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## Summary information

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**Repository:** University of Miami Special Collections

**Title:** Alan Crockwell collection

**ID:** ASM0447

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**Date:** 1900-1972 (date of creation)

**Physical description:** Boxes

**Language:** English

**Dates of creation,  
revision and deletion:**

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Alan Crockwell, a biology teacher at The Carrollton School in Coconut Grove, moved from Buffalo to Miami in 1977. Crockwell co-founded the Miami Memorabilia Collector's Club in 1991. He has published numerous articles on Miami history and its collectibles.

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## Scope and content

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The Alan Crockwell Collection contains a variety of materials from different sources that document the history of Miami, Coconut Grove, Coral Gables, and greater Miami-Dade County. Much of the content is related to Ralph Middleton Munroe and his family. Topically, the papers also address criminal history in Miami-Dade County, historic buildings in Coconut Grove including the Barnacle and the Coconut Grove Library, the history of the University of Miami, and the early settling of Miami-Dade County. The dates of items range from 1873 into the 1970s.

## Notes

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### Title notes

### Arrangement

The Alan Crockwell Collection is arranged into four series: I. Assorted materials, II. Scrapbooks, III. Photograph albums, and IV. Sheriff receipt books. The content of the series are further described in the inventory below.

### Restrictions on access

This collection is open for research.

### Conditions governing use

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### Related material

See also Ralph M. Munroe Family Papers (ASM0015).

Information about related materials is available at <http://proust.library.miami.edu/findingaids/index.php?p=collections/controlcard&id=572>

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Description identifier:** ArchonInternalCollectionID:805

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## Access points

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- Barnacle (Miami, Fla.)
- Biscayne Bay Yacht Club
- Miami High School (Miami, Fla.)
- University of Miami -- History
- University of Miami -- Pictorial works
- Herreshoff, Nathanael Greene, 1848-1938 (subject)
- Munroe, Ralph, 1851-1933 (subject)
- Munroe, Ralph, 1851-1933 -- Family (subject)
- Advertisements (documentary form)
- Bags (generic containers) (documentary form)
- Blueprints (reprographic copies) (documentary form)

- Brochures (documentary form)
- Clippings (documentary form)
- Diplomas (documentary form)
- Dockets (documentary form)
- Envelopes (documentary form)
- Government records (documentary form)
- Letters (documentary form)
- Maps (documentary form)
- Negatives (documentary form)
- Pamphlets (documentary form)
- Patches (costume accessories) (documentary form)
- Periodicals (documentary form)
- Photocopies (documentary form)
- Photograph albums (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Scrapbooks (documentary form)
- Telegraphs (documentary form)
- Tintypes (documentary form)
- Crime -- Florida -- Miami-Dade County (subject)
- Biscayne Bay (Fla.) -- Maps (place)
- Coconut Grove (Miami, Fla.) -- History (place)
- Coconut Grove (Miami, Fla.) -- Pictorial works (place)
- Coral Gables (Fla.) -- History (place)
- Coral Gables (Fla.) -- Pictorial works (place)
- Florida -- History -- 20th century (place)
- Miami (Florida) -- Pictorial works (place)
- Miami-Dade County (Fla.) -- History (place)

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## Series descriptions

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### Series id3595: Assorted materials

#### Scope and content:

This series contain a variety of different items, most of which are photographs, photographic negatives, and correspondence. The photographs and the photographic negatives, most of which originate from the early 20th century, predominantly depict Miami, Coconut Grove, the Coral Gables, and greater Miami Dade County. The Barnacle and other Coconut Grove residences are particularly represented. Much of the correspondence is between members of the Munroe family, including Ralph Middleton Munroe, his wife Jessie Munroe, his daughter Patty Munroe, his son Wirth Munroe, Martha Munroe, as well as close family friends Vincent Gilpin (who also helped Ralph Munroe write his autobiography), John Gilpin, and Captain Nathaniel Herreshoff. Some of this correspondence, dated 1968 to 1972, is regarding the sale of the Barnacle. These letters are written between Thos. McE. Johnston, lawyer, and Mary Munroe, Patty Munroe, Charles Munroe, William Munroe, and W. R. Catlow, Jr.. Several official documents are included in this as well. Another particularly notable piece of correspondence is a letter from Eveline Wagner, wife of the Miami Dade County pioneer William

Wagner, to Mrs. Charles Baron, dated March 6th, 1873. Other items of interest are as follows: An 11-page manuscript dated March 5, 1887, written at Coconut Grove, Biscayne Bay, Florida, wherein the anonymous author describes his or her experience of Biscayne Bay and how he or she moved there from New York. Four land survey plat maps of the Miami area around Biscayne Bay, indicating "wet prairie" where Coconut Grove is now located. On two of the maps, an area is designated as "donation to the heirs of Dr. Perrine." All are undated, but on the reverse of one it is written: "1848?" Two hand-drawn architectural plans on tracing paper of revisions to the Coconut Grove Library and Assembly Hall, dated February 27, 1929 and March 4, 1929, signed by F. H. B., architect. A menu for My Brother's Place Steak House in Coral Gables, the front of which includes an illustration of historic Coral Gables on Ponce de Leon Boulevard. Two Miami High School Diplomas: one from Walter H. Combs Jr. in 1918, and one from Edwin Clare Wilson in 1922. A copy of Coconut Grove Magazine volume 11, number 1, 1996, containing an article by Alan Crockwell titled "History in the Making: Miami's Centennial Brings a History Packed, Insightful Lecture Series."

