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Descriptive Summary

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1920-1990

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Abstract

This collection contains ephemera, University of Richmond memorabilia, service awards, photographs, and postcards representing the life of Earl and Jewell Ratliff and their service to the University of Richmond, volunteer organizations, and their love of travel.

Creator

Ratliff, Earl Gordon, 1926-2013

Creator

Ratliff, Jewell, 1929-2016

Extent

4.5 Linear Feet

Repository

University of Richmond

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

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Donation from estate.

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Biographical / Historical

Earl Gordon Ratliff, 1926-2013, was an alumnus and avid supporter of the University of Richmond, an enthusiastic traveler, a committed member of multiple Fraternal Organizations, and a WWII Veteran. Earl was born in McComb, Mississippi and in 1944, he received his high school diploma from Woodrow Wilson High School in Portsmouth, Virginia. Following his military service, Earl graduated from the University of Richmond in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. On March 24, 1951 Earl and Jewell were married in Newport News, Virginia. Earl held membership in several organizations including: the Spiders Club, the Portsmouth Naval Lodge No. 100, the ACCA Legion of Honor, and the 70th Army Infantry Division Association.

Jewel Diane Ratliff, 1929-2016, (maiden name Grobb), was a longtime employee of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company (Verizon), a supporter of the University of Richmond, and a committed member of several volunteer organizations. She was born in Jacksonville, Florida and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1946 before beginning work at the C&P Telephone Company. She served as president of the Telephone Pioneers of America Richmond Chapter and for the State of Virginia region. Earl and Jewell traveled extensively across the United States, Mexico, and Canada and took many photos of their vacations.

Scope and Contents

This collection documents the lives of Earl Gordon Ratliff and Jewell Diane Grobb Ratliff, including Earl's time spent at the University of Richmond and their various travels around the United States, Canada, and Mexico. From Jewell's family photos from 1918 to her untimely death in December of 2016, the collection contains personal materials including scrapbooks, family portraits, jewelry, various textiles, and University of Richmond ephemera. This collection captures the Earl Ratliff's volunteer activities at the Food Back, civic and community involvement in the Order of the Eastern Star, ELKS, Cheswick Walking Club, Spiders Club, Rectors Club, and ACCA Temple Shrine. Furthermore, the content of this collection documents Jewell Ratliff's commitment to the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for 36 years and her civic and community involvement in the Telephone Pioneers of America, Commonwealth Women's Club, Cheswick Walking Club, ELKS, and Order of the Eastern Star. Both Ratliffs shared a love of athletics at the University of Richmond and often attended various events in support. The textual materials are comprised of diplomas, certificates, office ephemera, correspondence, newspaper clippings, obituaries, awards, posters, and related printed matter. Among other formats throughout the collection are photographs, plaques, pins, coins, and WWII paraphernalia.

Separated Materials

Oversized documents are stored separately in oversize files. References to oversized items are included in the appropriate place in the series and provide information about where materials are housed. Materials from the Brown Scrapbook (Box 1 Files 23 and 24), Black Scrapbook 1 (Box 1 File 21), and two pages from an unidentified scrapbook (OS Drawer 1 File 5) were removed from scrapbooks and filed in folders. All other scrapbooks remain intact and reflect the original order.

Keywords

University of Richmond -- History

Richmond (Va.)

Scrapbooks

Photograph albums

Postcards

Clippings

Ephemera

Telephone Pioneers of America. Old Dominion Chapter

Accruals

No additional material is expected.

Arrangement

Series I: Personal Series II: University of Richmond

Description of Subordinate Components

Personal

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8028

Unit Date 1860-2013

Scope and Contents

This series captures the personal lives of Earl and Jewell Ratliff including their work, family, awards, correspondence, and community involvement. This series is comprised of a variety of vacation scrapbooks, diplomas, plaques, family photos, jewelry, obituaries, pins, coins, office ephemera, notes, and WWII paraphernalia. The various textual materials are organized in a way that reflects Earl's personal life from 1926 to 2013, Jewell's personal life from 1929 to 2016, and then their combined personal affairs.

Photos of Earl and Friends

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8029

Unit Date [circa 1920s-1950s]

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Stock Purchase Certificate

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8030

Unit Date June 11, 1956

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Obituary and 70th Infantry Bookmarks

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8031

Unit Date 2000

Unit Date 2013

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Jewell's Canadian Genealogy

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8032

Unit Date 1918

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Jewell's Family Photos

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8033

Unit Date [circa 1920s]- 1949

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Photos of Jewell and Friends at her Wedding and Beach Trip

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8034

Unit Date May 1950- June 1950

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Telephone Pioneers of America Old Dominion Chapter Phone Chart

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8035

Unit Date July 1, 1977- June 30, 1978

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

C + D Telephone Co. and Telephone Pioneers of America Office Ephemera

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8036

Unit Date [undated]

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Historic Family Photos

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8037

Unit Date [circa 1900s]- May 1950

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Postcards from Black Scrapbook 1 Disassembled

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8038

Unit Date 1933-1943

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Brown Scrapbook Disassembled Part 1

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8039

Unit Date [circa 1940s-1950s]

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Brown Scrapbook Disassembled Part 2

