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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 539 BAKER, Walter Arnold, 1778-2014

1 box. 12 folders. 149 items. 1778-2014. Originals and photocopies

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Walter A. Baker, was born in Columbia, Kentucky, the son of Herschel T. And Mattie (Barger) Baker. The Columbia native graduated from Adair County High School in 1954, Harvard College, A.B. Magna Cum Laude in 1958, Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard Law School in 1961 and Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at Pikeville College in 2006. He served in the Air Force Reserve, Kentucky Air National Guard, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel, and served as judge advocate for the Kentucky Air National Guard from 1961-81. In 1981, President Ronald Reagan appointed Baker assistant general counsel for International Affairs in the U.S. Department of Defense, a position he held until 1983. He had a very distinguished career in public offices where he had received many awards and honors for his service. Baker served as state representative, 23rd House District, 1968-71; state senator, 9th Senatorial District 1972-1981 and 1989-1996; and justice, Kentucky Supreme Court in 1996.

Baker also participated on numerous state and national legislative committees, including being selected by the U.S. Information Agency to advise oblast dumas in Nizhni Novgorod and Tomsk, Russia, on legislative process and constitution-making in 1995 and to address the economic conference in Poland in 1997. He was also very active in many state and local organizations, including the Glasgow Rotary Club, Barren County Bar Association, board member of the Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library and was a member and past president of the Kentucky Historical Society. Walter was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Glasgow and vice chancellor, Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky, since 2005. He married Jane S. Helm and had two children. He was inurned at Glasgow Municipal Cemetery.

COLLECTION NOTE

This small collection contains material related to legislative matters of interest to Baker and files about several trips abroad. Besides the inventory, Folder 1 contains copies of news clippings about Baker's appointment to the Kentucky Supreme Court in 1996. Folder 4 includes information about a non-profit health education and advocacy

entity established by Anthem Insurance in Kentucky in 2001. Baker was a sponsor of the bill that paved the way for Anthem to convert from a mutual company to a stock company. Folder 6 contains information collected by Baker related to impeachment in Kentucky history and the legislation that governs that process. Folders 7-9 relate to trips that Baker took abroad (Germany, Japan, Russia, Poland) that were sponsored by the National Conference of State Legislatures or the U.S. Information Agency. Other folders contain information about legislative aides in the Kentucky General Assembly (Folder 11, some family items related to the Helm, Blakey, Hines and Hayden families (Folder 10), and historical information about the XX Club, a Bowling Green literary club (Folder 12).

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	BAKER, Walter Arnold	1778-2014	149 items
Folder 1	Inventory	1996	8 items
Folder 2	Correspondence	1970-2005	10 items
Folder 3	Speeches	1984-1997	8 items
Folder 4	Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky	2001	12 items
Folder 5	Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence	1939-1988	6 items
Folder 6	Kentucky state government documents related to impeachment	1916	3 items
Folder 7	Germany – Trip with the National Conference of State Legislatures	1991	12 items
Folder 8	Japan – Trip with the National Conference of State Legislatures	1993-1994	22 items
Folder 9	Russia, Poland – Trip for the U.S. Information Agency	1995-1997	25 items
Folder 10	Family information chiefly about Helm, Hines, Blakey and Hayden families	1778-2014	20 items
Folder 11	Kentucky General Assembly – Information about legislative aides	1967-1968	12 items

Folder 12 Miscellaneous – Programs, information 1939-1995 11 items
 about XX Club, poems, news clippings

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Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield
See:
Anthem Insurance Company

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