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**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id3599	File -			1
id3645	File - Loose photographs	1916-1939		1 1
id3646	File - Assorted photographic negatives			1 2
id3647	File - Assorted photographic negatives			1 3
id3648	File - Assorted photographic negatives			1 4
id3649	File - Assorted correspondence			1 5
id3650	File - Assorted correspondence			1 6
id3652	File - Assorted correspondence			1 7
id3651	File - Correspondence between Thos. McE. Johnston, lawyer, and Mary Munroe, Patty Munroe, Charles Munroe, and W. R. Catlow, Jr., and William Munroe	1968-1972		1 8
id3653	File - Letter from Evelin Wagner to Charles Baron, Miami Dade County	March 6, 1873		1 9
id3654	File - 11 page manuscript, Coconut Grove Biscayne Bay Fl.	March 5th, 1889		1 10
id3655	File - 3 loose pages, "Description of land purchased...[from] Joseph Frow"	n.d.		1 11
id3656	File - Tintype in gold encasing, from Hattie Carpenter estate	n.d.		1 12
id3657	File - Two stencils	n.d.		1 13
id3658	Item - John Nix & Co, New York, from C. O. Richardson			1 13
id3659	Item - Musaisle Fruit Farm, Miami, Fla., Guava Jelly			1 13
id3660	File - Coconut Grove Magazine, volume 11, number 1	1996		1 14
id3610	File - Oversized materials			10
id3637	File - Two Miami High School diplomas	1918, 1922		10 1

id3638	File - Burdine & Quarterman, Inc. Miami Florida shopping bag	n.d.	10 2
id3639	File - Four land survey plat maps of the Miami area around Biscayne Bay	n.d.	10 3
id3640	File - 1828 map, "Map of the United States to Illustrate Olners's School Geography"	1828	10 4
id3641	File - Print of the Lord's Prayer from M. Brower, Miami	n.d.	10 5
id3642	File - Two hand-drawn architectural plans on tracing paper of revisions to the Coconut Grove Library and Assembly Hall	February 27, 1929 and March 4, 1929	10 6
id3643	File - Menu for My Brother's Place Steak House in Coral Gables	n.d.	10 7
id3644	File - Letterhead for Myers Electric Company, Inc., Coral Gables, Florida	n.d.	10 8

### Series id3596: Scrapbooks

#### Scope and content:

This series contains four scrapbooks with materials related to Commodore Ralph M. Munroe and his family, including letters to and from Munroe family members; family photographs; documents from the Barnacle, the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, and the Biscayne Bay Manufacturing Company; photographs of and documents pertaining to Munroe's yacht constructions; typescripts by Ralph Munroe; clippings about Munroe and Coconut Grove at large; documents relating to the publishing of Munroe's Commodore's Story; documents about Munroe's Estate; plat maps; and other items. Also included are two University of Miami scrapbooks with materials from the 1930s into the 1960s.

#### Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id3602	File -			2
id3633	Item - Coconut Grove Scrapbook, unidentified ownership	n.d.		2
id3634	Item - Munroe scrapbook	1912-1970		2
id3635	Item - Munroe scrapbook	1930-1979		2
id3636	Item - Munroe scrapbook	1926-1957		2
id3603	File -			3
id3619	Item - University of Miami Scrapbook	1938-1968		3
id3620	Item - University of Miami Scrapbook	1929-1963		3

### Series id3597: Photograph albums

#### Scope and content:

This series consists of historic early 20th century photograph albums of Miami, Coconut Grove, the Coral Gables, greater Miami Dade County, Jacksonville, Orlando, Havana (Cuba), Daytona Beach, and other areas. Among the photograph albums are a 1926 album of photographs of houses in Daytona

with accompanying prices from the H.B. Schulty Realty Company; three albums from the estate of William George Coates, owner of the Miami Transfer Company, and his family, with content ranging from the late 19th century until the mid-20th century; a family album from the estate of Richard Carney; a family album from the Peggy Myers Estate, of the Myers Electric Coral Gables Company; three family albums from the Anna Wilson Estate; a family album from the Annie Fordham Estate; and a photograph album from Leo Hauser, depicting early 20th century Miami, Coconut Grove, and Coral Gables.

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**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id3604	File -			4
id3629	Item - Photograph album, unidentified ownership	1920-1946		4
id3630	Item - Photograph album from Coates estate	1916-1949		4
id3631	Item - Photograph album, unidentified ownership	1920s		4
id3632	Item - Photograph album from Coates estate	1890-1976		4
id3605	File -			5
id3621	Item - Photograph album from Leo Hauser	n.d.		5
id3622	Item - Photograph album from Coates estate	1911-1916		5
id3623	Item - Photograph album from Richard Carney estate	1913-1917		5
id3624	Item - Photograph album from Anna Wilson estate	n.d.		5
id3625	Item - Photograph album from Peggy Myers estate	1925		5
id3626	Item - Photograph album from Annie Fordham estate	1920-1936		5
id3627	Item - Photograph album from Anna Wilson estate	1917-1920		5
id3628	Item - Photograph album from Anna Wilson estate	1915-1929		5
id3606	File -			6
id3614	Item - Photograph album of houses in Daytona with accompanying prices from H.B. Schulty Realty Company	1926		6

**Series id3598: Sheriff receipt books**

Scope and content:

This series contains sheriff docket books from Miami Dade County containing arrest receipts, detailing the reasons for arrest as well as fines and bail costs.



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<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id3611	File -			7
id3615	Item - Sheriff receipt book	1909-1903		7
id3616	Item - Sheriff receipt book	1920-1921		7
id3612	File -			8
id3617	Item - Sheriff receipt book	1907-1909		8
id3613	File -			9
id3618	Item - Sheriff receipt book	1905-1906		9