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Dr. W. Philip Ball Papers 1930-2009 MSS 213

Title: Dr. W. Philip Ball papers

Creator: Dr. W. Philip Ball

Collection Number: MSS 213

Inclusive Dates: 1930-2009

Extent: 11.5 cubic feet

Containers: 33 boxes

Language of Materials:
Materials entirely in English

Preferred Citation:

Dr. W. Philip Ball Papers, Archives and Special Collections, Ball State University Libraries

Administrative History:

Dr. W. Philip Ball was born in Muncie, Indiana in 1919 to Dr. Clay A. Ball and Mrs. Helen Mauk Ball. Dr. Ball is a member of the original Muncie Ball family that came to the area in the 1830s. He graduated from Muncie Central High School in 1936, studied at Ball State Teachers College, and earned his A.B. (1940) and M.D. (1942) degrees from Indiana University. He then interned at Cook County Hospital in Chicago (1943), and had specialty training in internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic where he earned a Master of Science in Medicine from the University of Minnesota (1948-1951). He practiced medicine for forty-three years in Muncie, Indiana, and later taught internal medicine residents and medical students at Ball Memorial Hospital. In 1992, the Indiana Chapter of the American College of Physicians named him Internist Laureate. Dr. Ball also served in the Navy as a medical officer during World War II.

In 1970, Dr. Ball gave testimony to the U.S. Senate hearing on the problems of the birth control pill. His testimony was broadcast and printed around the world. These hearings led to new FDA regulations regarding the pill.

In addition to his medical career, Dr. Ball has also been a published writer for more than fifty

years. He has had hundreds of letters, articles, and columns printed in local newspapers, national newspapers, medical publications, and has published six books. Much of his literary work has been published under the pseudonym Charles F. Coldwater, M.D., who is the self proclaimed Mayor-for-Life of the west Muncie community known as Normal City. In 1992, Ball was designated as Poet Laureate by the Indiana House of Representatives, and in 1996 was given a Special Citation Award by the Ball State University Department of Journalism in recognition of his numerous contributions to local newspapers.

Ball is a member of Muncie Rotary, the Delaware-Blackford Medical Society, the honorary staff of the Ball Memorial Hospital, and the American College of Physicians. He also has been a long time board member of the local Keep Cool with Coolidge Club, the National Mothers' March on Hernia, and the American Grackelgoober Disease Society.

Dr. Ball is married to Esther Ebrite Ball. Mrs. Ball is a retired schoolteacher and worked with the cryptographic division of the FBI and with the military intelligence during World War II. They have three children. (Information taken from "Obituary Script," and Curriculum Vitae, Phil Ball)

Scope and Content:

This collection includes the written works of Dr. Philip Ball, originals and copies of his newspaper column at the *Muncie Star Press*, other published articles and letters, correspondence, both personal and business, as well as his research on Calvin Coolidge. There are also several boxes of information on his family, including biographical information on both his mother and father. There are several computer disks with the works of Dr. Ball, video (V 213) and audio cassettes (R 213) that feature him, photographs (PSC 220, POVA 213), slides (S 213), and negatives (PN 213). Also included are his diplomas and honors.

Conditions Governing Access:

This collection is open for research.

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Custodial History:

The papers of Dr. W. Philip Ball were received by Archives and Special Collections as a donation from Dr. W. Philip Ball on 2001/09/25 with yearly additions.

Accruals: Additions are expected.

Processing Information:

Collection processing completed 2001/11 by A. Benefiel.

Finding aid created 2001/11 by A. Benefiel.

Finding aid revised 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008, and 2009.

Finding aid revised 2009/05/18 by Rachel N. Miller.

EAD finding aid completed 2009/05/19 by Maren L. Read

Arrangement:

The collection was organized by Phil Ball himself, who implemented his own coding system. We attempted to keep true his organizational scheme, but for the sake of user ease, we amended his organizational schemes when needed to reflect the item's date.

The Dr. Phil Ball Papers are organized in the following series:

- Series I: Computer Manuscripts
- Series II: Correspondence
- Series III: Publishing
- Series IV: Children's Stories
- Series V: Philip Ball
- Series VI: Clay Adra Ball
- Series VII: Helen Mauk Ball
- Series VIII: Family Correspondence
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- Series XV: Photographic Materials

Controlled Access Headings:

- Muncie (Ind.)
- Stoeckel Archives of Local History
- Ball, Dr. Philip, 1919-
- Coldwater, Dr. Charles F., 1919-
- Ball, Dr. Clay Adra
- Ball, Mrs. Helen Mauk
- Coolidge, Calvin, 1872-1933
- Star Press (Muncie, Ind.)
- Journalist
- Physician
- Newspapers
- Correspondence
- Documents
- Photographs

Collection Inventory:

