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Western Kentucky University
UA37 Faculty/Staff Personal Papers
Series 10 Mary Ruth & Keith Cloe

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Biographical History: Born January 28, 1909, in St. Louis, Missouri, daughter of Pastor Robert Lemons, a Baptist minister, and his wife, Anabel Griffen, their only child. She lived all over the Midwest and South as child, following the various pastorates of her father. She was educated at Hardin College, Mexico, Missouri, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri and Blue Mountain College in Mississippi, graduating with a BA in art and English in 1929. She later attended Washington University in St. Louis and received her masters in art education from George Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee in 1938. She continued her graduate education at George Washington University in Washington DC in 1966.

Mary Ruth Lemons Cloe was a professional artist, portrait illustrator and educator. She taught at the collegiate, secondary and primary levels throughout her life. She met and married Keith D. Cloe while a professor of art education at Western Kentucky University. Keith D. Cloe went on to serve his country as a pilot, aviator and educator for over twenty years in the US Air Force. Upon his retirement, Keith served as a professional in the Boy Scouts of America and later taught at J.E. Stuart High School in northern Virginia. Mary Ruth taught at Falls Church High School for twelve years. Her paintings and sketches have been displayed in galleries and art shows throughout the United States. She was a published author of children's art educational materials and was active throughout her adult life in the National League of American Pen Women. [excerpted from obituary written by Elaine Harrington]

Description: Documents relating to the estate of Mary Ruth Cloe donated by her executor Elaine Harrington. File includes clippings, genealogical data of the Lemons family, correspondence between Ms. Harrington and friends of the Cloes. Most interesting are the hand made and colored Christmas cards created by Mary Ruth Cloe.

Dates: 1909-1994

Extent: 6 folders

Subject Analytics:

Christmas cards

Genealogy

Paintings

Poetry

Woodcuts

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| UA37.10 | Records | Date |
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Container List

| Container | Folder | Creator | Date | Title |
|------------------|--|----------------|-------------|---|
| Box 1 | 1 | | 1909-1994 | Biographical File - Mary Ruth Cloe |
| Description | 1992 Desk Calendar & Appointment Book | | | Subjects Birth certificates |
| | 1994 Desk Calendar & Appointment Book | | | Death certificates |
| | Asheville Normal & Teachers College. Summer School Bulletin, 1936 | | | Marriage certificates |
| | Autobiographical sketch | | | Wills |
| | Clipping "Two Artists Will Do Sketches at Sidewalk Art Show Saturday," np, nd | | | Contracts |
| | Clipping "Artist to Sketch Portraits at Christmas Bazaar Dec. 3," Loudoun Eastern, 12/1/1978 | | | Employment |
| | Delta Kappa Gamma Society | | | Identification photographs |
| | Letter from Mary Cloe to Norman Shank, Sept. 7, 1990. | | | |
| | Transcript from George Peabody College for Teachers | | | |
| Box 1 | 2 | | 1916-1990 | Biographical File - Keith Cloe & Roberta Cloe Shank |
| | | | | Subjects Birth certificates |
| | | | | Death certificates |
| Box 1 | 3 | | | Genealogical File - Lemons/Griffin Families |
| Description | Biographical sketches of Robert Lemons | | | Subjects Poetry |
| | Griffin, Annabelle | | | |
| | Griffin family genealogical notes | | | |
| Box 1 | 4 | | | Art & Poetry |
| Description | Handmade and colored Christmas cards and poetry created by Mary Ruth Cloe | | | Subjects Poetry |
| | Passion flower card - D2079 - http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/fac_staff_papers/38 | | | Christmas cards |
| | Winchester, Massachusetts card - D2080 - http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/fac_staff_papers/37 | | | |

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| Box 1 | 5 | Harrington, Elaine | 1994 | Correspondence |
| Description | Correspondence between Elaine Harrington and friends of Mary Ruth Cloe regarding her death. | | | Subjects Correspondence |
| Box 1 | 6 | Blue Mountain College | 1929 | Mountaineer |
| Description | Yearbook from Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi. Mary Cloe graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1929, see Mary Lemons in graduating class. She created wood cuts for the yearbook: | | | |
| | Book II, Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen and Specials | | | |
| | Book V, man hunting and man with shovel | | | |