

MS-404 Katharine Kennedy Brown Collection, Lenz Additions

Collection Number: MS-404

Title: Katharine Kennedy Brown Collection, Lenz Additions

Dates: 1884–1970s (Bulk 1920s–1960s)

Creator: Katharine Kennedy Brown

Summary/Abstract:

The collection contains documents, correspondence, photographs, and political materials related to Katharine Kennedy Brown's personal and political life. Some documents and correspondence pertain to members of Brown's family, including her brother Grafton Sherwood Kennedy, as well as extended family members. Other correspondence was generated by Mrs. Brown during her tenure as National Republican Committeewoman for Ohio from 1932 to 1968, as well as correspondence received by Mrs. Brown pertaining to her position, state and national Republican campaigns and conventions to which Mrs. Brown was a delegate.

Quantity/Physical Description: 20.5 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository:

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Acquisition:

The collection is on loan from the owner, John L. Lenz, until March, 2012. The contents of this collection were accessioned from Duncarrick, the former home of Katharine Kennedy Brown, on March 16-17, 2007, after the home was purchased by the Salvation Army from John L. Lenz.

Custodial History:

Items were collected by Katharine Kennedy Brown, and were acquired by John Lenz when he purchased her home.

Separated Material:

Because the collection is on loan, there are no separated materials.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

One roll of 8 mm film contained in this collection.

Related Material:

MS-146, Katharine Kennedy Brown Papers

MS-281, Louise Kennedy Collection

MS-147, Martha McClellan Brown Papers

MS-244, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) Jonathon Dayton Chapter Scrapbooks

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Arrangement:

The collection is arranged into 7 series. The series are:

- I. Family and Personal Papers
- II. Correspondence
- III. Political Papers
- IV. Civic Organization Papers and Magazines
- V. Photographs/Scrapbooks
- VI. Books
- VII. Memorabilia

Biographical/Historical Note:

Katharine Louise Kennedy Brown was a prominent and powerful figure in Ohio politics and Dayton society for over fifty years. She was born on July 16, 1891 in Dayton, Ohio, the eldest child of Grafton Claggett Kennedy (1859-1909) and Louise Achey (1860-1945). Grafton Kennedy was an attorney in the Dayton law firm of Kennedy, Munger & Kennedy (the other partners were his half-brother, Eugene, and Warren and Harry Munger). Grafton was U.S. Commissioner at Dayton for the Southern District of Ohio from 1883-94. He was a staunch Republican, who in 1892 organized the first Montgomery County Board of Elections. He was a member of the Montgomery County Republican Executive Committee in 1886, and served on the Dayton Board of Education for many years. Katharine's mother, Louise Kennedy, was the only child of John Jacob Achey (1833-1866) and Frances "Fanny" Sherwood Achey (1839-1934). She was a charter member of the Jonathan Dayton Chapter of the DAR and a genealogical researcher. The family home was a mansion called Duncarrick ("Home of the Kennedy's") located at Keowee & Webster streets.

Katharine died on November 10, 1986 at Kettering Convalescent Center.

Katharine, her parents, maternal grandparents, and great-grandparents are buried at Woodland Cemetery in Dayton. The family's first residence, 131 West Third Street, is

the current home of the Dayton Bicycle Club. Her beloved Duncarrick still stands at 1000 Keowee Street.

Please refer to MS-146, Katharine Kennedy Brown Papers for additional biographical information regarding Katharine Kennedy Brown.

Scope and Content

This collection contains documents, correspondence, photographs, and materials relating to Katharine Kennedy Brown's personal life and to her position as the Republican National Committeewoman for Ohio from 1932 to 1968. The materials in this collection range in date from 1884 to 1970s. Of note are letters exchanged between Mrs. Brown and Walter F. Brown, National Republican Committee Chairman for Ohio.

Series I, Family and Personal Papers, contains genealogy records, personal receipts, notes, and lists, and a handwritten household inventory. It also includes schoolwork and University programs that belonged to Mrs. Brown while attending Dayton Public Schools and Dana Hall at Wellesley, as well as her brother, Grafton Sherwood Kennedy's papers from Yale and M.I.T. There are also numerous newspaper clippings regarding social events which feature Mrs. Brown, members of her family, and friends. A large volume of genealogy material is also available in this series. The genealogy research was begun by Katharine Kennedy Brown's mother, Louise A. Kennedy, and continued by Mrs. Brown. Several items from this series have been placed in the oversized drawers, particularly a large family tree, certificates of academic merit and diplomas, and a collection of newspapers and newspaper clippings collected by Mrs. Brown.

