Until 1940 — when he was appointed to the newly-created post of director of public relations — J. Arthur “Art” Haley was business manager of the Notre Dame Department of Athletics. His tenure included the construction of Notre Dame Stadium and the Rockne Memorial. During his 30 years in public relations, he coordinated the University’s Centennial Celebration and assisted in the establishment of the Board of Trustees, advisory councils and presidential committees. Among other achievements, he planned dedication ceremonies for 30 major new buildings and instigated Junior Parents Weekend. Altogether, Art served under six Notre Dame presidents.

Mary, a graduate of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, helped found and nurture the Notre Dame Women’s Advisory Council, serving as secretary from 1952 to 1972. This group’s first project was collecting donated books from all around the country for the then-new library. The Haley Memorial Collection was established by Art and Mary’s four children.

John A. Haley Jr. (‘51) retired in 1988 from his position as senior vice president of Merrill-Lynch. He has two daughters, Mercedes (’79), who passed away, and Kathleen.

George M. Haley, MD (’52), lives in South Bend and has six children: George Jr. (’84), Mary Ann (’85), Joan, Eileen, John (’92), and Elizabeth. Patricia A. Haley (’75 MA), a freelance writer living in Mishawaka, Indiana, has four children: James, Molly, Megan, and Haley. Thomas W. Haley (’57), now retired, splits his time between Portland, Oregon, and Scottsdale, Arizona. He has five children: Malia, Thomas, Kerry, Matson (deceased), and Garin.

Unrestricted and versatile, the Haley Memorial Collection supports library resources, programs, and service needs in response to evolving University priorities.