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## Biographical / Historical

Betty Lou Ramsey (February 23, 1929 - July 19, 2014) was born in Barbour County, West Virginia, to parents Beatrice Wilson and Willie Ray Ramsey. She had one sister, Effie Lucille Ramsey (1921-2006). Ms. Ramsey graduated from Belington High School and attended West Virginia University, earning her bachelor's degree in 1951. Then she began teaching at Buckhannon Upshur High School and served as a Critic Teacher at West Virginia Wesleyan College. She then earned a graduate degree from University of Tennessee and returned to WVU to teach in 1955 or 1956. In the early 1960s, she was asked to develop an Interior Design Program and Studio in the College of Human Resources (that program was later transitioned to the Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Design). She retired in 1985. Later in life, she became interested in gardening and genealogy. She was a member of the James Barbour Chapter of the DAR and Clan Ramsey Association of North America.

## Scope and Contents

Personal and professional papers of Betty Lou Ramsey (1929-2014), Professor Emerita and founder of the Interior Design Program at West Virginia University. This collection is unprocessed. Collection includes curriculum files, student papers, children's pedagogical material, business papers, travel records, personal papers, artifacts, and books.

Curriculum files include background research and other papers pertaining to classes on the history of art and architecture; interior design; furniture; housing for the elderly and disabled; American studies; art and architectural styles of China, Japan, Egypt, Italy, the Victorian period; and more. Formats of the curriculum

files include typescripts, clippings, slides, cassette tapes, and more.

Personal papers include correspondence, material related to Ms. Ramsey's sister, Effie Lucille Ramsey (1921-2006), and genealogical and family history research, much of which centered on Barbour and Randolph Counties, and the Ramsey/Ramsay family name.

Artifacts include a Little Country Doctor playset (1937), textiles, crocheted items, patterns for clothing, hats, shoes, handbags, and more.

Book subjects include world history, art, interior design, genealogy, and more. The collection includes material in addition to what is described.

## Separated Materials

Books and periodicals separated to WVRHC main stacks, Rare Book Room, or WVU Library collection:

*1923 Atlas of the World and Gazetteer: Containing New Maps of the Principal Countries of the World and Separate Maps of Each American State and Territory, the Canadian Provinces, Etc., Etc. : Accompanied by Individual Indexes of Each State, Province, Etc. and a Descriptive Gazetteer of the Principal Countries of the World.* New York: Funk and Wagnalls Co, 1923. Print.

Battersby, Martin. *The Decorative Twenties.* New York: Walker, 1969. Print.

Carpenter, Frank G. *Carpenters's Geographical Reader: Asia.* New York: American Book Co, 1897. Print.

Carpenter, Frank G. *Carpenter's Geographical Reader: Europe.* New York: American Book Co, 1912. Print.

Chamberlain, Samuel, and Narcissa G. Chamberlain. *Southern Interiors of Charleston, South Carolina.* New York: Hastings House, 1956. Print.

Clark, Robert J. *The Arts and Crafts Movement in America, 1876-1916.* Princeton, N.J.: distributed by Princeton University Press, 1972. Print.

*Goldenseal* Volume 5: Issue 3. Charleston, WV: State of West Virginia, 1999.

*Goldenseal* Volume 24: Issue 1. Charleston, WV: State of West Virginia, 1998.

*Goldenseal* Volume 22: Issue 4. Charleston, WV: State of West Virginia, 1996.

*Goldenseal* Volume 20: Issue 4. Charleston, WV: State of West Virginia, 1994.

*Goldenseal* Volume 23: Issue 1. Charleston, WV: State of West Virginia, 1997.

Harsh, Sharon W. *School Board Minutes, Enumeration Lists, and Account Records: Barbour County, West Virginia, Township of Barker, 1870-1890, Independent District of Belington, 1893-1899.* Bowie, Md: Heritage Books, 2000. Print.

Hawthorne, Nathaniel. *The Scarlet Letter.* Cleveland ; New York : The World Publishing Company, 1946. Print.

Johnes, Raymond P. *Japanese Art.* London: Spring Books, 1961.

Johnston, Ross B. *West Virginia Estate Settlements: An Index to Wills, Inventories, Appraisements, Land Grants, and Surveys to 1850.* Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co, 1988. Print.

*La Fayette: The History and Genealogy of Fayette County, Pennsylvania.* Laughlintown, PA: Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services. I.1 to II.4, April 1981 to January 1983.

McCoubrey, John W. *American Art, 1700-1960: Sources and Documents.* Englewood Cliffs, N.J: Prentice-Hall, 1965. Print.

Novak, Barbara. *American Painting of the Nineteenth Century: Realism, Idealism, and the American Experience.* New York: Praeger, 1969. Print.

Polley, Robert L. *America's Historic Houses: The Living Past.* New York: Putnam, 1967. Print.

Stone, Robert H. *Wild Garlic Islands: A Genealogical Account of the Ramsey Family (Up-Dated Version).* Springfield, MO (1439 S. Kansas, Springfield 65807): R.H. Stone, 1986. Print.

Stone, Robert H. *Wild Garlic Islands: A Genealogical Account of the Ramsey Family.* Springfield, MO (1439 S. Kansas, Springfield 65807): R.H. Stone, 1983. Print.

