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The Daniel Kirkwood Manuscript Collection

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The Daniel Kirkwood Manuscript Collection Finding aid

Collection Overview

Creator: Daniel Kirkwood

Title: The Daniel Kirkwood Manuscript Collection

Dates: 1960-1990, undated

Quantity: 1.25 Linear Feet (2 boxes)

Abstract: Daniel Kirkwood is an accomplished poet, songwriter, musician and retired educator from Prairie View A&M University. His collection consists of his poems in customized designs and mixed media materials.

Identification: MSS0022

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Language: The materials are in English.

Repository: Prairie View A&M University

Biographical Note: Daniel Kirkwood is a native of Tyler County, having grown up two miles northwest of Colmesneil, the son of Lillie Mae Kirkwood and Charlie Kirkwood. He attended both Gilder High School in Colmesneil and Scott High in Woodville. Later, he attended college at Prairie View A&M after serving in the U.S. Army.

Kirkwood holds several degrees and certifications including a Master of Education, a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Arts with a Teaching Certificate, and a Certificate in Brick Masonry from Prairie View A&M University. Mr. Kirkwood's life experience includes a two-year tour of duty in the United States Army during which time he attended Self Help Engineering School in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

Mr. Kirkwood has taught Mathematics, Carpentry, Concrete Work, Cabinet Masonry, Blueprint Reading and Drafting at Prairie View A&M University. In addition, Mr. Kirkwood has a talent for writing poetry which his collections have copies of famous works in lamination form.

Musical Era

Kirkwood began music career in singing at the Zion Hill Baptist Church choir in Colmesneil. He still worships and serves at the church. He also sang with the group the Singing Hearolds of Prairie View, and at several churches. He recorded his album *God is the Light*, which features several of his original gospel songs.

The Album “God is Light” has been played on all the religious radio stations in Houston. Mr. Kirkwood also has a CD entitled “The Star of Dixie” commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King.

Sources:

Edwards, Chris. (2024). Kirkwood to Speak at Texas Independence Day Celebration. *East Texas News*. <https://easttexasnews.com/tyler-county-news-breakout/5904-kirkwood-to-speak-at-texas-independence-day-celebration>

The Daniel Kirkwood Personal Papers Collection, MSS0022, Special Collections/Archives Department, John B. Coleman Library, Prairie View A&M University.

Scope and Contents Note: The collection is small and only contains a few items about Daniel Kirkwood. The arrangement is in two series of Kirkwood Poems and Mixed Media of vinyl records.

Series One: Printed Materials,

The collection has over 40 copies of famous works in lamination form of various poems and sermons created by Daniel Kirkwood.

Series Two: Mixed Media,

The collection has one vinyl record of *God is the Light* and five reel-to-reel tapes. These mixed media items are individual boxes.

Administrative Information

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Related Material: The Panther Newspaper Collection

The PVAMU University Publications Collection: Faculty & Staff News Collection.

The Prairie View Faculty and Staff Collection.

Index Terms

Kirkwood, Daniel.

Prairie View Normal and Industrial College (Prairie View, TX)

Prairie View (TX).

Inventory

Box #	Folder #	Title/Description	Date	Location
	Series 1: Printed Materials, Undated			
1	1	Awakening at daybreak	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	2	“God is the light” CD + biography	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	3	Leaves in four seasons	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	4	Hold me poem	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	5	Do well, what you do poem	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	6	My hands to thee	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	7	The L. B. J. chant	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	8	Never in this lifetime	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	9	Memories on Mother’s Day	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	10	A bouquet for the president	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	11	Jim Andrews	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	12	An invitation to Jesus	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	13	The great white cloud	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	14	The king! The cross! The crown!	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	15	Refugees	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	16	The widow’s web	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	17	Sister Sue and Uncle Sam	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	18	The eye of heaven	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	19	Across life’s sea	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	20	Reflection	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	21	A tear	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	22	Be rich for what you are	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	23	The star of dixie	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	24	The moses from dixie	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	25	Mother's swan song, wish me well!	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	26	News article: probably last area survivor of antebellum days	1960	R25/C1/R4
1	27	The woman of the sea	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	28	Sonnet one zero	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	29	It's spring! It's spring!	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	30	Faith of sweet surrender	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	31	They are gone	Undated	R25/C1/R4

1	32	News article: the profile of a black, southern rural principal by Daniel Kirkwood	1990	R25/C1/R4
1	33	A wedding song	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	34	Infiltration	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	35	The holy lamb: the great I am...	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	36	"...Be with me in paradise'	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	37	A letter to a wayward mom at XMAS	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	38	David's Tenthousand	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	39	The Kennedy train	Undated	R25/C1/R4
1	40	Four jets hijacked	2001	R25/C1/R4
1	41	Miscellaneous Files	Undated	R25/C1/R4
Series Two: Mixed Media, Undated				
2	1	God is the light by Daniel Kirkwood (vinyl record)	Undated	R25/C1/R4
2	2	All along this pilgrims way by the sons of Rev. C. R. Kirkwood (2 copies)	Undated	R25/C1/R4
2	3	He's calling me sister Gladys Arline at the piano with the Airline Sisters and the Little Baptist Church Choir	Undated	R25/C1/R4
2	4	Unsung melody by D. LaRandolph K. (2 copies)	Undated	R25/C1/R4