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Descriptive Summary

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Language

The material in this collection is in English.

Abstract

This collection contains a scrapbook and newspaper clippings created by Velma H. Alderman, mother of former Virginia Tech professor Nancy Orange. Most news clippings are from the 1950s and pertain to Radford, Virginia.

Extent

0.3 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

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Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Velma Hartsock, daughter of Jacob H. and Nannie Viola Wade Hartsock, was born in Radford, Virginia on June 6, 1907. She married Harry Bruce Alderman (1904-1966) in Bristol, Tennessee, on February 6, 1926; the couple lived in Radford with their three children, and by 1940 Velma Alderman had taken work at a local textile plant. The Aldermans divorced in 1948, and the 1950 federal census shows her living in Radford with her youngest child while operating a railroad newsstand. By the time of her marriage to Emmett Gammon Staley (1908-1975) in 1956, Velma Alderman was working as a clerk for Roses (likely Roses Department Store). In the decree for her divorce from Emmett in January, 1964, Velma is described as a clerk for the Greyhound Bus Company. Six months after the Staleys divorced, Velma Hartsock Staley married Lewis Jackson Ritter (1908-1981). Velma Hartsock Alderman Staley Ritter died in Radford on September 23, 1990, and was buried in West View Cemetery, Radford.

Nancy Alderman Orange (1932-2013), youngest child of Velma and Harry Alderman, served on the staff of Virginia Tech for 20 years before retiring in 1997.

Scope and Content

This collection contains a scrapbook of newspaper clippings created by Velma H. Alderman, mother of former Virginia Tech professor Nancy Orange. The scrapbook focuses largely on Radford and the surrounding area during the 1950s, particularly on murders (the Billie Jean Turpin murder foremost among these) and other crimes, as well as fires and fatal accidents. Also included are clippings relating to the Korean War and general clippings about local events, activities, and history, as well as national events and figures. Also in the collection is a folder of loose newspaper clippings and ephemera, including a postcard of George Washington on horseback.

Keywords

Radford (Va.)

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

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Arrangement

The materials in this collection are arranged by material type.

Description of Subordinate Components

Scrapbook

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/185007

Unit Date 1947-1969

item 1 (box)

Container 1 (item)

Loose clippings and ephemera

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/185008

Unit Date 1956-1981

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)