Series I: Computer Manuscripts

Box	Contents
1	Writings, 1993-1997 Coldwater IV Coldwater V Coldwater VI Coldwater VII Personal Letters (Perslet 10), 1999/01/01 - 2000/03/14 Personal Letters (Perslet 12), 2002/12/15 - 2004/04/09
2	Essays 1 Essays 2 Essays 3 Essays 4 Essays 5 Essays 6 Essays 7 Essays 8 Essays 9 "Love in a Library" Medical Education "The Senile Man"
3	"Our Neighborhood," 1997/09/29 "Our Neighborhood," 1998/03/11 "Our Neighborhood," 1998/08/10 "Our Neighborhood," 1999/02/01 "Our Neighborhood," 1999/07/13 "Our Neighborhood," 1999/10/15 "Our Neighborhood," 2000/01/30 "Our Neighborhood," 2001/12/01 "Our Neighborhood," 2002/04/13
4	"Our Neighborhood," undated Poetry I Poetry III

Series II: Correspondence

Box	Contents
5	Letters, 1960-1967 Letters, Business and Personal, 1972-1984 Letters, Business and Personal, 1985 Letters, Business and Personal, 1986

- Letters, Business and Personal, 1987-1989
- Letters, Business and Personal, 1990
- Letters, Business and Personal, 1991
- 6 Letters, Business and Personal, 1992, Folder 1 of 2
- Letters, Business and Personal, 1992, Folder 2 of 2
- Letters, Business and Personal, 1993
- Letters, Business and Personal, 1994
- Letters, Business and Personal, 1995
- 7 Letters, Business and Personal, 1996
- Letters, Business and Personal, 1997
- Letters, Business and Personal, 1998
- Letters, Business and Personal, 1999 Jan-June
- Letters, Business and Personal, 1999 July-Dec.
- Letters, Business and Personal, 2000
- 8 Letters, Business and Personal, 2001
- Letters, Business and Personal, 2002
- Letters, Business and Personal, 2003
- Letters, Business and Personal, undated
- Letters, Business and Personal, Christmas Letters, 1959-2002
- Correspondence with Sven & Boel Edmark, 1976-1986
- Correspondence with Nick Clark, Minnetrista Cultural Center, 1989-1990
- Correspondence about Poet Laureate, 1991-1292
- Correspondence with Ed & Virginia Ball (the Buffalo Balls)
- Correspondence with Henry Bird, MSP, 2000-2001

Series III: Publishing

- | Box | Contents |
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| 9 | Clippings collected by Mrs. Helen Mauk Ball |
| | Articles and Letters to Newspapers, 1975-1983 |
| | Articles and Letters to Newspapers, 1984 |
| | Articles and Letters to Newspapers, 1985 |
| | Articles and Letters to Newspapers, 1986 |
| 10 | Articles and Letters to Newspapers, 1987, Folder 1 of 2 |
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- 12 Articles and Letters to Newspapers, 1997, Folder 2 of 2
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Articles and Letters to Newspapers, 1998, Folder 2 of 2
Articles and Letters to Newspapers, 1999, Folder 1 of 2
- 13 Articles and Letters to Newspapers, 1999, Folder 2 of 2
Articles and Letters to Newspapers, 2000 Jan.-April
Articles and Letters to Newspapers, 2000 May-Aug.
Articles and Letters to Newspapers, 2000 Sept.-Dec.
Articles and Letters to Newspapers, 2001 Jan.-June
Articles and Letters to Newspapers, 2001 July-Dec.
Articles and Letters to Newspapers, 2002/01/01-2002/12/23
Articles and Letters to Newspapers, 2003/02/03-2003/12/31
- 14 *The Muncie Star*, Bob Barnet column, Book I, Folder 1 of 2
The Muncie Star, Bob Barnet column, Book I, Folder 2 of 2
The Muncie Star, Bob Barnet column, Book II, Folder 1 of 2
The Muncie Star, Bob Barnet column, Book II, Folder 2 of 2
The Muncie Star, Bob Barnet column, Book III, Folder 1 of 2
The Muncie Star, Bob Barnet column, Book III, Folder 2 of 2
The Muncie Evening Press, Letters to Mr. Harold Trulock, Editor Book I, Folder 1 of 2
The Muncie Evening Press, Letters to Mr. Harold Trulock, Editor Book I, Folder 2 of 2
Correspondence, 1958-1980
Correspondence, 1981- 1982
Correspondence, 1983-1984

Series IV: Children's Stories

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| 15 | "Annie Gets Lost in the Snow"
"The Search for Summer, Tracy and Rory, A Fanciful Story"
"Bert the Flying Pony"
"Cliff and the Big Fish"
"A Story about a Girl Called Kelsey and a Chicken Named Henny Penny" |

