

## Overview

**Title:** Stabler family papers  
**Call Number:** Coll027  
**Creator:** Stabler (Family)  
**Dates:** 1893-1973; bulk 1941-1973  
**Size:** 8 boxes (7.25 linear feet)  
**Language:** English  
**Abstract:** This collection contains correspondence, pamphlets, flyers, cards, brochures, photographs, and various certificates and official documents relating to the Stablers, a family strongly associated with education in and around Baltimore, most notably the Baltimore Manual Labor School. Also included are newspapers and clippings, most notably related to the UMBC history, the UMBC campus and Spring Grove construction, as well as some books and ephemera. Records that date back earlier than 1941 are sporadic and consist mostly of correspondence, photographs, and official documents.  
**Citation:** Stabler family papers, Collection 27, Special Collections, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (Baltimore, MD).

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## Administrative/Biographical Note

Edmund Stabler, senior member of the Stabler family, was superintendent of the Baltimore Manual Labor School from 1884 to 1904. During his tenure, he was credited for bringing the school to its highest standards through innovative learning techniques which combined study and farming. His wife, Hester Ella Stabler, taught at the school. She was a graduate of the Maryland State Normal School, which is now known as Towson State University. Edmund Stabler died at his home on June 3, 1905 and was survived by his wife and six children. In 1916, the Baltimore Manual Labor School was destroyed by a fire. The University of Maryland Baltimore County now occupies the site where the Baltimore Manual Training School once stood. The Albin O. Kuhn Library rests on the property of the Stabler Family.

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## Scope & Content

### Arrangement

This collection is organized into six series: Series I. Correspondence, 1917-1945. Series II. Pamphlets and Flyers, n.d. Series III. Photographs, [circa 1855]-[circa 1960]. Series IV. Certificates and Official Documents, 1893-1918. Series V. Newspapers and Clippings, 1902-1973. Series VI. Miscellaneous, n.d.

#### Series I. Correspondence

- A. War Correspondence
- B. Miscellaneous Correspondence

#### Series II. Pamphlets and Flyers

#### Series III. Photographs

#### Series IV. Certificates and Official Documents

#### Series V. Newspapers and Clippings

- A. UMBC and Spring Grove Construction
- B. Miscellaneous Clippings

## Series VI. Miscellaneous

- A. Ephemera
- B. Books

## Note

This collection of records of the Stabler family covers the years 1893 to 1973 with the bulk of the materials dating from 1941 to 1973. Some records date back earlier than 1941 but they are sporadic and consist mostly of correspondence, photographs, and official documents. This collection is organized into six Series: Correspondence, Pamphlets and Flyers, Photographs, Certificates and Official Documents, Newspapers and Clippings, and Miscellaneous.

The Correspondence series contains primarily letters to and from Harold Hayes and his family from 1941 to 1945. Documents sent to Hayes from government agencies have been interspersed with this correspondence. The records detail Hayes' service in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Miscellaneous correspondence relating to the Stabler family but not the war dating from 1917 to 1943 has also been included in a separate Miscellaneous Correspondence subseries. All materials have been arranged in chronological order.

The Pamphlets and Flyers series contains birthday cards, a Garden Tea Room menu (with accompanying picture), Catonsville High School Graduation exercises, Christmas programs, business cards, religious pamphlets, a book mark, patriotic brochures, religious brochures and a chemical agent reference card which have been collected by the Stabler family.

The Photographs series contains miscellaneous photographs dating from 1927 to 1953, as well as a large amount of undated and unmarked pictures. When no date was provided, photographs were arranged according to the era in which they were taken. Main subjects include documentation of a trip to Africa, a mock Native American settlement in Halethorpe, businessmen in Chicago, a photo album consisting primarily of baby pictures of Harold and Leroy Hayes, family vacation pictures from Ocean City, and 4th of July photographs.

The Certificates and Official Documents series consists of a registration card, discharge papers, a Navy oath of allegiance, the Stabler Family coat of arms, marriage certificates, and a baptism certificate dating from 1893 to 1918.

The Newspapers and Clippings series contains documents dating from 1902 to 1973. Records from 1963 to 1973 cover the construction of UMBC and Spring Grove Mental Hospital. Miscellaneous obituaries, marriage announcements, funeral announcements, poetry, and other articles dating from 1902 to 1959 have been included in a separate Miscellaneous Clippings subseries. All materials have been arranged in chronological order.

