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Unit Date

Circa 1900-2007

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Renick, Tim (Tim Renick)

Creator

Renick Family

Creator

Renick, Dewey Campbell, 1898 February 7-1976 August 1

Creator

Renick, Fern Amelia Cooley , 1897 July 7-1992 June 18

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14.36 Linear Feet 20 boxes

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Biographical / Historical

Dewey Campbell Renick was a farmer, lumberman, appraiser and developer from Calloway, Va. (Franklin County). He was born on February 17, 1898 and moved to Williamsburg, Virginia to attend the William and Mary Academy and work at the Williamsburg Female Institute. Renick was a member of the James City County Planning Commission from 1954-1971, a member of the James City County School Board for 25 years (chair for 15 years) and a member of the county school trustee electoral board. Renick was also a rent control administrator in Williamsburg during World War II and was involved with establishing the Tidewater Mental Health Clinic and Williamsburg Memorial Park. He was a member of the board of Williamsburg Community Hospital and a director of the United Virginia Bank. He died 1 August 1976. The Renick farm was at the intersection of News Road and Ironbound.

Fern Amelia Cooley Renick was born in South Dakota on July 7, 1897 and came to Williamsburg with her family at the age of two. She attended Farmville State Teacher's College (now Longwood University). She and her husband were active in the Jamestown Presbyterian Church.

Along with George Tayloe Ross, she established the Dewey C. Renick Memorial Scholarship at the College of William and Mary. She died on June 18, 1992.

Content Description

The Renick Family papers include farm account books, newspaper clippings, obituaries, genealogical materials, photographs, correspondence, and artifacts documenting the lives of the Renick Family. Family members documented include Dewey Campbell Renick, Fern Cooley Renick, Jean Renick, and Dewey C. Renick Jr.

The farm account book, circa 1942-1962, includes accounts of Kings Mill Farm (Thomas M. Brooks), Carter's Grove Farm, Evelynton Plantation, Kings Mill Dairy Farm (operated by David and E. E. Falk; later Anheuser-Busch's Kingsmill development), and P. M. Greisenauer. The entries are in alphabetical order.

The collection also includes papers concerning the organization of the Dewey C. Renick Endowment for scholarships at William & Mary. Clippings concern the Renick family including Dewey C. Renick's civic career as well as his involvement in negotiations to bring Anheuser-Busch to Williamsburg and the giving of a Clydesdale horse to the Renick farm.

Keywords

Farming

Account books

Photographic prints

Diaries

Business records

Clippings (information artifacts)

Europe -- Description and travel
Genealogies
Post World War II Europe--Description and travel
Purple Heart
Renick, Tim (Tim Renick)
Renick, Dewey C. , Jr., d. 1945
Anheuser-Bush, Inc.
College of William and Mary

Other Finding Aids

Finding aid formerly identified as Mss. Acc. 2010.308.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into six series including: Series I. Dewey Campbell Renick papers, 1923-1981, Series II. Fern Amelia Cooley Renick papers, 1950-1992, Series III. Dewey C. Renick Jr. papers, Circa 1930-1945, Series IV. Jean Renick papers, 1933-1953, Series V. Personal papers, Circa 1900-2006 and Series VI. Printed materials, 1939-2007.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I. Dewey Campbell Renick papers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604174

Unit Date 1923-1981

Scope and Contents

Dewey C. Renick worked in the timber and lumber business from 1928 until his retirement in 1954. Post retirement he was a member of the James City County planning commission from 1954-1971 and was instrumental in establishing a zoning ordinance for the county. Renick was an appraiser and purchaser of the Newport News reservoir and pipeline property for the Diascund Reservoir water system. He also acted as the as the Busch Properties agent for the Lightfoot and Kingsmill properties as well as serving as the superintendent of the James City County School Board for 15 years and its chairman for 15 years. Renick died on August 1, 1976.