Series V: Personal Papers

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| 16 | Art Show at F. B. Fogg, 2002/06/01
Award Certificates
Biographical Information on Phil Ball
Ball State Journalism Dept. Special Citation |

- Career as an Artist
- Humpback Barn Poetry Festival
- “My Indiana,” music by Leonard Atherton, lyrics by Phil Ball
- 17 Article on Phil Ball by Dr. T. Hayashi,
Journal of Yasuda Women’s University, No. 27, 1999
- Medical Poems
- Muncie Star Medical Article
- Normal City
- Old School Farm Parties
- Poems “A Coldwater Sampler”
- Promotion for Books
- Responses to Books
- School Report Cards
- Unpublished Writings and Humor

Series VI: Clay Adra Ball Files (Father)

- Box Contents
- 18 Clay Ball 100th Birthday Scrapbook
- Dr. Clay Ball – Pins
- Biographical Writings on Clay Ball
- Clark Cemetery, Family Information
- Charles Ebrite
- Ball Family Information
- Dr. Clay Ball- Career
- Poetry for Clay Ball
- “A Father and Son Portrait”
- Duplicate Clinical Chart of Clay Ball
- Dr. Clay Ball’s Death
- Dr. Clay Ball - Clippings, Folder 1 of 2
- Dr. Clay Ball - Clippings, Folder 2 of 2

Series VII: Helen Mauk Ball Files (Mother)

- Box Contents
- 19 Biography Copies
- Birth Certificate
- Cemetery
- Gift Acknowledgments, Folder 1 of 2
- Gift Acknowledgments, Folder 2 of 2
- Helen Ball’s Medical Chart
- Hillsdale College
- Legal and Financial
- Letters
- Mauk Family Information
- Sympathies

Brothers: Edward and Harold C.

Series VIII: Family Correspondence

Box	Contents
20	Family Correspondence, 1930-1939 Family Correspondence, 1940-1942 Family Correspondence, 1943-1944 Family Correspondence, 1945-1946 Family Correspondence, 1970

Series IX: Medical Papers

Box	Contents
21	Medical publications with articles by or about Dr. Ball Medical Career Birth Control Pill Medical Editorial Correspondence to "Recollection of a Middletown Physician" Writings – Nihilism Writings – Medical Thrombocytopenia etc., reprints Writings – "Gatekeeper" Bureaucracy Letter Mayo Articles Medical Article Correspondence, Folder 1 of 2 Medical Article Correspondence, Folder 2 of 2

Series X: Calvin Coolidge Files

Box	Contents
22	Articles on Coolidge <i>Calvin Coolidge: From the Farm to the White House</i> Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation Calvin Coolidge Memorial Room Pamphlets Campaign Stickers Cartoons Correspondence on Calvin Coolidge <i>Daily Record</i> , 1933/01/07 "Herbert Hoover's Mountain Retreat" Image of Mrs. Calvin Coolidge Images of Calvin Coolidge "Keep Cool and Keep Coolidge" (sheet music) New York Herald Picture Section, 1923/09/16 "Our Democracy in Action" Coolidge, 1923 Plymouth Notch, Vermont

Presidential Art Medal Pamphlet
Quotes
The Real Calvin Coolidge, Volume 1-5
Return to These Hills: The Vermont Year of Calvin Coolidge
Rutland Herald, 1923/08/03
"To The American People"
Will of Calvin Coolidge
World Wide Web Print-outs

Series XI: Electronic Files

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- 6 *Phil Ball Reader, First Half, 1997/07/15*
- 7 *Phil Ball Reader, Second Half, 1997/07/15*
- 8 Book, 1993
- 9 Backup (Zip disk), 2001/08/18
- 10 Backup (Zip disk), 2003/01/04
- 11 Backup (Zip disk), 2004/04/14
- 12 Backup (CD-ROM) WordPerfect files and MSWord Files, undated
- 13 Backup (CD-ROM) MS Word computer files, burned on 2006/12/28
- 14 Backup (CD-ROM) MS Word computer files, burned on 2008/03/11
- 15 DVD of Phil Ball Interview, WIPB-TV, 2007

Series XII: Addition, 2004/07/19

- Box Contents
- 23 Slide Show Talks and related materials, #1-2, #3-5
- Parties given by Phil and Esther Ball, 1973-1998
- Friends of Bracken Library Speech, 2004/07/04
- Computer Manuscripts – Essays 10
- Computer Manuscripts – “Our Neighborhood,” 2004/12/16
- Computer Manuscripts – Perslet 13
- Computer Manuscripts – Essays, 2003
- Correspondence – Letters, Business and Personal, 2003
- The Mayo Alumnus*, 1984 April
- Publishing – Articles and Letters, 2005-2006
- Publishing – Newspaper Columns, 2004

