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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 584 RANNEY Family Papers

1 box. 15 folders. 184 items. 1906-2015. Originals and photocopies

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Charles L. Ranney was born on 14 June 1922, the son of Guy and Gilla (Hopper) Ranney in Ohio County, Kentucky. His father died in 1933, and the Ranney family lost a great deal during the Depression. Ranney was able to attend school and graduated from Hartford High School. During a portion of his school career, he actually boarded with a family in Hartford by himself. He worked as a surveyor. When World War II started he was not able to serve initially because of a medical issue, but he joined the U.S. Navy in 1944 because a tonsillectomy cleared up his ear problems. While serving near Loudonville, Ohio, he met and subsequently married Iona June Carnegie. Their wedding took place on 26 January 1946 at the First Presbyterian Church in Loudonville. After Charles' military service, he began course work at Ashland College in Ohio. When the couple returned to Ohio County in 1946, Charles initially operated a general store and then became a teacher and coach at Centertown School. He resigned in 1953 to work for an engineering firm, prior to taking classes at Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro, Kentucky. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from KWC in May 1955. He then took a job with Western Kentucky Gas, installing natural gas pumping stations in Louisiana, Tennessee and Indiana; he remained with WKG until 1963. Eventually he got his real estate license and worked in that field in Ohio County, while maintaining a franchise to sell U.S. Steel houses. He also appraised real estate for local banks well into his 80s.

Iona June Carnegie was born on 26 June 1927, the daughter of Levi Overholt Carnegie and Florence (Snyder) Carnegie. She was training to be a nurse, when she met and eventually married Charles. They eventually settled in Ohio County. June became involved in community and education activities and homemaking; she was an immaculate housekeeper. At one time she began a candy making operation from home. Then she became the primary surgical nurse for a local surgeon. Interested in crafts, and an excellent quilter, June operated the Creative Hands Craft Shop in Hartford for several years. She was a 16-stitch an inch quilter who was often asked to teach quilting design and technique in the area. The couple had four children: Julia Gayle, Joyce Ann, Carla Jean, and Charles T. After Charles and June's deaths, 8 January 2015 and 29 December 1995 respectively, the Ranneys were interred in Hartford's Oakwood Cemetery.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection chiefly documents the lives of Charles L. Ranney and Iona June (Carnegie) Ranney. Folder 2 contains a short reminiscence by Charles Ranney in which he recounts his early childhood, education, careers, marriage and children; the folder also contains a good number of Mr. Ranney's report cards from Hartford and Ohio County schools. Folder 3 contains limited information about Ranney's career in real estate. It includes his real estate license from 1979, two small account books listing properties sold and rents received, several leases, as well as stationery from his firm. One of the account books in Folder 3 also includes detailed accounts for Mrs. Ranney's business, Creative Hand Craft Shop in Hartford, from 1974 to 1975; the remainder of the account book includes real estate information recorded by Mr. Ranney. Folder 4 includes an audio compact disc in which Mr. Ranney re-tells a story for his grandchildren that he had told his own children; the folder also contains a number of photos related to Mr. Ranney that includes a music and was used as a memorial tribute at his funeral in 2015. Folder 5 includes notes for a speech on decoupage given by Mrs. Ranney for a club meeting, a letter sent by Mrs. Ranney's sister, Marilyn Spreng, to her own grandchildren, as well as a couple of poems. Of particular interest in Folder 5 is a letter written by Mrs. Ranney to her daughter Julia which addresses questions that Julia had asked after the Kent State University shootings in 1970. The incident is not mentioned specifically, but Julia included a note on the back indicating that the shootings served as an impetus for her to call her mother, and this is her mother's reply. In the same letter, June writes that Charles had a franchise to sell U.S. Steel homes in the Ohio County vicinity. Folder 6 includes a diary kept by June Ranney in 1980. Folder 7 includes portions of a calendar on which Mrs. Ranney's initial diagnosis, treatment, and eventual death from cancer are recorded; the folder two sets of notes Charles kept about his wife's condition. Folder 8 includes cursory genealogical material on the Ranney and Carnegie families. Folder 9 includes family photographs and some of historical events in Ohio County. Folder 10 includes photographs, news clippings, and several score cards related to basketball teams from Ohio County, Kentucky. Folder 11 includes news clippings, chiefly about Ranney family members. Folder 12 contains information about timber land in Ohio County, apparently owned by Mr. Ranney. Folder 13 includes programs and news clippings about Masonic orders. It also includes a folded, commemorative hat that was worn at the initiation of Guy Ranney into the Masons in 1926. Folder 14 includes some minutes of the Ohio County Piece Makers, a quilting group, as well as a number of photos of quilts and quilted textiles that Mrs. Ranney produced. Folder 15 includes some miscellaneous items, and Folder 16 houses a transcript of an oral interview done with Charles Ranney in which he recounts highlights in his life.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Ranney Family Papers	1906-2015	183 items
Folder 1	Inventory	n.d.	1 item
Folder 2	Charles L. Ranney – Correspondence, report cards, reminiscence, etc.	1930-2012	17 items