Correspondence of Dewey C. Renick

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/562809

Unit Date 1932-1970

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Concerns business, politics, his service on the Virginia Air Pollution Commission and an illness. Includes letter from Virginia Governor J. Lindsay Almond. Correspondence concerns a memorial window to Charles J. Renick (1866-1935) and Sarah Prillaman Renick (1867-1915). Letters concerning treatment of undulant fever possibly contracted from drinking unpasteurized milk in Maine from a herd which later tested positive for brucellosis "Bang's Fever."

Anheuser-Busch Brewery (related clippings)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/562810

Unit Date 1969-1976

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Newspaper clippings concerning the bringing to Williamsburg of the Anheuser-Busch brewery. Includes

newspaper clippings about, photographs of, and a letter of thanks written to August Busch by Renick thanking him for the Clydesdale mare, (Belau Golden Maid) "Goldie."

Crofton Farm account book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/562813

Unit Date 1956-1962

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Farm Account book of "Crofton," James City County, Va. owned by Dewey C. Renick and Fern Amelia Cooley Renick. Accounts are in alphabetical order. The farm was at the corner of News Road and Monticello Road, where the Veterans Park is. Concerns logs, feed, grass seed and pullets (chickens) Includes accounts with "Carter's Grove," James City County, Va., Chesapeake Corporation, King's Mill Dairy Farm, Lombardy Farm, Jamestown Corporation, Virginia Jack Farm, and T. W. Wood.

Crofton Farm account book related materials

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/565108

Unit Date 1923-1976

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Language English

Dewey C. Renick Endowment at William & Mary

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/562811

Unit Date 1981-1991

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Language English

Creator Ross, George Tayloe

Scope and Contents

Clippings and documents concerning the establishment of the Dewey C. Renick Endowment at William & Mary by George Tayloe Ross

Dewey C. Renick Endowment at William & Mary (oversize)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604220

Unit Date 1981

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Longmeadow, Hampden County, Massachusetts

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/562819

Unit Date Circa 1968

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Paper placemats and a brochure for Longmeadow, Hampden County, Massachusetts. Calling card of Elsie Hunter

Newspaper clipping**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/604219**Unit Date** 10 July 1966**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 8 (Folder)**Series II. Fern Amelia Cooley Renick papers****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/604175**Unit Date** 1950-1992**Scope and Contents**

Fern Cooley Renick was born in Dell Rapids, South Dakota and moved to Williamsburg, Virginia at a young age. In 1915 she graduated from Williamsburg Female Institute. Renick was a homemaker and civic leader instrumental in bringing Anheuser-Busch to James City County. Fern Renick married Dewey Renick in 1918 and had three children. Fern Renick died on June 18, 1992.

Financial records of Fern Amelia Cooley Renick**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/562816**Unit Date** 1979-1992**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 9 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Materials mostly concern the settlement of the estate of Fern Amelia (Cooley) Renick by her daughter Jean Renick. Includes record relating to estate of Bernard W. Griffey.

General papers relating to Fern Amelia Cooley Renick**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/562815**Unit Date** 1918-1992**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 10 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Papers relating to Fern Amelia Cooley Renick. Biography of Fern Cooley Renick compiled by women of Jamestown Presbyterian Church, her marriage announcement, endowment set up to give scholarships to students who are from the area of the church, obituary and her will.

Travel diary (Europe)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/562814**Unit Date** ca. 1950-1960**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)**Container** 11 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Handwritten and typed copy of a diary on a trip to England, Scotland, Paris, Zurich, and Italy. Writer is on a trip with Ginny. Writer of diary may have been Fern Amelia Cooley Renick. Includes notes on Presbyterianism.

