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Donated by Dr. Samuel Dale Myres in 1972.

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Biography

Dr. Samuel Dale “Ted” Myres Jr. (April 16, 1899 – April 22, 1987) was a professor, editor, and writer. His father, Samuel Dale Myres (1871 – 1953), owned the S.D. Myres Saddle Company and was a civic leader in Texas. Myres Jr. graduated from Sweetwater High School and in 1916 entered Trinity University. After two years at Trinity, Myres transferred to the University of Texas at Austin (UT) and later to Southern Methodist University (SMU). He graduated with an AB in English from SMU in 1920. In July 1924, Myres was admitted to the bar of Texas by examination. He received a PhD in government from UT in 1929. After receiving a travel fellowship, Myres studied in Switzerland and traveled to London, Paris, and Jerusalem. During this time, he also worked as a special correspondent for the Dallas Morning News and wrote about the political situation in Palestine. In 1932, Myres returned to SMU and established a series of public policy monographs and served as editor of the *Southwest Review*. He received an honorary doctor of law degree from Trinity. During the 1940s, Myres received training in portraiture and photography and operated a photography school, the Southwest Photo Arts Institute, in Dallas for eight years.

In 1954, Myres closed the school and moved to El Paso to go into the family’s saddle business. He later moved to Ciudad Juárez and started a leather good company there. Myres also started a second career as a history professor at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) in 1955. He later became a full professor and served as head of the history department. In 1961, he started editing a new series of monographs about southwestern history – *Southwestern Studies* – as part of his work as an editor for Texas Western Press (UTEP’s press). The first *Southwestern Studies* monograph was published in 1963. During his career with Texas Western Press, Myres edited 25 *Southwestern Studies* monographs and edited around 60 books. He also wrote several books about politics and southwestern history. Myres’ autobiography, *The Education of a West Texan: A Personal Account, 1899 – 1985*, was published by Texas Western Press in 1985.

[Source: petroleummuseum.org; Handbook of Texas Online, accessed April 6, 2020; “S.D. Myres: A Foreword” by Dale Walker, *NOVA*, Spring 1970; ancestry.com, accessed April 7, 2020]

Series Description or Arrangement

These papers are minimally processed.

Scope and Content Notes

The Samuel Dale Myres papers date 1903 – 1983. Types of records include correspondence, Dr. Myres' autobiography, clippings, photographs, and publications. These papers help document Dr. Myres' career and include some photographs related to his father's saddle company.

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Notes to the Researcher

See also:

Politics in the South: An Estimate

The Nature of Present-Day Public Speaking

Community Development in Palestine

Party Bolting

The Education of a West Texan: A Personal Account

The Permian Basin: Petroleum Empire of the Southwest

and other publications.

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1	7	Correspondence, newspaper clipping, magazine article, <i>Congressional Record</i> vol. 109, no. 141, 1963
1	8	TWC Press
1	9	Philosophical Society of Texas Proceedings 1964, correspondence, newspaper clipping, editorial, map of Brewster County, notes
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2	6	Newspaper clipping, notes, photocopies, photographs (gun in tooled-leather holster, Trinity University Administration Building), correspondence
2	7	Correspondence—letters to Dr. Myres from Clayton W. Williams
2	8	<i>The Southwesterner</i> (newspaper) May, 1967, correspondence, notes
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