The Miscellaneous series contains ephemera and books collected by the Stabler family. Ephemera specifically consist of a handbag, a change purse with a lock of hair, a set of keys, a cigarette tin, a cloth cross and a box filled with medallions, pins, and jewelry. Books include Bibles, war magazines, and sheet music.

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## Provenance Information

### Provenance and Acquisition Information

The records were donated to UMBC Special Collections as a single gift by Edmund T. Stabler on August 22, 2006. A collection of Stabler family glass plate negatives (MSS 1988-02) should be housed with this

collection but they are currently missing.

## Processing Note

This collection was processed by Gregory Horvitz under the supervision of Marcia Frank Peri and completed in November 2006. The accession of records of the Stabler family arrived in three boxes. The records were filed and received in a disordered state. It was determined that the bulk of materials fell into six recognizable groupings. Newspapers without specific articles pertaining to the Stabler family were discarded. Letter envelopes and duplicate copies of documents were also disposed of. Materials found within other materials were removed and sorted according to document type. Dates were supplied on correspondence in brackets from the envelope postmark when not explicitly written.

## Descriptive Rules Used

Describing Archives: a Content Standard (DACS)

[Archives Processing Manual: Description \(2015\)](#): The processing manual used in Special Collections for all descriptive platforms, including PastPerfect.

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## Access & Use

### Finding Aids

Finding aid available.

Finding Aid: <http://library.umbc.edu/speccoll/findingaids/coll027.php>

### Access Conditions

No restrictions.

### Conditions Governing Reproductions and Use

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## Subject Headings

### Creators

Stabler (Family)

### Subjects

Stabler, Edmund

Stabler, Hester Ella

Hayes, Harold

Baltimore (Md.)

Baltimore (Md.) -- History -- 20th century

Universities and colleges

University of Maryland, Baltimore County

United States. Navy

Stabler family -- Archives

Sailors -- United States -- Correspondence

Spring Grove State Hospital (Catonsville, Md.)

World War, 1939-1945. -- Personal narratives, American

## Series Description & Container List

### Series I. Correspondence

**Date:** 1917-1945; bulk 1941-1945

**Extent:** 6 folders (.4 linear feet)

**Description:** War correspondence and miscellaneous correspondence arranged into two subseries by subject and then by date. Dates were supplied in brackets from the envelope postmark when not explicitly written.

#### *Subseries I.A. War Correspondence*

**Date:** 1941-1945

**Extent:** 5 folders (.3 linear feet)

**Description:** Correspondence files arranged in date order.

| Folder Title/Description | Date | Box # | Folder # | Additional Info. |
|--------------------------|------|-------|----------|------------------|
| Correspondence 1941      |      | 1     | 1        |                  |
| Correspondence 1942      |      | 1     | 2        |                  |
| Correspondence 1943      |      | 1     | 3        |                  |
| Correspondence 1944      |      | 1     | 4        |                  |
| Correspondence 1945      |      | 1     | 5        |                  |

#### *Subseries I.B. Miscellaneous Correspondence*

**Date:** 1917-1943

**Extent:** 1 folders (.1 linear feet)

**Description:** Pamphlets, flyers, cards, and brochures arranged by document type.

| Folder Title/Description   | Date | Box # | Folder # | Additional Info. |
|----------------------------|------|-------|----------|------------------|
| Correspondence 1917 - 1943 |      | 1     | 6        |                  |

### Series II. Pamphlets and Flyers

**Date:** undated

**Extent:** 2 folder (.1 linear feet)

**Description:** Pamphlets, flyers, cards, and brochures arranged by document type.

| Folder Title/Description                | Date | Box # | Folder # | Additional Info. |
|-----------------------------------------|------|-------|----------|------------------|
| Menu and Brochures                      |      | 1     | 7        |                  |
| Cards, Pamphlets, Flyers, and Brochures |      | 1     | 8        |                  |

### Series III. Photographs

**Date:** 1855-1960

**Extent:** 4 folders and 1 album (2 linear feet)

**Description:** Photographs arranged according to subject by record creator, then by date, and finally by supplied era when dates were not given. \*Photographs with preservation needs have been included at the end of box 2, folder 4. Once needs are met they can be sorted according to era into box 2, folder 1 and folder 2.