Series XIII: Addition, 2001/01/01

- Box Contents
- 24 Computer Manuscripts – Computer Files – Perslet 14, 2004-2005
- Computer Manuscripts – Computer Files – Perslet 15, 2005-2006
- Computer Manuscripts – Computer Files – Perslet 16, 2006
- Computer Manuscripts – Computer Files – Our Neighborhood, 2005-2006
- Computer Manuscripts – Computer Files – Essays, 2005-2006
- Correspondence – Letters, Business and Personal, 2004
- Correspondence – Letters, Business and Personal, 2005
- Publishing – Newspaper Columns, 2005

Series XIV: Addition, 2008/03/10

- Box Contents

- 25 Computer Manuscripts – Computer Files – Essays13, 2006-2007
- Computer Manuscripts – Computer Files – Essays14, 2006-2007
- Computer Manuscripts – Computer Files – Perslet16, 2006-2007
- Computer Manuscripts – Computer Files – Perslet17, 2005-2007
- Computer Manuscripts – Computer Files – Neighb13, 2006
- Correspondence – Letters, Business & Personal, 2006 (Folder 1 of 2)
- Correspondence – Letters, Business & Personal, 2006 (Folder 2 of 2)
- Publishing – Letters and Newspaper Columns, 2006
- Publishing – Personal, undated

Series XV: Addition, 2009/03/11

- Box Contents
- 27 Backup (CD-ROM) 2009 Feb.
- Computer Manuscripts – Computer Files – Essays15, 2007-2008
- Computer Manuscripts – Computer Files – Neighb13, undated
- Computer Manuscripts – Computer Files – Perslet18, 2008-2009
- Correspondence – Letters, Personal, Essays, 2007-2009 (Folder 1 of 2)
- Correspondence – Letters, Personal, Essays, 2007-2009 (Folder 2 of 2)
- Publishing – Newspaper Columns and Letters, 2007
- Publishing – Newsletters, *Rotary Newsletter*, 2005-2008

Series XVI: Artifacts

- Box Contents
- 28 Plug-in electric medical device, purpose unknown
- Wapahani Miracle Indian Tonic
- See-uprscope [map case]
- Mark IV Paranoiascope
- Jocko-scope
- Automatic Electrified Reflex Hammer w/ pilot light
- Endauroscope
- Your Own Coloring Book of Hemorrhoids
- Luddite Hourglass Wristwatch
- Air Cooled Jockey Shorts
- Miscellaneous

Series XVII: Oversized Materials

- Box Contents
- 29 Honors and Diplomas
- Wooden Office Plaque
- Scrapbook about the Pill Controversy
- Normal City Bumper Stickers

Series XVIII: Audio Recordings (R 213)

Box	Contents
30	“HX Muncie Talk” “Clay Ball 99th Birthday Rotary Proclamation”

Series XIV: Video Recordings (V 213)

Box	Contents
31	WIPB Video of Phil Ball Interviewing Clay Ball, 1978 The Triennial Lecture on Advanced Rhinodigitosis, 1981 The Quadrennial Lecture on Advanced Rhinodigitosis, 1986 An Environment for Medical Excellence (brief appearance by Phil Ball), 1990 Physician Recognition Banquet (narration and script by Phil Ball), 1991 American College of Physicians Laureate Award to Philip Ball, M.D., 1992 BSU 75th Anniversary Lecture Series, 1993 Dr. Ball & Mrs. Spratt, Patient Interview, 1994 Illustration of Poem by Dr. Ball, 1995 The National Film Board of Canada, “The Pill”

Series XV: Photographic Materials

Subseries IA: Photographs (PSC 220)

Folder	Contents
32	Nine (9) pictures of Clay Ball, undated Two (2) pictures of Helen Ball, undated Two (2) pictures of Helen and Clay Ball, undated Fourteen (14) pictures of Phil Ball, undated One (1) picture of Dr. Clay’s Ball home office, undated Two (2) pictures of Helen and Clay Ball’s gravestones, undated Three (3) pictures of Willard building and statue, undated One (1) picture of Emerson School classroom, undated Eight (8) pictures of Calvin Coolidge, undated

Subseries IA: Photographs (POVA 213)

Box	Contents
32	Phil Ball, 1945 Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Coldwater, undated

Series IB: Negatives (PN 213)

Folder	Contents
32	Four (4) negatives

Series IC: Slides (S 213)

Box	Contents
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33 Eleven (11) slides of Phil Ball and family members, undated

Seven (7) slide presentations:

Lecture on Rhinodigitosis (nose picking), undated

A talk given to Pathology residents at Ball Memorial Hospital, undated

Amazing Historical Facts about Doctoring, undated

Strychnine, Quinine, and Calomel, 1993 and 1995

The Unbelievable History of Medicine in Muncie, undated

Nineteenth Century Medicine in Muncie, undated

Friends of Bracken Library Speech, 2004/04/07