Series III. Dewey C. Renick Jr. papers**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/604176**Unit Date** Circa 1930-1945**Scope and Contents**

Dewey C. Renick Jr. was born on October 28, 1921 in Williamsburg, Virginia. He was the son of Dewey C. Renick and Fern Renick. He attended Virginia Tech and served as Lieutenant during World War II. Renick

was a pilot who served with the Fifth Air Force Fighter Command. Dewey C. Renick Jr. was killed in action on March 27, 1945 over the Luzon mountains in the Phillipines. Renick received multiple medals in recognition of his service including the Purple Heart.

7th Fighter Squadron, 49th Fighter Group papers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604218

Unit Date 1944-1945

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 12 (Folder)

General papers belonging to Dewey C. Renick, Jr.

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/562812

Unit Date 1945-1949

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Photocopies of official and unofficial correspondence concerning the death of Dewey C. Renick, Jr. whose plane was lost in 1945 in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Keywords

Renick, Dewey C. , Jr., d. 1945

"Gold Dust Renick" ephemera (oversize)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604201

Unit Date Circa 1930-1945

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 14 (Folder)

The Techgram

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604192

Unit Date 1945

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 15 (Folder)

World War II artifacts and awards

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604214

Unit Date Circa 1939-1945

Mixed Materials 4 (box)

Series IV. Jean Renick papers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604181

Unit Date 1933-1953

Scope and Contents

Jean C. Renick was born on August 1, 1933 in Williamsburg, Virginia. She attended Whaley High School and Duke University where she studied nursing. Jean Renick also had a career as an architect.

Correspondence to and from Jean Renick

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604182

Unit Date 1953-1968

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

File includes undated correspondence such as a letter to Santa Claus

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Baby book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604194

Unit Date 1933

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 17 (Folder)

Duke University papers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604187

Unit Date 1951-1956

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 18 (Folder)

Duke University yearbooks, handbooks, ephemera and diploma

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604216

Unit Date Circa 1951-1956

Mixed Materials 5 (box)

Jamestown Presbyterian Daily Vacation Bible School certificates

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604193

Unit Date 1939-1940

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 19 (Folder)

Luctor Et Emergo

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604184

Unit Date Circa 1953

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 20 (Folder)

Provinciale Zeeuwse Courant (clipping)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604221

Unit Date 12 August 1953

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 21 (Folder)

Schouwen Duivland map

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604183

Unit Date 1953

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 22 (Folder)

Travelers checks

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604190

Unit Date 1953

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 23 (Folder)

Work camp papers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604188

Unit Date 1953

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 24 (Folder)

Series V. Personal papers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604177

Unit Date Circa 1900-2006

Scope and Contents

Series includes genealogical materials, photographs, and scrapbooks documenting the lives of the Renick family.

Birth, death and marriage certificates of members of the Renick Family

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/565109

Unit Date 1898-1992

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 25 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Birth, marriage and death certificates of Dewey C. Renick and Fern Amelia (Cooley) Renick. Includes will of Dewey C. Renick.

Certificates

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604189

Unit Date 1942-1970

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 26 (Folder)

Certificate and silver plate award

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604217

Unit Date Circa 1945-2000

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Cooley Family genealogy, compiled papers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604227

Mixed Materials 7 (box)

The Cooley Genealogy by Mortimer Elwyn Cooley

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604222

Unit Date 1941

Mixed Materials 8 (box)

Empty envelopes

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604185

Unit Date Circa 1945-1989

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Container 27 (Folder)

Genealogy of Renick and Cooley family, compiled**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/562818**Unit Date** 1998-2006**Mixed Materials** 9 (box)**Container** 28 (Folder)**Language** English**A Grandparent's Book****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/604195**Mixed Materials** 9 (box)**Container** 29 (Folder)**Photographs and scrapbooks****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/604191**Oversize unidentified photograph of two girls****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/604215**Unit Date** Circa 1900**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 38 (Folder)**Conditions Governing Access**

Extremely fragile. Handle with staff member present.