Series II, Correspondence, includes personal and political letters, Christmas cards, invitations, and greeting cards written or received by Mrs. Brown, her mother, Louise Achey Kennedy, and brother, Grafton Sherwood Kennedy. There are also calling cards, mailed announcements, and postcards. Political correspondence includes materials relating to the Taft Memorial Foundation, of which Mrs. Brown was a member, Senate Republican Memos from 1965, and Republican National Committee Press Releases from 1965 to 1967. Finally, the series contains a large assortment of G.O.P. campaign song materials and correspondence regarding political appointments.

Series III, Political Papers, consists of documents, speeches, pamphlets, and correspondences pertaining to Mrs. Brown's career in politics. Items include papers from her work with various Republican women's clubs and Republican committee positions, her attendance at national conventions, and the election campaigns of John Bricker and Robert Taft. This series contains a large volume of Ohio Federation of Republican Women Conference materials from 1940-1960, including Spring, Fall Biennial, and National conferences.

Series IV, Civic Organization Papers, consists of documentation, correspondence, and magazines pertaining to several local and national civic organizations of which Katharine Kennedy Brown was a member. The collection includes published magazines from the Junior League ranging in date from 1920s to 1930s. These magazines have been exposed to water and are severely damaged and moldy. Care should be taken if handling these materials. Also in this series are documents pertaining to the Colonial Dames Society of America and the National Society of the

Daughters of the American Revolution, to which both Mrs. Brown and her mother, Mrs. G.C. Kennedy, belonged. Additional documents refer to the Visiting Nurses Association of Dayton and the Fresh Air Farm Society, of which Mrs. Brown was the first vice president.

Series V, Photographs/Scrapbooks, contains both personal and politically related photographs and scrapbooks, including one roll of 8 mm film entitled 'Woody', dated 1975. Of note are political scrapbooks commemorating Republican National Conventions, as well as local and state election campaign meetings and conventions. Scrapbooks contain both photographs as well as newspaper clippings which pertain to local, state and national political activities, including the Ohio Federation of Republican Women Organization. Personal photographs include miscellaneous, unidentified vacation photos. Several items from this series have been placed in the oversize drawers.

Series VI, Books, contains books collected from Duncarrick House which were of personal interest to members of the Kennedy and Brown families. Several books contain name plates of Katharine Kennedy Brown, her mother Louise Kennedy, her father Grafton C. Kennedy, and her brother Grafton Sherwood Kennedy, and her husband, Kleon Thaw Brown, as well as personal inscriptions. Subjects range from aviation to political topics, and include financial ledgers, as well as academic materials, such as school notebooks of both Katharine Kennedy Brown and Grafton C. Kennedy.

Series VII, Memorabilia, consists of a variety of Republican buttons, pins, convention delegate badges, elephant statuary, sunglasses, jewelry, and other miscellaneous convention and campaign materials.

Subject Terms (Required)

Persons/Families

Brown, Katharine Kennedy, 1891-1986
Kennedy, Louise A.
Kennedy, Grafton Sherwood

Organizations/Corporate Names

National Republican Committee
Junior League of Dayton, Ohio
National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), Jonathan Dayton Chapter (Dayton, Ohio)

Places

Dayton (Ohio)--Residence
Nantucket--Residence

Subjects (General)

Charities
Dayton (Ohio)--History
Dayton (Ohio)--Politics and government--20th century

Material Types

Artwork
Books and Periodicals
Correspondence
Photographs
Political Memorabilia
Scrapbooks

Occupations

Committeewoman, National Republican--Ohio

Collection Inventory

Series I Family and Personal Papers

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Mrs. Katharine Kennedy Brown - Academic Papers	1910
	2	Mr. Grafton S. Kennedy - Academic Papers (1 of 2)	1910-1916
	3	Mr. Grafton S. Kennedy - Academic Papers (2 of 2)	1913-1917
	4	Financial Receipts	1870-1924
	5	Religious Literature	1887-1969, undated
	6	Theater Programs	1920-1922
	7	"The Court House" - Report (see Location 63, File 18)	Undated
	8	Calling Cards	Undated
	9	Travel Maps & Brochures	Undated
2	1	Miscellaneous Christmas Cards (1 of 3)	1906-1954, undated
	2	Miscellaneous Christmas Cards (2 of 3)	1910-1955, undated
	3	Miscellaneous Christmas Cards (3 of 3)	1950s, undated
3	1	Genealogy Materials - "Burr Eakeman", "Glidden-Fisher Gilmon" (1 of 8)	1896, undated
	2	Genealogy Materials - Miscellaneous (2 of 8) (see Location 63, File 19)	1910-1934
	3	Genealogy Materials - Miscellaneous (3 of 8)	1914-1935
	4	Genealogy Materials - Miscellaneous (4 of 8)	1917-1933
	5	Genealogy Materials - Belt, Beall, Claggett, Magruder (5 of 8)	1932, undated
3	6	Genealogy Materials - "Colonial Ancestry of Katharine Kennedy Brown" (6 of 8)	1933, undated
	7	Genealogy Materials - Achey (7 of 8)	1935, undated

