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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

Ms.2007.002

### Unit Date

1974-1982

### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

This collection contains documents related to the establishment and building of Warm Hearth Village, a retirement community in Blacksburg, Virginia, founded by former Virginia Tech professor Wybe Kroontje and his wife Marietje.

### Creator

Warm Hearth Village (Blacksburg, Va.)

### Creator

Kroontje, Wybe

### Extent

0.8 Cubic Feet 3 boxes

## Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

# Administrative Information

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## Source of Acquisition

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## Processing Information

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# Biographical Note

Wybe Kroontje was born in the Netherlands in 1922. He was part of the Dutch resistance during World War II and came to the United States after the War. He received his B.S. at Cornell University and earned his PhD from the University of Nebraska. He joined the VPI faculty in 1956 in agronomy. He served as the first president of the Faculty Senate at VPI.

Kroontje retired from Virginia Tech in 1987, and turned his full attention to the project he started with his wife Marietje in the early 1970s: the Warm Hearth Village retirement community in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Source consulted: Strother, Warren H., *From VPI to State University: President T. Marshall Hahn Jr. and the Transformation of Virginia Tech 1962-1974*, (Macon: Mercer University Press, 2004).

# Scope and Content

This collection includes documents related to the creation of the Warm Hearth Village, a retirement community in Blacksburg, Virginia. Warm Hearth Village was founded by Wybe Kroontje, former Virginia Tech professor, and his wife Marietje. The collection includes communication with VPI, designs and plans for the community, the projects HUD proposal, among other documents relating to Warm Hearth Village's establishment in the early 1970s. Warm Hearth Village is still in operation today.

# Keywords

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged in subject files.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Appraisal Report

**Unit Date** 1982

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### Correspondence

**Unit Date** 1975-1976

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### Design and Planning

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

### Engineering

**Unit Date** 1979

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

### Financial Statements

**Unit Date** 1976-1979

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

### Gerontology

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

### Housing Markets

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

### HUD Proposal

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

### Market Survey

**Unit Date** 1981

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

### Program Plan

**Unit Date** 1974

**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 10 (folder)

**State Water Control Board**

**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 11 (folder)

**Steering Committee**

**Unit Date** 1975  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 12 (folder)

**New River House**

**box-folder** 2 (box)  
**Container** 1 (folder)

**Preliminary Site Plan**

**Unit Date** 1979  
**box** 3