Renick family photographs**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/562828**Unit Date** 1900-1985**Mixed Materials** 9 (box)**Container** 30 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Formal Photographs of Dewey C. Renick and Fern Cooley Renick. 1918 photograph of cutting cake at wedding. 50th wedding anniversary invitation. . Color photograph of Fern Cooley Renick at age 90.

Renick family photographs**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/604223**Unit Date** Circa 1900**Mixed Materials** 9 (box)**Container** 31 (Folder)**Renick family photographs****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/604224**Unit Date** Circa 1900-1945**Mixed Materials** 9 (box)**Container** 32 (Folder)**Renick family photographs****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/604225**Mixed Materials** 9 (box)**Container** 33 (Folder)

Renick family photographs (framed)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/562820

Mixed Materials 10 (box)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Hinged double photograph of Dewey C. Renick and Fern Cooley Renick (From the Studio of Douglas B. Green, II, 761 Scotland St, Williamsburg, Va.). Cased photograph of Fern Cooley Renick as a child (ca. 1900-1910).

William & Mary class of 1915 photograph

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/562823

Mixed Materials 1 (Map Case)

Container 1 (Drawer)

Language English

Scrapbook I

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604208

Unit Date Circa 1920-1945

Mixed Materials 11 (Binder)

Scope and Contents

General Renick family photographs

Scrapbook II

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604209

Unit Date Circa 1920-1970

Mixed Materials 12 (Binder)

Scope and Contents

Henry Alaska Cooley & Sarah Griffith Cooley families

Scrapbook III

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604210

Unit Date Circa 1900-1985

Mixed Materials 13 (Binder)

Scope and Contents

General family photographs

Scrapbook IV

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604207

Unit Date Circa 1950-1960

Mixed Materials 14 (Binder)

Scope and Contents

Jean Renick's travel scrapbook

Scrapbook V

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604211

Unit Date Circa 1934-1970

Mixed Materials 15 (Binder)

Scope and Contents

Jean Renick photographs and papers compiled in scrapbook.

Scrapbook VI

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604212

Unit Date Circa 1968-1972

Mixed Materials 16 (Binder)

Scope and Contents

Photographs related to Jean Renick

Scrapbook VII

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604213

Unit Date Circa 1939-1960

Mixed Materials 17 (Binder)

Renick family clippings and general papers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/562817

Unit Date Circa 1969-1997

Mixed Materials 9 (box)

Container 34 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Cooley Family Genealogy notebook compiled by Sara Nell Gilley Richards Taft. Loose pages of Cooley Family Genealogy.

Series VI. Printed materials

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604178

Unit Date 1939-2007

Scope and Contents

Series included printed materials such as yearbooks from Whaley Highschool in Williamsburg, Virginia, as well as William & Mary's Colonial Echo. Texts related to World War II are also included.

49th Fighter Group (copy)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604198

Unit Date 1989

Mixed Materials 9 (box)

Container 35 (Folder)

Cooley Communique

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604197

Unit Date 2007

Mixed Materials 9 (box)

Container 36 (Folder)

Matthew Whaley High School yearbooks

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604203

Unit Date 1946-1951

Mixed Materials 18 (box)

The Menace From Moresby

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/604204

Unit Date Circa 1939-1945

Mixed Materials 18 (box)

Pacific Sweep**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/604205**Unit Date** Circa 1939-1945**Mixed Materials** 18 (box)**Tall tales and true of James City County, by Mildred Bienfait Matier****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/562825**Unit Date** 1976?**Mixed Materials** 9 (box)**Container** 37 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Tall tales and true of James City County : [Excerpts from oral taped narratives made during the Bicentennial year by some of our senior citizens / transcribed by Mildred Matier].By Matier, Mildred Bienfait, 1908- s.l. : s.n. 1976?

Traveler's guides, maps and other materials**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/604206**Unit Date** Circa 1950-1960**Mixed Materials** 19 (box)**William & Mary Yearbook****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/604228**Unit Date** 1944**Mixed Materials** 20 (box)