Toothman, Rick. *Monongalia County (West) Virginia Deedbook Records, 1784-1810 (old Series Volumes 1-4).* Bowie, Md: Heritage Books, 1994. Print.

Wahll, Andrew J. *Braddock Road Chronicles, 1755.* Bowie, Md: Heritage Books, 1999. Print.

Weed, Clarence M. *Butterflies Worth Knowing.* Garden City, N.Y: Doubleday, Page & Co, 1917. Print.

Whittier, John G. *Child Life: Selections from the Collection.* Boston: Houghton, 1894. Print.

Zinn, Melba P. *Monongalia County, (West) Virginia, Records of the District, Superior, and County Courts.* Bowie, Md: Heritage Books, 1990. Print. [This includes volumes 1-11]

# Related A&M Collections

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## Keywords

architecture  
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## Description of Subordinate Components

**Newspapers, her WVU diploma, certificates, books, correspondence, personal papers**

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**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Belington Grade School ephemera, medical records, correspondence, professional papers**

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**"Little Country Doctor" children's toy, financial papers, correspondence, books, booklets**

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**Photo album, census book, professional papers, certificates, diplomas, other material**

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**Mixed Materials** 5 (Box)

**Interior design research papers**

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**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

**Interior design research papers, personal papers, professional papers**

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**Mixed Materials** 7 (Box)

**Correspondence, research papers regarding art and design of foreign architecture**

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**Mixed Materials** 8 (Box)

**Greeting cards, photographs, correspondence**

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**Mixed Materials** 9 (Box)

**Newspaper clippings, miscellaneous booklets, photograph album**

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**Mixed Materials** 10 (Box)

**Artifacts (pair of high heeled shoes), interior design research papers, rocks (in bag), travel ephemera (in bag)**

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**Mixed Materials** 11 (Box)

**Correspondence, interior design research papers, small ledgers, other material**

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**Mixed Materials** 12 (Box)

**Financial records, medical records, newsletters, other material**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156813

**Mixed Materials** 13 (Box)

**Artifact (hat), greeting cards, photographs, personal papers**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156814

**Mixed Materials** 14 (Box)

**Photographs**

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**Mixed Materials** 15 (Box)

**Framed photographs and ephemera (travel guides, "FOR SALE" sign), artifacts (empty jewelry cases)**

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**Mixed Materials** 16 (Box)

**Personal papers, greeting cards, framed photographs**

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**Mixed Materials** 17 (Box)

**Professional papers**

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**Mixed Materials** 18 (Box)

**Professional papers, photographs**

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**Mixed Materials** 19 (Box)

**Books on topics such as architecture, interior design, and history**

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**Mixed Materials** 20 (Box)

**Personal papers**

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**Mixed Materials** 21 (Box)

**Clothing designs and templates, assorted fabrics**

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**Mixed Materials** 22 (Box)

**15 books on topics such as design, architecture, and history (including The Story of Civilization volumes 6-9)**

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**Mixed Materials** 23 (Box)

**Personal papers, ephemera, artifacts (2 Kodak Instamatic cameras, glass WVU Alumni Association plate)**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156824

**Mixed Materials** 24 (Box)

**19 books on topics such as architecture, genealogy, and interior design**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156825

**Mixed Materials** 25 (Box)

**Personal papers regarding financial and property records**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156826

**Mixed Materials** 26 (Box)

**Audio cassettes (professionally related), 4 small boxes of slides, a "Main Street" puzzle game**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156827

**Mixed Materials** 27 (Box)

**Personal papers, diploma to Ramsey from the University of Tennessee, ephemera**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156828

**Mixed Materials** 28 (Box)

**Framed portrait photograph, other photographs, framed art piece, other materials**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156829

**Mixed Materials** 29 (Box)

**Interior design research papers, personal financial records**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156830

**Mixed Materials** 30 (Box)

**Personal and professional papers**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156831

**Mixed Materials** 31 (Box)

**Interior design research papers, travel pamphlets, 1 small boxes of slides regarding western art, French literature book, business cards, ephemera**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156832

**Mixed Materials** 32 (Box)

**21 books on topics such as architecture and interior design**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156833

**Mixed Materials** 33 (Box)

**3 women's handbags, paper house**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156834

**Mixed Materials** 34 (Box)

**2 women's hats**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156835

**Mixed Materials** 35 (Box)

**6 books (volumes 1-5 of The Story of Civilization and World Furniture), 7 WV census pamphlets ("The 1787 Census of Virginia" for Berkeley, Monongalia, and Ohio counties; also includes volumes for Alexandria Town, and Augusta, Charlotte, and Rockbridge counties)**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156836

**Mixed Materials** 36 (Box)

**3 framed portrait photographs (poor condition)**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156837

**Mixed Materials** 37 (Box)

**Photographs, 2 framed art pieces, interior design books, maps of Belington, WV, ephemera**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156838

**Mixed Materials** 38 (Box)

**Dress, egyptian themed tapestry**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156839

**Mixed Materials** 39 (Box)

**Clothing and a crochet table cover**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156840

**Mixed Materials** 40 (Box)

**Ephemera, and other material**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

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**Mixed Materials** 41 (Box)

**House plans**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156842

**Mixed Materials** 42 (Box)

**Travel pamphlets**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/156843

**Mixed Materials** 43 (Box)