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8040

Unit Date [circa 1940s-1950s]

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Photos of Home and Yard

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8041

Unit Date 1958-1968

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Membership Photos

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8042

Unit Date [circa 1950s-1960s]

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Photos and Portraits of Earl and Jewell

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8043

Unit Date [circa 1970s]

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

Business and Organization Cards

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8044

Unit Date 1980-1984

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Social and Work Event Photos

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8045

Unit Date 1970- November 2012

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

Postcards from East Coast and Central US

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8046

Unit Date [undated]

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

Framed Awards, Certifications, and Photos

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8047

Unit Date 1943- November, 21 2013

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

Black Scrapbook 2

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8048

Unit Date 1923-1924

Unit Date 1961

Graphic Materials Box 2

Container 1 (object)

Red Scrapbook 1

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8049

Unit Date April 4, 1990- June 17, 1990

Graphic Materials Box 2

Container 2 (object)

Red Scrapbook 2

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8050

Unit Date [circa 1990s]

Graphic Materials Box 2

Container 3 (object)

Blue Scrapbook 1

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8051

Unit Date July 21, 1991- September 2, 1991

Graphic Materials Box 2

Container 4 (object)

Blue Scrapbook 2

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8052

Unit Date July 21, 1991- September 2, 1991

Graphic Materials Box 3

Container 1 (object)

Green Scrapbook 1

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8053

Unit Date 1994

Graphic Materials Box 3

Container 2 (object)

Green Scrapbook 2

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8054

Unit Date 1994

Graphic Materials Box 3

Container 3 (object)

Black 70th Infantry Division Hat

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8055

Unit Date [undated]

Mixed Materials Box 4

Container 1 (object)

Personal/Military Jewellery and Decorations

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8075

Unit Date 1860- [circa 1940s]

Mixed Materials Box 4

Container 2 (folder)

Organization Pins and Decorations

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8076

Unit Date [undated]

Mixed Materials Box 4

Container 3 (folder)

Military Casket Flag

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8056

Unit Date 2013

Mixed Materials Box 5

Container 1 (object)

Black Book of Indian Head Coins

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8057

Unit Date 1936-2000

Mixed Materials Box 6

Container 2 (object)

WWII Patches

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8058

Unit Date [circa 1940s]

Mixed Materials Box 6

Container 4 (object)

Jewell's Canadian Family Cabin

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8079

Unit Date [undated]

Graphic Materials Oversize File

Container 1 (folder)

Awards and Diplomas

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8080

Unit Date 1944-1967

Mixed Materials Oversize File

Container 2 (folder)

Disassembled Scrapbook Pages

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8081

Unit Date [circa 1920s-1930s]

Graphic Materials Oversize File

Container 5 (folder)

Portraits and Anniversaries

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8082

Unit Date [circa 1940s]

Unit Date 2010-2011

Graphic Materials Oversize File

Container 6 (folder)

University of Richmond

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8059

Unit Date 1949-October 29, 1994

Scope and Contents

This series captures the various events and games to which Earl and Jewell Ratliff attended at the University of Richmond. This series is comprised of a variety of posters, stickers, sideline passes, tickets, program guides, newspaper clippings, photos, and various UR branded textiles collected from 1943 to the 2010s when they ultimately passed away.

Sports Programs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8060

Unit Date September 17, 1949- November 12, 1949

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Sports Tickets and Sideline Passes

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8061

Unit Date October 28, 1961- November 23, 1968

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Sports Tickets, Spider Club Membership, and Baseball Season Brochure

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8062

Unit Date November 14, 1970- September 8, 1979

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Stickers

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8063

Unit Date [undated]

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Sports Tickets, Sideline Passes, and Spider Club Membership

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8064

Unit Date September 6, 1980- 1989

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Sports Tickets and Sideline Passes

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8065

Unit Date 1991- October 29, 1994

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Sports Tickets

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8066

Unit Date [undated]

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Inauguration of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies and Dedication of Jepson Hall

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8067

Unit Date September 9, 1992

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Grey SPIDERS Hat

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8068

Unit Date [undated]

Mixed Materials Box 4

Container 2 (object)

Navy R Hat

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8069

Unit Date [undated]

Mixed Materials Box 4

Container 3 (object)

Red Spider Hat

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8070

Unit Date [circa 2008]

Mixed Materials Box 4

Container 4 (object)

UR Pins and Pennant

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8077

Unit Date [undated]

Mixed Materials Box 4

Container 1 (folder)

Jewelry

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8078

Unit Date [undated]

Mixed Materials Box 4

Container 4 (folder)

Jacket

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8071

Unit Date [undated]

Mixed Materials Box 5

Container 2 (object)

White T Shirt

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8072

Unit Date [undated]

Mixed Materials Box 6

Container 1 (object)

White Crewneck

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8073

Unit Date [undated]

Mixed Materials Box 6

Container 3 (object)

White Crewneck

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8074

Unit Date [undated]

Mixed Materials Box 6

Container 4 (object)

Newspaper Clippings

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8083

Unit Date 1949

Mixed Materials Oversize File

Container 3 (folder)

Posters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/8084

Unit Date 1985-1986

Mixed Materials Oversize File

Container 4 (folder)