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Miles Stevens Pendleton Papers  
Collection 220-1

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## Scope Note

The Miles Stevens Pendleton Jr. papers range from 1960-1990. The Pendleton papers provide a window into the life of a man whose career involved political affairs.

The majority of his papers contain correspondence between him and his immediate family, spanning the years 1960-1995. These letters detail personal information, overseas matters, as well as, document his daily endeavors and observations.

There are six series: correspondence, financial records, organizational affiliations, printed material, news clippings, artifacts, and photographs. The most prolific series is correspondence. Of interest are postcards that document areas of Europe and Western Africa where Mr. Pendleton worked and notated brief updates about conditions within area countries.

The collection also contains a variety of photographs chronicling his life. The majority of photos contain images of him with military officials, ambassadors, friends/associates, and family. There are a few newspaper clippings about the Burundi Massacre and the photographs from what could possibly be his home during the Massacre period.

The papers were donated by the family of Miles Pendleton Jr. in 2011 and measures 1.5 linear feet.

## Biographical Sketch

- 1939 March 22 Born in Montclair, New Jersey.
- 1953-1957 Graduated from Phillips Academy.
- 1957-1961 Received BA degree from Yale University. Graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors and a member of Phi Beta Kappa Society.
- 1961 Entered Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.
- 1962-1964 Taught in Ghana, West Africa.
- 1964-1967 Graduated from Harvard University with a Masters in Public Administration.
- 1968-1970 Ambassador Walworth Barbour Aide and Counselor Officer at the U.S. Embassy, Tel Aviv.
- 1970-1972 Political/Economic officer and survivor of the 1972 Burundi Massacre.
- 1972-1973 State Watch Officer at NMCC, at the Operations Center.  
Department of State Secretariat Staff officer.
- 1973 Acting Director for Secretariat staff, U.S. Department of State.
- 1974-1976 Special Assistant to the Deputy of State, U.S. Department of State.
- 1976-1979 Political Officer, U.S. NATO Brussels.
- 1979-1980 Student at the National War College focusing on East Asia, functional focus on intelligence.
- 1980-1982 Acting Director and Deputy of Northern European Affairs.
- 1982-1983 Director of Israel and Arab-Israel affairs.
- 1983-1985 Executive Assistant to the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

## Biographical Sketch continued

- 1985-1989 U.S. Minister Counselor for Political Affairs in London.
- 1989-1993 U.S. Minister Counselor for Political Affairs in Paris.
- 1993-1995 Political Science professor at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Strategy Dept. Co-chair of France area studies program at the Foreign Service Institute.  
Member of the Burundi Policy Forum.
- 1997 Retired from government service.
- 2009 December 19 Died at age 70 from chronic lymphocytic leukemia in his Washington, D.C.

Source: Miles Stevens Pendleton Jr. papers  
*The New York Times*.

## Series Description

- Series A**  
201-1      **Personal Materials**  
Contains narrative resume and incomplete applications, of note are various guests lists to events with personal notations
- Series B**  
Box 220-1      **Correspondence**  
This series contains personal and professional letters to and from Pendelton. Many items document his professional activity as well as personal musings while in foreign countries.
- Series C**  
Box 220-1      **Financial Records**  
These materials reflect travel costs and expenses incurred by Pendleton during his excursions to Ghana, West Africa as well as a guest list of party invitees.
- Series D**  
Box 220-1      **Organizational Affiliations**  
This series contains a brief listing of organizations that Pendleton affiliated with during his professional career. Most of the organizations focused on education and political awareness reflecting his professional and personal interests.
- Series E**  
Box 220-1      **Printed Material**  
Journals and magazines that interested Pendleton during the end of professional career, of note are two commencement programs from Yale University.
- Series F**  
Box 220-1      **News Clippings**  
Articles from 1968-1973 documenting select events throughout the Middle East, Africa and Europe.
- Series G**  
Box 220-1      **Photographs**  
Images of Pendelton, as well as, numerous images of unidentified places and people.
- Series H**  
Box 220-1      **Artifacts**  
A map charting the international travels of Pendelton and a booklet translated into French.

## Container List

- Series A      Personal Materials**  
Box            Folder  
220-1        1 Resume and incomplete applications  
              2 Guest lists with notations
- Series B      Correspondence**  
3 Bosley, Mac  
4 Coffin, William  
5 Gibson, Chuck  
6 Gilstrop, Kay  
7 Hallowell, Dinah  
8 Heintzen  
9 O'Neill, Martin  
10 Miscellaneous
- Family Correspondence  
11 January 1969 – July 1969  
12 April 1968 – December 1968  
13 January 1964 – July 1964  
14 August 1961- December 1962  
15 January 1963 – December 1963  
16 February –April 1970  
17 May 28, 1981  
18 Postcards
- Series C      Financial Records**  
19 Records from Ghana, York, Phillips Academy, *National Observer*  
              1962-1963  
20 Travel and expenses March 8-24 and April-May 1994  
21 Memorandum of Understanding with the African-American Institute regarding  
              teacher placement with correspondence July 1962 and January 1963
- Series D      Organizational Affiliations**  
22 Kroy, Inc.  
23 The Metropolitan Club of the City of Washington, D.C.  
24 Scottish Youth Hostels Association, 1961  
25 The United States Government 1983-1991

## Container List

### **Series E Printed Material**

- Box Folder  
220-1 26 Burundi: Sadness in the Foothills by Thomas Patrick Melady, nd  
27 *The Hintahunu* vol. 1, no.1 July 1962  
28 Imaging and Notional, instructional booklet, nd  
29 Phillips Academy 213<sup>th</sup> commencement program, June 2, 1991  
30 "The Volunteer" vol. 1, no. 9, commencement program, September 1962  
31 Yale University 216<sup>th</sup> commencement program, June 12, 1961  
32 "York" & "Rievaulx Abbey" 1960

### **Series F News Clippings**

- 33 "The Daily Graphic" September 8, 1962  
"The International Herald" November 9-10, 1968  
"The Jerusalem Post" December 24, 1968  
New York Exiles' Top Award" n.d  
"The Washington Post" June 8, 1973  
Western Union Telegram January 23, 1963 – July 13, 1963

### **Series G Photographs**

- 34 Kim Pendelton while a student, one item nd  
35 Miles Pendelton with others, 25 items nd  
36 Unidentified people and places, 7 items nd

### **Series H Artifacts**

- 37 Map of Europe documenting Pendleton's Travels June 1962  
38 L'après-guerre du Golfe Quelle paix in French