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IRVIN, MRS. E. TOWNSEND: Papers, 1956-78

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The papers of Mrs. E. Townsend Irvin were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library by Frederic Ingraham in January 1980.

Linear feet: 1
Approximate number of pages: 3200
Approximate number of items: 2000

Mrs. Irvin's sister Julia Miller signed an instrument of gift for the papers on June 19, 1980. Literary rights in the unpublished writings of Mrs. E. Townsend Irvin in this collection and in all other collections of papers received by the National Archives have been retained by Mrs. Miller until her death, and thereafter pass to the public. Under terms of the instrument of gift, the following classes of items are withheld from research use:

1. Papers which constitute an invasion of personal privacy or a libel of a living person.
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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Mrs. May Irvin (1888-1979) was the wife of Effingham Townsend Irvin, a New York City stockbroker for over 50 years. In 1956 Mrs. Irvin began sending gifts to President and Mrs. Eisenhower. She gradually expanded her gift-giving to include the family of John Eisenhower, and the family of Mamie Eisenhower's sister Mrs. G. Gordon Moore. Mr. Irvin died in November 1957 and Mrs. Irvin later donated his collection of first edition books to the Eisenhower Library.

The papers of Mrs. E. Townsend Irvin consist primarily of thank-you letters, greeting cards, and other memorabilia she received from the Eisenhower family and the White House staff. The letters from Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower and the White House staff are filed in chronological order. These are followed by letters from the John Eisenhower family, the G. Gordon Moore family, and miscellaneous individuals and organizations.

Mrs. Irvin did not retain copies of the letters she wrote. Cards and letters which the Eisenhowers received from her are filed in the White House Central Files, the records of the White House Social Office, the post-presidential papers of Dwight D. Eisenhower and the papers of Mamie Doud Eisenhower.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	1956
	1957 (1)(2)
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2	1962 (1)(2)
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	1964 (1)-(3)
	1965 (1)-(3)
	1966 (1)-(3) [Mamie Eisenhower re her wedding and 50 th anniversary]
3	1967 (1)-(3)
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	1976-78 and Undated
	John Eisenhower Family 1957-60

- John Eisenhower Family 1961-62
- 4 John Eisenhower Family 1963
- John Eisenhower Family 1964
- John Eisenhower Family 1965
- John Eisenhower Family 1966-67
- John Eisenhower Family 1968
- John Eisenhower Family 1969-73 and Undated
- Eisenhower Library [donation of books]
- Inauguration 1957
- Memorabilia (1)(2)
- Miscellaneous Letters [Eisenhower College; Floyd McCaffree; Matthew Ridgway]
- Moore Family (1)(2)
- 5 Oversized Memorabilia (½ suit box)

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