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Summary information

Repository:	University of Miami Special Collections
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Oliver Griswold, writer, editor and publicist, held professional and administrative positions with the United States government during the 1930's and 40's, and later served as coordinator of radio and television programs the University of Miami. Following his graduation from Cornell and experience as a newspaper reporter, Griswold began a career in public relations. Subsequently, Griswold served on President Herbert Hoover's Committee for Employment, and later as Assistant Director of Public Relations for the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and the Works Progress Administration. During the 1930's the United States government began producing documentary films, and Griswold was appointed Director of Programming and Distribution of Motion Pictures for the United States Department of Agriculture. He also acted as Associate Director of Public Relations for the Office of War Information during World War II.

In 1945 Griswold moved to the Florida Keys, where he wrote a number of articles and books on the Everglades, the Keys, coral reefs and related topics. He developed an interest in ornithology, ecology and conservation, organized Audobon society activities in the Keys, and later served as President of the Tropical Audobon Society in Miami.

Griswold joined the University of Miami as coordinator of the programs for the Radio, Television, and Film Department in 1949. He remained at the University for thirteen years and wrote numerous scripts for the university television station, as well as scripts for twenty educational motion pictures. Griswold also moderated the University of Miami Radio Round Table.

Scope and content

The Oliver Griswold Papers consist of four boxes of material totalling two cubic feet of files. The Papers contain several of his manuscripts and copies of articles, in addition to correspondence concerning these publications. Scripts of University of Miami television programs and files relating to the Radio and Television Department document his university activities during the 1950's.

Topics for television programs vary widely. One "historical" file contains background research and the script of a program on Dr. Henry Perrine and Charles A. Howe, two prominent figures in South Florida history. Correspondence with Howe's son, R.H. Howe, documents the experience of Howe and the Perrine family on the land known as the Perrine Grant. Several other program scripts based on bi-annual expeditions to Latin American countries documents the University of Miami's interest in this region.

Notes

Title notes

Arrangement

Alphabetical.

Restrictions on access

This collection is open for research.

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Access points

- Articles (documentary form)
- Letters (documentary form)
- Manuscripts (documentary form)
- Ecology (subject)
- Ornithology -- Latin America (subject)

- Everglades (Fla.) -- Environmental conditions (place)
- Florida Keys (Fla.) (place)

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id367996	File -			1
id367997	File - Annual Report 3-5			1 1
id367998	File - Annual Report 6-10			1 2
id367999	File - Annual Report 11-14			1 3
id368000	File - Animal Show			1 4
id368001	File - A day with Hemingway			1 5
id368002	File - British Honduras			1 6
id368003	File - Colombia			1 7
id368004	File - Costa Rica - General	1958		1 8
id368005	File - Costa Rica - Birds	1957		1 9
id368006	File - Costa Rica - Show No.2	1958		1 10
id368007	File - Costa Rica and Panama			1 11
id368008	File - Florida keys			1 12
id368009	File -			2
id368010	File - Grand Bahamas Script			2 1
id368011	File - Guatemala			2 2
id368012	File - Expeditions - Guatemala	1956		2 3
id368013	File - "Have We Saved the Everglades?"			2 4
id368014	File - Historical			2 5
id368015	File - In Search of Hummingbirds, Chapters 1-19			2 6
id368016	File - In Search of Hummingbirds, Chapters 1-19			2 7
id368017	File - Information for Annual Reports			2 8
id368018	File - Jamaica	1955		2 9
id368019	File - Jamaican Birds			2 10
id368020	File - Mayo Clinic. H.H.G.			2 11
id368021	File -			3
id368022	File - Mayo Clinic O.G. 5/1965- Methodist Hospital			3 1
id368023	File - Medicine, Costa Rica 12/11/60 - Walter Beck			3 2
id368024	File - Mexico No. 3			3 3
id368025	File - Mexico	1959		3 4
id368026	File - Mexico - Gershinson Report	1959		3 5
id368028	File - Miscellaneous			3 6
id368029	File - Miscellaneous Requests for Birds			3 7
id368030	File - Mosquitoes			3 8
id368031	File - Nature's Realm - Feb. 13 - Bird Watching in the Tropics			3 9
id368032	File - Panama Show 10/26/58			3 10
id368033	File - Personal			3 11
id368034	File - Photos - Natural History Magazine			3 12
id368035	File -			4

id368036	File - Puerto Rico - Show no. 1	4 1
id368037	File - Puerto Rico - Show no. 2	4 2
id368038	File - Puerto Rico - General	4 3
id368039	File - Radio Carbons	4 4
id368040	File - Radio Program Series	4 5
id368041	File - TV "Science Show Window" - Nature Magazine	4 6
id368042	File - Underwater Park 3/62	4 7
id368043	File - Underwater Park 3/62	4 8
id368044	File - "Viewpoint," Coconut Grove	4 9
id368045	File - Village Post	4 10
id368046	File - The Village Post	4 11