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
	8	Genealogy Materials - Reed, Shelley	Undated
	9	Financial Ledger - Kirmess Association	1916
	10	Duncarrick House Deed Information (see Location 63, File 15)	Undated

4	1	Sheet Music	Undated
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Series II Correspondence

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
5	1	Miscellaneous	1861-1972
	2	Grafton S. Kennedy	1908-1912, 1977
	3	Kleon Thaw Brown	1910, 1924, 1946
	4	Mrs. Louise A. Kennedy	1912, 1924-1936
	5	Postmaster Cornerstone Invitation	1932-1934
	6	Telegrams	1932-1937
6	1	Katharine Kennedy Brown - Miscellaneous	1920-1967, undated
	2	Walter F. Brown (to Katharine Kennedy Brown, 1 of 2)	1928-1936
	3	Walter F. Brown (to Katharine Kennedy Brown, 2 of 2)	1937-1947
	4	Walter F. Brown - Received	1930-1934
	5	Katharine Kennedy Brown (to Walter F. Brown, 1 of 2)	1931-1944, undated
	6	Katharine Kennedy Brown (to Walter F. Brown, 2 of 2)	1933-1936, undated
	7	Amy Brown (to Katharine Kennedy Brown)	1932-1947
	8	Katharine H. Brown (to Katharine Kennedy Brown)	1932-1938
7	1	Dayton Eccentrics	1934, 1964
	2	Campaign Songs	1939, 1956, undated
	3	Appointments	1953-1955
	4	Court of Appeals Appointments	1952-1954
	5	Taft Memorial - Letha Astry	1953-1959
	6	Taft Memorial Foundation Financial	1957-1958
	7	Taft Memorial Foundation Financial	1958-1959
	8	Taft Memorial	1959
	9	Taft Memorial Newspaper Clippings (see Location 63, File 17)	1959
	1	Senate Republican Memos (1 of 2)	1965

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
8	2	Senate Republican Memos (2 of 2)	1965
	3	Republican National Committee Press Releases	1965
	4	Republican National Committee Press Releases (1 of 2)	1966
	5	Republican National Committee Press Releases (2 of 2)	1966
	6	Republican National Committee Press Releases	1967

Series III Political Papers

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
9	1	"Human Events Magazine" Information	1954-1964
	2	"Human Events Magazine" Conference	Jun 1962
	3	Miscellaneous Political	1886-1971
	4	Miscellaneous Political	1930-1966
	5	Non-Partisan Groups	1947-1948

Ohio Federation of Republican Women

	6	Fall Conference	1940
	7	Spring Conference	1941
	8	Fall Conference	1941
	9	Spring Conference	1942
	10	Fall Conference	1942
	11	Literature	1942
	12	Spring Conference	1943
	13	Fall Conference	1943
10	1	Spring Conference	1944
	2	Fall Conference	1944
	3	Spring District Meeting	1945
	4	Fall Conference	1945
	5	Spring Conference	1946
	6	Fall Conference	1946
	7	Spring Conference	1947
	8	Fall Conference	1947
	9	Biennial Conference	1947
	10	Spring Conference	1948
	11	Fall Conference	1948
11	1	Spring Conference	1949
	2	Fall Conference	1949
	3	Spring Conference	1950
	4	Fall Conference	1950

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
11	5	Study Programs	1950
	6	Spring Conference	1951
	7	Fall Conference	1951
11a	8	Study Programs	1951
	9	Study Programs	1951
	10	Study Programs	1951
12	1	Spring Conference	1952
	2	Biennial Conference	1952
	3	Study Programs	1952
	4	Study Programs	1952
	5	Study Programs	1952
	6	National Conference	1953
	7	Spring Conference	1953
	8	Midwest Regional Conference	1953
	9	Fall Conference	1953
13	1	State Study Programs	1953
	2	State Study Programs	1953
	3	National Study Programs	1953
	4	National Conference	1954
	5	Spring Conference	1954
	6	8 th Biennial Conference	1954
	7	Fall Conference	1954
14	1	Study Programs	1954
	2	Study Programs	1954
	3	Spring Conference	1955
	4	National Conference	1955
	5	Fall Conference	1955
15	1	Study Programs	1955
	2	Study Programs	1955
	3	National Conference	1956
	4	Spring Conference	1956
	5	Republican National Convention	1956
	6	9th Biennial Conference	1956
16	1	Fall Conference	1956
	2	Study Programs	1956
	3	Study Programs	1956
	4	National Conference	1957
	5	Spring Conference	1957