Folder 3	Charles L. Ranney – Related to real estate career	1969-2013	10 items
Folder 4	Audio CDs of Charles Raney telling stories and reminiscing; a memorial DVD tribute	1989-2015	3 items
Folder 5	June (Carnegie) Ranney – Correspondence, speech about decoupage, news clippings, etc.	1946-2004	13 items
Folder 6	June Raney – Diary	1980	1 item
Folder 7	Record of June Ranney's cancer treatments, photos	1995	5 items
Folder 8	Ranney & Carnegie family genealogies	1940-2005	21 items
Folder 9	Photographs	1906-2006	45 items
Folder 10	Sports information from Beaver Dam area schools, particularly basketball, photos	1938-1980	19 items
Folder 11	News clippings	1922-1983	11 items
Folder 12	Information on timberlands	1961-2009	9 items
Folder 13	Masonic and Eastern Star information	1926-1972	6 items
Folder 14	Ohio County Piecemakers Quilter's Group, photos of June Ranney's quilts	1986-1994	18 item
Folder 15	Miscellaneous – Poem, Check, Ranney Store postcard	1948	4 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Information and photographs about the family of Charles and June (Carnegie) Ranney of Ohio County, Kentucky. Includes information about Charles's days playing basketball in Ohio County as a youngster, his time as a teacher, and eventually his real estate career. Includes information about June's interest in crafts, a ledger for a craft store, and photos of quilts and other textile arts she produced. Genealogical information about the Ranney and Carnegie families is included.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Account book, 1974-2006 F3
Basketball – Ohio County F10
Cancer – Relating to F7
Carnegie family F8
Carnegie, Florence (Snyder), 1910-1992 F5
Carnegie, Levi Overholt, 1905-1987 F5
Cats – Comments about F2
Creative Hands Craft Shop – Hartford – Relating to F3
Decoupage – Relating to F5
Diary, 1980 – Ranney, Iona June (Carnegie), 1927-1995
Funeral rites and ceremonies – Ranney, Charles Luther, 1922-2015 F4
Kent State University – Tragedy – Relating to, 1970 F5
Licenses – Real estate F3
Ludwig, Meredith (Interviewer) F16
Lumber industry – Ohio County F12
Masons (Fraternal organization) – Related to F13
McMillin, Alvin Nugent "Bo," 1895-1952 – Relating to F7
Ohio County Piece Makers – Relating to F14
Oldham, John Oscar "Johnny," b. 1923 – Photo F10
Order of the Eastern Star – Related to F13
Poetry F5,14,15
Postcards F15
Quilts and quilting F14
Quilts and quilting – Photos F14
Ranney, Charles Luther, 1922-2015 F16
Ranney, Charles Luther, 1922-2015 – Photos F9

Ranney, Iona June (Carnegie), 1927-1995 - Photos
 Ranney family B8
 Ranney, Guy, 1884-1933 – Relating to F11
 Ranney, Gwendolyne Martin “Tootsie,” 1912-1965 – Relating to
 Ranney Store – Ohio County F15
 Reminiscences – Ranney, Charles Luther, 1922-2015 F2,16
 Report cards – Ohio County F2
 Roberts, Mary (Ranney), d. 1980 – Relating to F11
 Ruby, Earl, 1903-2000 – Relating to F10
 Spreng, Marilyn Jean (Carnegie), b. 1932 F5
 Storytelling F4

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