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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

Ms.2005.005

Unit Date

1959-1991

Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The Spahr Family Collection contains records of rent payments at the Hilltop Gardens Trailer Park and clippings about Joel Bush Spahr's landscaping hobby. Hilltop Gardens Trailer Park, run by the Spahrs, operated from 1959 to 1999 on property to the northwest of Blacksburg, Virginia.

Creator

Spahr family

Extent

0.3 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The Spahr Family Collection was donated to the Special Collections in 2004.

Processing Information

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Hilltop Gardens Trailer Park was established and constructed by Joel Bush Spahr in 1959. Located to the northeast of Blacksburg on Virginia Route 685, the trailer park offered married students a nice place to live during a time when few apartments existed in Blacksburg. Spahr was interested in gardening and landscaped the lots that the trailers occupied. After Joel Spahr's death in 1977, his wife Christine ran the trailer park until her death in 1990. Their daughters, Sandra Jennings and Janet Spahr, then owned and operated the trailer park until it closed in 1999.

Scope and Content

The Spahr Family Collection contains newspaper clippings about Joel Bush Spahr and his hobby, landscaping and propagating shrubs. It also contains a ledger book and series of notecards in which the Hilltop Gardens Trailer Park tenants' monthly rent payments were recorded.

Keywords

Blacksburg (Va.)

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Montgomery County (Va.)

Hilltop Gardens Trailer Park (Blacksburg, Va.)

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by format.

Description of Subordinate Components

Newspaper Clippings**Unit Date** c.1970**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Ledger Book****Unit Date** 1959-1972**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Index Cards****Unit Date** 1972-1991**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)