

Abstract

The papers of Olive Lord McMillan consists of family photographs, family correspondence, news clippings, scrapbooks, vital records, quit claim deeds, a map, a menu, a Mira Mar cigar box, a resolution, and a service certificate. There is an album in the collection that holds quick claim deeds, business cards, bank books, post cards, business cards, correspondence, Lord family lineage information, performance programs, and clippings.

Descriptive Summary

Title	Olive Lord McMillan family paper, 1903 - 1998
Creator	Olive Lord McMillan
Extent	3.5 linear feet
Repository	Sarasota County Historical Resources
Arrangement	Subject, chronological
Language	English

Administrative Information

Access restriction	No restrictions apply.
Use restrictions	No restrictions.
Copyright notice	Copyright restrictions may apply.
Preferred citation	Sarasota County Historical Resources Manuscript Collection
Provenance	The Olive Lord McMillan papers were gifted to Sarasota County by Olive Lord McMillan's daughter, Diane Smith October 13, 2014.

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Biographical note

Olive Lord McMillan was the daughter of Joseph H. Lord and Willie Mae Byrd Lord. Olive was born in Chicago on April 5, 1921 but grew up in Sarasota, Florida with her brother J. H. Lord, Jr. and sister, Louise Lord. Olive Lord earned a Bachelor of Music with a minor in Spanish from

Stetson University. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (Gilbert Marshall Chapter) and National Societies Colonial Dames 17th Cent. (Henri de Tonti Chapter).

Olive Lord's father, J. H. Lord, was instrumental in the initial development of Sarasota. J. H. Lord came to Sarasota in 1896 from Orlando where he was practicing law. He settled in Venice where he developed a citrus grove that he sold to the Palmer interests. Lord moved to Sarasota in 1906. Lord was the President of the First Bank and Trust Company and for three years served as president for the Sarasota Board of Trade. In 1909, Lord became associated with A. B. Edwards and the real estate firm of Lord and Edwards was formed. It was through the Chicago based Lord and Edwards office that Mrs. Potter Palmer became interested in Sarasota.

Lord had large land holdings in Sarasota in the city proper, along the bay and suburban acreage. Lord built the Lord Building which held the First Bank and Trust Company and The First National Bank as well as the adjoining arcade known as Lord's Arcade at Five Points. Owen Burns organized the bank in 1911 and moved from cramped quarters to the Lord Building.

In 1922, he was the largest individual land owner in the county holding more than 50,000 acres. He fought strongly in the legislature for a no-fence law. He was a Democrat who served as the second representative to the state legislature in 1923 and the first Sarasotan in the state legislature.

Box List

Box	Folder Title
1	J. H. Lord photography album with multiple images of Lord and other family members, late 19 th century.
2	Scrapbook for movie and radio, 1930s-1940s and a scrapbook for screen and radio 1930s-1940s.
3	Framed photograph of Louise Lord, 1899, a framed photograph of J. H. Lord and Willie Mae Lord on their Golden Golden Wedding Day and a J. H. and Willie Mae Lord scrapbook album with material dating from 1903 – 1949 that holds postcards, photographs, news clippings, Lord family lineage, church music recital programs, personal correspondence, note cards, warranty deeds, tax receipts, obituaries, bank books, membership cards, tax records and business cards.
4	Mira Mar wood cigar box, ca 1928.

5 Subject files

- 1 Olive Lord birth certificate, 1921.
- 2 Correspondence between Olive Lord and J. H. Lord, 1931 – 1934.
- 3 Correspondence J. H. Lord and J. H. Lord, Jr., 1935-1936.
- 4 Correspondence Kathryn Harris, 1936.
- 5 Correspondence, personal, J. H. Lord, Jr., 1936.
- 6 Correspondence, J. H. Lord, Jr. and Honorable John L. Early, State of Florida Representative, 1937.
- 7 Writing, Howard Foster family, 1937.
- 8 Death certificates and receipts: Willie Mae Byrd Lord Wyles; Julia Byrd; and Joseph Haley Lord, Jr.
- 9 Menu, Las Novedades, ca 1959.
- 10 Map of New York City, New York, no date.
- 11 News articles, 1922, 1924, 1934, 1996, and 1997.
- 12 Obituaries: J. H. Lord, 1936; Emil H. Medicus, 1980; and W. E. Byrd, 1901.
- 13 Quit Claim Deed, John H. and Mary Gillespie and J. H. Lord, 1903.
- 14 Souvenir, the cathedral church of St. John the Divine in new York City, no date.

6 Photographs

- 1 Joseph Lord Family, Boston, Massachusetts, 1895.
- 2 Olive Lord, 1921.
- 3 Louise Lord, 1922, 1930s, and 1940s.
- 4 Louise Lord, 1938 and 1940s.

Oversized

Framed Photograph J. H. Lord
Framed photograph Louise Lord.
Framed certificate of service.