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1961-2000

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Creator
Graves, Thomas Ashley, Jr., 1924-

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4.33 Linear Feet

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Administrative Information

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Biographical Information:

Thomas Ashley Graves, Jr. was the twenty-third president of the College of William and Mary. He served from September 1, 1971 until January 9, 1985. Upon his resignation George R. Healy acted as interim president until Paul R. Verkuil assumed the role of president on July 1, 1985.

Graves graduated from Yale University in 1947 with a bachelor's degree in economics, after suspending his studies after his freshman year to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He then went on to Harvard University, completing a master's in business administration in 1949 and a doctorate in 1958.

From 1950 to 1960, Graves held a faculty position at the Harvard business school. In 1960, he moved to Lausanne, Switzerland to become the director of the IMEDE Management Deveopment Institute. He was named the associate dean of the Graduate School of Business of Stanford University in 1964, and also served as the director of Stanford's International Center for the Advancement of Management Education. Graves returned to Harvard from 1967 to 1971 as the associate dean of the Graduate School of Business Administration.

Graves served on advisory boards for a variety of schools and businesses, including Transylania University, Clark University, Reynolds Metals Company, and Life Insurance Company of Virginia. He is also the author of many articles on the management of education and management education.

After leaving William and Mary, Graves became the director, CEO and a member of the Board of Trustees for the Winterthur Museum and Garden in Wilmington, Delaware until 1992. From there, he served as the director of the Grand Opera House in Wilmington as well as a member of the Educational Board of MBNA America Bank. Graves retired in 2004, and moved back to Williamsburg with his wife, Zoe.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes the personal papers of Thomas Graves mostly in the form of appointment books, travel diaries, and personal correspondence. Box 1 holds appointment books of Thomas Graves from the 1960s through the 1990s. Box 2 holds cards, personal notes, and a travel diary of Andrew Graves. Box 3 holds scrapbooks from Graves' time as president of the College of William and Mary. Box 4 holds travel diaries beginning in the 1960s. Finally, the contents of box 5 books and miscellaneous items.

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Related Materials:

Office of the President. Thomas A. Graves, Jr. (UA 2.16)

Keywords

Correspondence
Diaries
Scrapbooks

Arrangement of Materials:

This collection is not fully rehoused.

Description of Subordinate Components

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Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Box 2
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Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Box 3
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Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

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Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

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