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
16	6	Fall Conference	1957
	7	Study Programs	1957
	8	Study Programs	1957
17	1	National Conference	1958
	2	Spring Conference	1958
	3	Regional Conference	1958
	4	10th Biennial Conference	1958
	5	Fall Conference	1958
	6	Study Programs	1958
18	1	National Conference	1959
	2	National Conference	1959
	3	Spring Conference	1959
	4	National Board Meeting	1959
	5	Fall Conference	1959
	6	National Conference	1960
	7	National Conference	1960
19	1	Spring Conference	1960
	2	National Fall Conference	1960
	3	Fall Conference	1960
	4	"The National Republican Clubwoman" Newsletters	1966-1967
	5	Republican Literature	Undated
	6	1951 New York Republican State Committee Yearbook	1951
20		Political Pamphlets	1915-1966

Series IV Civic Organization Papers and Magazines

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
21	1	The National Society of Colonial Dames of America - Correspondence (1 of 5)	1929-1934
	2	The National Society of Colonial Dames of America - Correspondence (2 of 5)	1949-1952
	3	The National Society of Colonial Dames of America - Correspondence (3 of 5)	1953-1958
	4	The National Society of Colonial Dames of America - Correspondence (4 of 5)	1960-1963

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
21	5	The National Society of Colonial Dames of America - Correspondence (5 of 5)	Undated
	6	The Association of Junior Leagues of America - Member Pamphlets	1923-1929
	7	The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution - Correspondence	1960-1963
22- 24	1	The Association of Junior Leagues of America - Magazines (see Scope and Content, Series IV)	1920s-1930s

Series V Photographs/Artwork/Scrapbooks

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
25	1	Painting by E.D. Grafton	1870
	2	Labeled Photographs	1877, 1944
	3	Miami Military Institute Alumni Association	1924
	4	Katharine Kennedy Brown Photographs	1961-1963, undated
	5	Louise Achey Kennedy Cyanotypes, Maine	Undated
	6	Miscellaneous Photographs - Yosemite National Park	Undated
25	7	“Power House” - South Carolina	Undated
	8	Postcards	Undated
	9	Photographs and Negatives - Unidentified	Undated
	10	Unidentified Photographs (see Location 63, File 12)	Undated
	11	“Woody” 8 mm film reel	1975
26	1	Taft Memorial Scrapbook	1959
	2	Republican Women’s Organization, Volume 1	1929-1946
	3	Republican Women’s Organization, Volume 2	1946-1952
	4	Republican Women’s Organization, Volume 3	1953-1954
	5	Republican Women’s Organization, Volume 4	1954-1955
	6	Republican Women’s Organization, Volume 5	1956-1957
	7	Republican Women’s Organization, Volume 6	1957
	8	Miscellaneous Business Clippings	Undated

Series VI Books

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
27	1	Mrs. Grafton C. Kennedy	1880-1943, undated
	2	Mr. Grafton C. Kennedy	1882-1893
	3	Miscellaneous	1920-1967

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
28	1	Kleon Thaw Brown	1916, undated
	2	Mrs. Katharine Kennedy Brown	1921, 1966
	3	Mrs. Katharine Kennedy Brown - Academic Notebooks	1905-1908
29	1	Mr. Grafton S. Kennedy - Academic Notebooks	1910-1917
30	1	List of books contained in boxes 30-34	
	2	Religious	
	3	Miscellaneous	
31	1	Miscellaneous	
32	1	Miscellaneous	
33	1	Political	
	2	Ohio	
	3	Family/Personal	
34	1	Grafton Sherwood Kennedy	
	2	Aviation	

Series VII Memorabilia

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
34	3	Jewelry	Undated
	4	Metal Elephant Statue	Undated
	5	Plastic Elephant	Undated
	6	Kleon T. Brown Dayton Commandery Medal	Undated
	7	Junior League Medals	Undated
	8	Miscellaneous Eisenhower Memorabilia	1952, 1956
	9	Miscellaneous Political Buttons and Elephant Pins	20 th Century
	10	Miscellaneous Political Buttons and Coins	20 th Century
	11	Thomas E. Dewey Buttons	Undated
	12	John Bricker Buttons	Undated
	13	Bob Taft Buttons	Undated
35		Personal/Religious Artifacts	Undated
36		Political Ribbons, Banners, and Medals	1900-1960
37		Richard Nixon Memorabilia	1968-1972

OS Location 63

12		Art and Photographs - Unidentified and Family	Undated
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<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
OS	13	Newspaper Clippings	
	14	Window Screen Boards	Undated
	15	Nantucket House Blueprints	
	16	Diplomas and Certificates	
	17	Robert Taft Memorial Poster	1959
	18	Old Court Houses Memorial Articles of Incorporation	Undated
	19	Genealogy Charts and D.A.R. Application	1896-1935