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The materials in this collection are in English.

Abstract

The Granville Skidmore Kennedy Family Papers contain several letters, documents, cards, and photographs mostly addressed to Granville Skidmore Kennedy (1899-1986), the Director of the Dairy Division of the Virginia State Health Department, and his wife Wilma Hoyt Kennedy (1906-1989), an elementary school teacher in Henrico County and Roanoke County, Virginia. The letters contain general information about topics like health, work, and life. Most of the letters from 1960-1962 and some financial documents pertain to the sudden death of Granville and Wilma Kennedy's daughter, Elizabeth "Betty" Lois Kennedy (1937-1960), a student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville who died in a car accident in 1960. This collection also contains the correspondence of Edwin M. Kennedy (1901-1974), Granville's brother. Additional documents and letters discuss the residence and care of Linda Lanier Kennedy, Granville's sister, a 1953 list of alumni from the University of Tennessee's College of Agriculture, and an undated letter to "Frank."

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0.4 Cubic Feet 1 box

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Source of Acquisition

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Family History

Granville Skidmore Kennedy (1899-1986) was the Director of the Dairy Division of the Virginia State Health Department. His wife Wilma Hoyt Kennedy (1906-1989) was an elementary school teacher in Henrico County and Roanoke County, Virginia. They had three children, including Elizabeth (Betty) Lois Kennedy (1937-1960), a student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Granville and Wilma lived in Roanoke but moved to Richmond in the mid-1950s. Elizabeth died in a car accident in Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1960. Granville also had a brother, Edwin M. Kennedy Jr. (1901-1974), a bookkeeper from Knoxville, Tennessee, whom he did business with. He also had a sister, Linda Lanier Kennedy (1894-1959), whom he helped with her care for multiple sclerosis.

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Scope and Content

The Granville Skidmore Kennedy Family Papers contain several letters, documents, cards, and photographs mostly addressed to Granville Skidmore Kennedy and his wife Wilma Hoyt Kennedy of Roanoke and later Richmond, Virginia. Some letters are also addressed to their daughter Elizabeth (Betty) Lois Kennedy. This correspondence dated 1935-1972 mostly contains general information about health, work, and life from various people. Most of the letters from 1960-1961 discuss the sudden death of Elizabeth in a car accident. Several financial documents pertain to Elizabeth's belongings and her hospital bill. This collection also contains the correspondence of Edwin M. Kennedy, Granville's brother. Additional documents and letters discuss about the residence and care of Linda Lanier Kennedy, Granville's sister, a 1953 list of alumni from the University of Tennessee's College of Agriculture, and an undated letter to "Frank."

Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South
Roanoke (Va.)
Roanoke County (Va.)
Kennedy, Granville Skidmore, 1899-1986
Kennedy, Wilma Hoyt, 1906-1989
Kennedy, Betty (Elizabeth Lois), 1937-1960
Kennedy, Linda Lanier, 1894-1959

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged by person then in chronological order.

Description of Subordinate Components

Granville Skidmore Kennedy Letters

Unit Date 1935-1951
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 1 (folder)

Granville Skidmore Kennedy and Wilma Hoyt Kennedy Letters

Unit Date 1956-1961
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 3 (folder)

Elizabeth Kennedy Financial Documents

Unit Date 1960-1961
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 4 (folder)

Wilma Hoyt Kennedy Letters

Unit Date 1961
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 5 (folder)

Wilma Hoyt and Granville Skidmore Kennedy Letters

Unit Date 1962
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 6 (folder)

Granville Skidmore Kennedy Letters

Unit Date 1963-1972
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 7 (folder)

Residence and Care of Linda L. Kennedy

Unit Date 1954-1955
box 1
Container 8 (folder)

List of Alumni from the University of Tennessee's College of Agriculture

Unit Date 1953
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 9 (folder)