| Folder Title/Description        | Date | Box # | Folder # | Additional Info. |
|---------------------------------|------|-------|----------|------------------|
| Photographs [circa 1855 - 1895] |      | 1     | 9        |                  |
| Photographs [circa 1900 - 1927] |      | 2     | 1        |                  |
| Photographs [circa 1905 - 1927] |      | 2     | 2        |                  |
| Photographs [circa 1900 - 1960] |      | 2     | 3        |                  |
| Photo Album                     |      | 3     | Item 1   |                  |
| Glass Plate Negative            |      | 8     | Item 1   |                  |

### Series IV. Certificates and Official Documents

**Date:** 1893-1918

**Extent:** 11 items (1.25 linear feet)

**Description:** Marriage certificates, baptism certificate, registration certificate, discharge papers, coat of arms, birth record, and oath of allegiance arranged by document type.

| Folder Title/Description                      | Date | Box # | Folder # | Additional Info. |
|-----------------------------------------------|------|-------|----------|------------------|
| Marriage Certificate Rosa and Joel Hayes      |      | 4     | 1        |                  |
| Marriage Certificate Edmund and Alice Stabler |      | 4     | 2        |                  |
| Marriage Certificate Benjamin and Emma Marr   |      | 4     | 3        |                  |
| Marriage Certificate Alvin and Helen Jones    |      | 4     | 4        |                  |
| Baptism Certificate Helen Elizabeth Jones     |      | 4     | 5        |                  |
| Registration Certificate Joel Hayes           |      | 4     | 6        |                  |
| Discharge Paper of Benjamin Hayes             |      | 4     | 7        |                  |
| Discharge Paper of Benjamin Hayes             |      | 4     | 8        |                  |
| Stabler Coat of Arms                          |      | 4     | 9        |                  |
| Birth Record of Jones Family                  |      | 4     | 10       |                  |
| Oath of Allegiance                            |      | 4     | 11       |                  |

### Series V. Newspapers and Clippings

**Date:** 1902-1973

**Extent:** approximately 45 items (1.7 linear feet)

**Description:** Newspapers and clippings arranged into two subseries by subject and then by date.

***Subseries V.A. UMBC and Spring Grove Construction*****Date:** 1963-1973**Extent:** approximately 32 items (1.7 linear feet)**Description:** Newspapers arranged in date order.

| Folder Title/Description | Date | Box # | Folder # | Additional Info. |
|--------------------------|------|-------|----------|------------------|
| Newspapers 1963 - 1973   |      | 5     |          |                  |

***Subseries V.B. Miscellaneous Clippings*****Date:** 1902-1959**Extent:** 1 folders**Description:** Poetry, articles, funeral announcements, marriage announcements, and obituaries arranged by document type and then by date order.

| Folder Title/Description | Date | Box # | Folder # | Additional Info. |
|--------------------------|------|-------|----------|------------------|
| Clippings 1902 - 1959    |      | 5     | 1        |                  |

**Series VI. Miscellaneous****Date:** undated**Extent:** approximately 20 items (2.2 linear feet)**Description:** Ephemera and books arranged into two subseries.***Subseries VI.A. Ephemera*****Date:** undated**Extent:** 6 items (.9 linear feet)**Description:** Handbag, change purse with lock of hair, set of keys, cigarette tin, cloth cross, and box filled with medallions, pins, and jewelry arranged by type.

| Folder Title/Description               | Date | Box # | Folder # | Additional Info. |
|----------------------------------------|------|-------|----------|------------------|
| Handbag                                |      | 6     | Item 1   |                  |
| Change Purse with lock of hair         |      | 6     | Item 2   |                  |
| Set of keys                            |      | 6     | Item 3   |                  |
| Cigarette tin                          |      | 6     | Item 4   |                  |
| Cloth cross                            |      | 6     | Item 5   |                  |
| Box with medallions, pins, and jewelry |      | 6     | Item 6   |                  |

***Subseries VI.B. Binder 2*****Date:** approximately 14 items (1.3 linear feet)**Description:** Bibles, war magazines, and sheet music arranged by document type.

| Folder Title/Description      | Date | Box # | Folder # | Additional Info. |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|----------|------------------|
| Rosa E. Marr's Bible          |      | 6     | Item 7   |                  |
| Joel Leroy Hayes' Bible TITLE |      | 6     | Item 8   |                  |
| Sheet Music, Army Magazines   |      | 7     |          |                  |