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Unit Date

1957-1962, 1987, 2011-2012

Language

English

Creator

Craven, Thorns

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2.71 Linear Feet

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Biographical Note

Frederick Thorns Craven, Jr. was born on October 15, 1940 in Concord, North Carolina. While a student at Washington and Lee University, he wrote for the Ring-tum Phi and was member of Sigma Nu fraternity, the Mongolian Minks, the White Friars, the Liberty Hall Society, and the Graham-Lee Society. Craven graduated in 1962.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains letters written by Washington and Lee student Thorns Craven to his family, letters he received while at school from family and friends, as well as other materials associated with his time at Washington and Lee as a student and as an alumnus. Subjects include fraternity rushing, Sigma Nu fraternity, student life, and social activities.

Keywords

College fraternity members

College Students -- Social life and customs

Washington and Lee University--Alumni and alumnae

Washington and Lee University--Students

Sigma Nu Fraternity. Lambda Chapter (Washington and Lee University)

Description of Subordinate Components

Letters written by Thorns Craven

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36008

Letters Home

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36010

Unit Date 1958 September

Mixed Materials [35101206266673] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Letters Home

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36011

Unit Date 1958 October-December

Mixed Materials [35101206266673] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Letters Home

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36012

Unit Date 1959 January- March

Mixed Materials [35101206266673] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Letters Home

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36013

Unit Date 1959 April-May

Mixed Materials [35101206266673] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Letters Home

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36014
Unit Date 1959 September-December
Mixed Materials [35101206266673] 1 (box)
Container 5 (folder)

Letters Home

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36015
Unit Date 1960 January-May
Mixed Materials [35101206266673] 1 (box)
Container 6 (folder)

Letters Home

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36016
Unit Date 1960 September-December
Mixed Materials [35101206266673] 1 (box)
Container 7 (folder)

Letters Home

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36017
Unit Date 1961 January-May
Mixed Materials [35101206266673] 1 (box)
Container 8 (folder)

Letters Home

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36018
Unit Date 1961 September-December
Mixed Materials [35101206266673] 1 (box)
Container 9 (folder)

Letters Home

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36019
Unit Date 1962 January-May, undated
Mixed Materials [35101206266673] 1 (box)
Container 10 (folder)

Letter from Thorns Craven to David Ernest

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36020
Unit Date 1962 July 4
Mixed Materials [35101206266673] 1 (box)
Container 11 (folder)

Letter from Thorns Craven to Mr. W. Randolph Carter

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36072
Unit Date 1961 November 7
Mixed Materials [35101206266673] 1 (box)
Container 12 (folder)

Letters written to Thorns Craven

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36009

Letters from Martha K. Craven (Mother)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36024

Unit Date 1958 September-October

Mixed Materials [35101206266673] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Letters from Martha K. Craven (Mother)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36025

Unit Date 1958 November

Mixed Materials [35101206266673] 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Letters from Martha K. Craven (Mother)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36026

Unit Date 1959 January-March

Mixed Materials [35101206266673] 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Letters from Martha K. Craven (Mother)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36027

Unit Date 1959 April-May, 1960 October 14

Mixed Materials [35101206266673] 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Letters from Fred T. Craven (Father)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36021

Unit Date 1958 September 22, October 8

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Letters from Edith Craven (Sister)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36022

Unit Date 1958 September-October. 1959 January 14, March

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Additional Information

The January 14, 1959 letter also included a letter to Thorns from his brother Allen.

Letter from Lineta Craven (Sister)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36023

Unit Date 1958 November 15

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Birthday cards from family

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36028

Unit Date 1958 October

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Letters from Jock Harnes

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36041

Unit Date 1957 September, November-December, 1958 May 10

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Letters from Belle

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36042

Unit Date 1958 October

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Letters from Martha

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36043

Unit Date 1958 September-October, 1959 March-May

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Letters from Annie Joe

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36044

Unit Date 1958 December, 1959 January

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Letters from Annie Joe

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36045

Unit Date 1959 February-April

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Letters from Annie Joe

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36046

Unit Date 1959 April, undated

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Letters from Lyl Chalfont

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36047

Unit Date 1959 March-April

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Letters from Frank J. Gilliam

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36048

Unit Date 1958 June 14, 19, August 21, 1961 November 8

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Letters from Various Individuals

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36049

Unit Date 1958 January, August, 1959 February

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Letters from Various Individuals

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36050

Unit Date 1959 March-May, 1960 December, 1962

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Washington and Lee University

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36037

Letters to Parents from WLU

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36051

Unit Date 1958 August 25, [1958 September]

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36052

Unit Date 1962 February, circa 2012, undated

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Additional Information

Fancy Dress

Sigma Nu Lambda Chapter

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36053

Unit Date 1959, 1960-1961, undated

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

"Cheers for the Generals of Washington and Lee"

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36054

Unit Date circa 1959-1962

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

"Track-O-Gram" (WLU)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36055

Unit Date 1962

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

"Probes" literary publication (No. 1)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36056

Unit Date 1961 May

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

WLU Finals Week program

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36057

Unit Date 1962

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Postcards: Lexington and Washington and Lee University

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36058

Unit Date circa 1958-1962

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Incident with J. G. C.

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36073

Unit Date 1962 March

Mixed Materials [35101206266087] 2 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

WLU Publications and Invitations

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36059

Unit Date 1958, 1962, undated

Mixed Materials [3510126266202] 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Additional Information

Washington and Lee newsletters, Lee Chapel brochure, commencement and baccalaureate programs, invitations, WLU booklet "The Freshman Year," WLU booklet "The Big-Little Date Book," "To Parents and Teachers" brochures, Parents' Weekend brochure, Art, Music, Drama Seminars in Literature booklet

Class of 1962 25th Reunion Yearbook

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36060

Unit Date 1987 May

Mixed Materials [3510126266202] 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Class of 1962 50th Reunion Committee Member Guidebook

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36061

Unit Date 2011

Mixed Materials [3510126266202] 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Class of 1962 50th Reunion

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36062

Unit Date 2011-2012

Mixed Materials [3510126266202] 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Class of 1962 Reunion Calyx

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36063

Unit Date 2012 May

Mixed Materials [3510126266202] 3 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Reunion Badges

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36064

Unit Date 2012, undated

Mixed Materials [3510126266202] 3 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Thorns Craven WLU Student Identification Card

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36065

Unit Date circa 1958

Mixed Materials [3510126266202] 3 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Diploma

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36038

Unit Date 1962 June 8

Mixed Materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Chalk drawings

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36039

Unit Date circa 1962

Mixed Materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Additional Information

One chalk drawing of Thorns Craven titled "Thornication." One chalk drawing of Anne Gibbs of Hollins University and it titled "God-Squad Annie." They were made at the fraternity house.

Sigma Nu Lambda Chapter composite photographs

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/36040

Unit Date 1959-1962

Mixed Materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)