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The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains 5 boxes of research files, subject files, and papers relating to food, appliances (especially toasters), household, and food culture. The bulk of the materials are not clearly dated, but were likely collected between the 1980s and early 2000s.

Creator

Keyes, Ralph

Extent

6.1 Cubic Feet 5 boxes

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Source of Acquisition

The materials were donated to Special Collections in March 2018.

Processing Information

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Preferred Citation

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Scope and Content

This collection contains 5 boxes of research files, subject files, and papers relating to food, appliances (especially toasters), household, and food culture. Keyes intended to author a book on toasters, and the collection also includes research, drafts, and manuscript book chapters of "The Tao of Toasters." The bulk of the materials are not clearly dated, but were likely collected between the 1980s and early 2000s.

Separated Materials

The following publications were removed from the collection and cataloged for Special Collections and University Archives' Rare Book Collection: *Kitchens and Kitchenware*; *American Foodways: What, When, Why and How We Eat in America*; *Women's Life* (Winter Quarter 1954); *Journal of Living* (October 1950); *American Cookery* (October 1938).

Keywords

History of Food and Drink

Food Technology and Production

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Arrangement

This collection is in its original order, as received from the donor. The materials were refoldered, and in some cases split into multiple folders. Several publications were removed from the collection and cataloged for the Special Collections and University Archives' rare book collection.

Description of Subordinate Components

Art (2 folders)

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1-2 (folder)

Book Manuscripts (3 folders)

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3-5 (folder)

Versions

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Notes

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Camp Stove Toaster Box

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Vanek

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Tichi

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Schwartz-Cowan

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Freedom of Nutrition

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

4 PW

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Housework

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Duvall (2 folders)

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 15-16 (folder)

K. Law

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

K.L./Household

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

K.L./Gadgetry

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

K.L./Economics

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Riggs

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Baskin-Robbins

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Fran./Hojo

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

H. Salt

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Fran./Jack-in-Box

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

Picnic N' Chicken

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

Denny's

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

Misc. (3 folders)

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 28-30 (folder)

Toasters

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 31 (folder)

Cartoons

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 32 (folder)

Toast o Lator**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 33 (folder)**Misc.****box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 34 (folder)**Collectors****box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 35 (folder)**South Carolina****box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Res.****box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Toasters****box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Toast****box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**History (2 folders)****box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 5-6 (folder)**Design****box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Models****box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Rohasedder****box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Strite****box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Peripherals****box-folder** 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Contemporary

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Recipes

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Mavens

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Authorities and Mavens

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Books and Toasters

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

TCA

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Dealers

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Whimsy and Re-Use

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Exhibits

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Toaster Museum

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Norcross

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Veerbeck

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

Technology

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Online

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

Rite

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

Family Life and Childhood

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

Metaphor

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 28 (folder)

Cyber

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 29 (folder)

Business

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 30 (folder)

Vocab

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 31 (folder)

Kids

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 32 (folder)

Movies and TV

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 33 (folder)

Music

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 34 (folder)

Humor

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 35 (folder)

Graphics

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 36 (folder)

Pix (2 folders)

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 37-38 (folder)

Fanciful Toasters

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 39 (folder)

Eros

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 40 (folder)

Tao of Toasters Discs

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 41 (folder)

Blumer

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 42 (folder)

Shepard, Sam

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 43 (folder)

Flying Toasters

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 44 (folder)

Toaster Central

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 45 (folder)

Brave Little Toaster

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 46 (folder)

Soch/Appliances

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 47 (folder)

Culture

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 48 (folder)

Soch/Meals

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Res./Fast Food**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Potato Chips****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Appliances****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**38/Blender****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Soch/Household Items****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Housewares, etc****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Matranga****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Micro./Cooking****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Soch/Packaging****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**MC****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Fr/McDonalds (2 folders)****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 12-13 (folder)**KFC****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Fran./Food****box-folder** 3 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Fran./Convenience

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Fast Food Architecture

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Rest./Speed-Up

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Restaurant

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

House/Inside

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Kitchen

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

50s

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Coupons

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

Shop

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Products

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

Beer

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

Soda

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

Soch/Beverages**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 28 (folder)**Gum****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 29 (folder)**Fast Food****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 30 (folder)**Soch/Convenience Food****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 31 (folder)**Soch/Food (2 folders)****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 32-33 (folder)**Microwave****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 34 (folder)**Micro./Food****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 35 (folder)**T&S/Microwave****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 36 (folder)**38/Versions****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 37 (folder)**38/Res.****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 38 (folder)**1937****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 39 (folder)**38/Feedback****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**1930s (2 folders)****box-folder** 4 (box)

Container 2-3 (folder)

1938

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

1939

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

World's Fair

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Pre-War Nostalgia

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

38/Related

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

38/Misc.

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

38/futurism

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

38/FM

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

38/automatic

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

38/gadgetry

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

38/appliances

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

38/food and meals

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

38/instant coffee**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 16 (folder)**38/war of worlds****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 17 (folder)**38/tape****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 18 (folder)**38/TV****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 19 (folder)**38/Modernism, deco. etc.****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 20 (folder)**38/streamline****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 21 (folder)**38/auto****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 22 (folder)**38/highway****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 23 (folder)**38/railroads****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 24 (folder)**Airplane****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 25 (folder)**Synthetics****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 26 (folder)**38/supermarket****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 27 (folder)**38/shop cart****box-folder** 4 (box)

Container 28 (folder)

38/workplace

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 29 (folder)

38/fluorescent lights

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 30 (folder)

Nylon (2 folders)

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 31-32 (folder)

38/photography

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 33 (folder)

38/movies

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 34 (folder)

38/music

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 35 (folder)

Atanasoff

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 36 (folder)

38/notes

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 37 (folder)

38/Ideas

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 38 (folder)

Misc

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 39 (folder)

38/Convenience Foods

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 40 (folder)

Food Preparation

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Meals**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Sp/Eating Habits****box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Breakfast****box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Grazing and Snacking****box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Take-Out****box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Food****box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Cereal****box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Meals, eating****box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Household****box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Housewares****box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Breadbox****box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Refrigeration****box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Ice****box-folder** 5 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Refrigerator

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Home

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

TT/Household

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

AH/Household

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

TT/Food

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 19 (folder)