatics at Butler University, Northwestern University, Colorado State College, and Good Counsel College in New York, Lucile was a professional actress and interpreter of the theatre. In 1945, she married Vincent Pallen, a New York musician.

The Calvert's son, Owen, who was born in 1908, graduated from Butler University in 1931 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. Following his baccalaureate he began work towards a master's degree. In about 1933, Owen was appointed as promotional agent for the Butler division of evening and extension courses. Three years later, Owen married Anna Marie Sander who also graduated from Butler University. Owen's professional Activities took him to the Curtiss-Wright plant in Indianapolis and then later in New Jersey.

The Calvert-Pallen family seemed to make significant contributions in several communities as its members taught, wrote, acted or managed businesses.

Scope and Content

This collection contains materials pertaining to the various activities of the Calvert-Pallen family. The collection is divided into seven series, the first four of which include papers of each individual family member. The TRUMAN B. CALVERT series contains papers and books which relate to his personal and professional education and to his responsibilities as Director of Research and Budget in the Muncie Community Schools.

The second series, LUNA CALVERT, contains yearbooks, program announcements and newspaper clippings dealing with various clubs in Muncie and a few other cities. The rest of this series consists mainly of copies of Mrs. Calvert's poems and newspaper articles. There is also a copy of her book, *Tales of a Nomadic Wife*.

Clippings and pamphlets of Miss Calvert's dramatic activities in school and of her professional lecture recitals make up a large part of the LUCILLE CALVERT-PALLEN series. Also included is a copy of Lucile's graduate thesis on university dramatics.

A small section of the family papers is the OWEN CALVERT series. Within this series are newspaper clippings related mostly to Owen's activities at Butler University and his marriage to Anna Marie Sander.

The fifth series, HISTORY, consists of materials within the family papers which relate more specifically to Indiana history rather than to the family itself.

Photographs of the Calverts and their house at 900-902 East Main Street are contained within the next two series, P 18 (Regular Size) and POVC 13 (Oversize). There are also pictures of school groups and unidentified individuals and negatives.

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Schools of Indiana, 1917-1918 |
| | | Educational--Personal Grade Transcripts |
| | 4 | Indiana State Normal School, c.1899-1905 |
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| | 6 | The University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1922-1925 |
| | 7 | Master's Thesis, University of Wisconsin, 1925 |
| | 8 | Record of Education, 1899-1925 |
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| | 9 | Ability Testing, 1915-1916 |
| | 10 | Department of Educational Research Bulletins (T. B. Calvert-Director), 1928-
1930, 1933, 1942 |
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| | 14 | Marriage Certificates, 1903 |
| | | Muncie Public School Publications |
| | 15 | <i>The Magician</i> --Muncie High School, 1922, 1923 |
| | 16 | <i>Muncie High School Annual</i> , 1919-1920 |
| | 17 | <i>The Wilsonian</i> --Wilson Jr. High School, 1928 |
| | | Muncie Public Schools |
| | 18 | Article in <i>The Nation's Schools</i> , c.1940 |
| | 19 | The Field House and Central High School Stadium--Programs and Reports, 1933,
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| | 20 | "Handbook for Custodial Service for School City of Muncie", September 1942 |
| | 21 | Lists of Teachers Eligible for Tenure, 1948-1950 |
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| | 23 | School City of Muncie Personnel Directories, 1936/37-1960/61 |
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| | 24 | <i>A Study of Public School Building Needs, Muncie, IN</i> , 1949 |
| | 25 | Vocational Education, 1928, c.1953 |
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| | 27 | Phi Delta Kappa, 1954-1955 |

- Luna Calvert (Mrs. Truman B.)
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Drafts
- 29 no date
- 30 c.1943, 1944
- 31 *Tales of a Nomadic Wife*, 1943
- Club Materials
- 32 Christian Woman's Fellowship (St. Petersburg, Florida), Yearbooks, 1955/56-
1956/57
- Epsilon Sigma Omicron - Alpha Chapter
- 33 Program Announcements, Scattered Issues, 1936/37-1957/58
- 34 Miscellany, 1933, 1949
- 35 The Garden Club of Indiana, Yearbook, 1936/37
- 36 Halcyon Club, Program Announcements, Scattered Issues, 1933/34-1945/46
- 37 Indiana Federation of Clubs, Annual Convention Programs, 1933, 1934
- 38 Loyal Bereans (San Antonio, Texas), Yearbook, 1960-1961
- 39 Lyr Club, Program Announcement, 1945/46 National League of American Pen
Women
- 40 Program Announcements (Indianapolis Branch), Scattered Issues, 1945/46-
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- 41 Yearbook (St. Petersburg, Florida Branch), 1956-1958
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- Program Announcements
- 42 Gaston Chapter, 1931/32
- 2 1 Muncie Chapter, Scattered Issues, 1921/22-1968/69
- 2 Correspondence, c.1932-1951, 1970
- 3 Diplomas and Certificates, 1884-1885, 1889, 1898, 1933, 1944, 1950
- Newspaper Articles
- 4 Family, no date
- 5 Scrapbook of Articles with Pictures, no date
- 6 Travel Stories by Mrs. Calvert, 1929-1941
- 7 Women's Clubs, c.1922-1938
- 8 Miscellany, c.1928-1930
- 9 State Park Pamphlets, c.1770s, 1940s
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- 10 T.B. Memorial Library. Muncie Central High School, 1964-1981
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- 12 "Ceiling Zero" (Play directed by Lucile Calvert)--DePauw University, 1936
- 13 *The Glory that is Greece*, arranged and adapted by Lucile Calvert-Pallen, no date
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- 15 Reading Theatre of C.W. Post College, Long Island University, 1975
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- Student Materials
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- 18 The Garrick Players, 1925-1927
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- 19 1929
- 20 Thesis, *A Comparison of the Aims and Methods in Teaching and Production of University Dramatics*, 1929
- 21 Travel, c.1931-1973
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- 23 Miscellany, 1923, 1925, 1977

- Owen Calvert
- 2 24 Anna Marie Sander Calvert Activities, no date
- 25 Marriage to Anna Marie Sander, 1936
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		People--Identified
	3	c.1950s-1960s
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	5	Luna Owen Calvert, no date
	6	Owen Calvert?, c.1920-1940
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	9	Miscellany, c.1900-1960

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Negatives, no date

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	2	Indiana State Sophomore Athletic Team, 1901

- 3 John Wesley Calvert Family?, c.1908
- 4 Truman B. Calvert, no date
- 5-7 Wilson High School Basketball Teams, c.1922-1923

K. Dean, 12 December 1990