SUMMARY INFORMATION

Title: Eleanor B. Hunter Collection of J. Lyles Alley
Dates: 1975-1990
Accession #: 2014-047
Creator: Hunter, Eleanor Bolt, 1922-2007
Physical Description: .42 linear feet (1 box)
Languages: Collection material in English.
Processing: Julia A. Cowart completed processing for this collection on October 7, 2015.
Summary: Materials concerning Lyles Alley collected by a family friend.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition:
The Eleanor B. Hunter Collection of Lyles Alley was donated to Special Collections by her daughter, Carey H. Pearce ’66, in June 2014.

Separated Material:
- Newspaper clippings pertaining to Alley’s retirement as Athletic Director in 1975, a scholarship in his name in 1984, his passing in 1990, and dedication of the Alley Gym in 1996 were added to his Furmaniana file.

Related Material:
- J. Lyles Alley Papers, 1929-1990, Accession #: 2010-017
- Furmaniana Folder – J. Lyles Alley, Sr.

Biographical Sketch:
Lyles Alley graduated from Furman in 1933 as a four-year letterman in track, baseball, football, and basketball. He served in the Navy during World War II, and, after his return, accepted a position in Furman athletics. Over a 33-year career at his alma mater, Alley served as an assistant football coach, head basketball and baseball coach, a faculty member in the Physical Education
Department, and the university’s athletic director. In total, he supervised twenty seasons of basketball, and Alley retired from coaching in 1966 as Furman’s most successful coach overseeing 245 victories. Alley died in 1990.

Eleanor B. Hunter was a 1942 graduate of Furman University and was a friend of the J. Lyles Alley family. Hunter collected these materials between 1975 to 1990.

**USING THE COLLECTION**

**Access Restrictions:** None.

**Preferred Citation:** [Identification of item], Eleanor B. Hunter Collection of Lyles Alley, Special Collections and Archives, Furman University, Greenville, S.C.

**ARRANGEMENT**

This collection is arranged by format.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection consists of Furman-related artifacts, personal photographs, a recording of a television show tribute to Alley on VHS, and the eulogy given at Alley’s funeral.

**COLLECTION INVENTORY**

**Box 1**

- **Folder 1.** Eulogy for Coach Lyles Alley, March 19, 1990.
- **Folder 2.** Memo from Roger N. Thompson ['53, former basketball team captain] to Eleanor Hunter, March 23, 1990, attached to three copies of eulogy.
- **Folder 3.** Photographs
  [six color, approx. 3 x 5]
  
  - Christmas 1987, “Santa” handing Alley something
  - Untitled, Alley throwing a ball to a young child (2 copies)
  - Untitled, Alley in the middle of a group shot, possibly a family
  - Untitled, Alley sitting on a couch with four children
  - Untitled, Alley wearing a cowboy hat standing with his arm around a woman
  
  [two b/w, approx. 8 x 10]
  
  - Alley with a man wearing a suit jacket, Athletic Hall of Fame patch, March 30, 1976; autograph “Gene, I enjoyed being on the show – Best Wishes, Darrell Floyd”

Folder 4. Sign, “Reserved-Coach Lyles Alley”

Other:
- Award, golf statuette, “Pure Gold Alley ‘83”
- VHS Tape, “Lyles Alley” – The Butch Estes Show, possibly 1989; includes highlights of Furman basketball games; profile of Lyles Alley, recognized at Greater Greenville Basketball Club Luncheon, established Lyles Alley Award for S.C. College Coach of the year.