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Biographical Note

Kendall W. King (1926-1990) was the son of Hilda Bainton King of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania and Charles Glen King, a widely known biochemist and former professor at the University of Pittsburgh. He had two siblings, a brother, Robert D. King, M.D., Chancellor's Distinguished Service Professor of Neurological Surgery at Upstate Medical University, and a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Hammel. Kendall King married Kathleen Abbitt (later Young), who graduated from Virginia Tech in the class of 1947, and they had two children, Russell and Virginia. He received B.S. (class of 1949) and M.S. degrees from Virginia Tech and a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin.

King was a member of Virginia Tech's faculty for 15 years. He had a split appointment in biology and biochemistry and nutrition, but he transferred entirely to the Department of Biochemistry and Nutrition shortly after R. W. Engel came to Virginia Tech to head the new department in 1952. King served as department head from 1966 to 1968. He helped develop the new department's curriculum, generated more than \$1 million in teaching and research grants, and helped start its study abroad program. King pioneered work in how complex carbohydrates are digested by microorganisms, but he was most noted for his pioneering work in Haiti, establishing the Mothercraft Center concept. He served as consultant to the U.S. Agency for International Development and World Health Organization, establishing similar programs in other nations.

In 1986 he joined the Research Corporation, a New York foundation for scientific research, as assistant vice president for grants. He became vice president in 1977 with full responsibility for planning and managing the corporation's \$6 million annual grants program. That program became a major source for basic research funds for liberal arts colleges. He also administered the corporation's research and training project in public health and nutrition in Latin America and the Caribbean.

From 1983 to 1986, King was vice president of Remick Associates, a chemical, pharmaceutical, and microelectronics recruiting firm. In 1986 he became associate dean at Western Carolina University (WCU) with principal responsibilities in research administration. He worked closely with WCU's international educational and technical assistance projects and started the university's first scholarship fund for international students. He died in 1990 at age 64.

Scope and Content

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Two reports on cellulase concern King's pioneering work on how complex carbohydrates are digested by microorganisms. The reports deal with the shortcomings of cellulose and cellulose substrates for studying the mechanism of cellulase action and the site of attack on substrate by cellulase.

The collection includes front matter and six chapters of King's manuscript, "Mothercraft Centers and the Malnourished Child," as well as reports, speeches, guidelines, and publications by King and others, including several reports by Ivan D. Beghin. Mothercraft or Nutritional Rehabilitation Centers aimed to educate mothers about how to feed and care for infants and young children using techniques compatible with their understanding and financial limitations. In developing countries, pre-school children are most vulnerable to restrictions in the food supply and, therefore, the group in which malnutrition is most serious.

King did pioneering work in Haiti establishing the Mothercraft Center concept and did research for the Haiti project at Virginia Tech. He began his work in Haiti in 1958 when he served on a nutrition survey investigating the nutritional status of the Haitian people. In 1959 to 1960 he lead a nutritional research project in Haiti. The collection includes reports and publications about appraisal of nutrition in Haiti and efforts to ameliorate malnutrition in children through research and Mothercraft Centers.

The papers contain United Nations' publications, reports, and guides from 1977-1979 on world hunger, family nutrition programs, and food and nutrition appraisal, research, education, and policies. Topics include efforts to combat malnutrition in pre-school children, the place of vegetables in meeting the food needs of emerging nations, community action, and United Nations' nutrition policies and programs.

Correspondence in the collection is primarily with publishers about the Mothercraft Center manuscript (1972-1982). Other correspondence relates to the King scholarship fund. The collection also contains Warren H. Strother's interview with King, materials by King on generating research grants and evaluating faculty, poems by King, "Dr. Kendall King Memorial Address" by Frederick W. Harrison, and a "Resolution in Memory of Dr. Kendall King," adopted by the Council on Research of the University of North Carolina.

Related Materials

There are a number of works by Kendall W. King in the Rare Book Collection and University Libraries, including *Poems and Perms* (call number PS3561.I4799 P64 1977), *Haiku Americain : a collection of poems* (call number PS3561.I4799 H3 1965), and *A Little Mischief* (call number PS3561.I4799 L58 1977).

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Publications about Mothercraft Centers by Kendall King

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L'Alimentation et la Malnutrition en Haiti, by Ivan Beghin, William Fougere, and Kendall W. King, Paris: Presses Universitaires de France

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Nutrition in Haiti Research

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"Analyses and Compilations of Nutrition Data and Studies," by Joyce M. King

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Publications by King and Other Authors on Nutrition in Haiti

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Malnutrition and Meeting Food Needs, Publications by King

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Community Action--Family Nutrition Programmes, UNICEF

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United Nations University World Hunger Programme Food and Nutrition Bulletins

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Community Handbook for Developing Countries; Field Guide for Evaluation of Nutrition Education

Unit Date 1978-1979

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Correspondence

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Research Grants

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"A Faculty Evaluation Designed to..."

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"A Candid Conversation with Kendall W. King," Interview by Warren Strother, Context (Winter): 18-24

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Poems, Memorial Service, Obituaries

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