

MS-539: Kuntz Family Scrapbook

Collection Number: MS-539

Title: Kuntz Family Scrapbook

Dates: 1918-1981

Creator: Kuntz, Leona M. Kling, 1899-1982

Summary/Abstract:

The Kuntz Family Scrapbook, assembled by Leona Kling Kuntz, features newspaper clippings documenting the lives and activities of prominent Dayton-area families, especially the Kuntz family, over the course of 60 years.

Quantity/Physical Description: 2 linear feet (1 scrapbook)

Language(s): English

Repository:

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Acquisition:

The collection was donated to Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University, by Jane S. Kuntz, daughter-in-law of Leona Kling Kuntz, in November 2015.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

Custodial History:

Leona (Kling) Kuntz began this scrapbook of newspaper clippings related to the Kuntz family and other prominent Dayton-area families in 1922, around the time of her engagement to Edward James Kuntz, Sr. Leona added to the scrapbook until 1981. Leona's daughter-in-law, Jane Shipman Kuntz, wife of Edward J. Kuntz, Jr., donated the scrapbook.

Separated Material:

Oversize and/or loose newspaper clippings were separated to Oversize flat file storage.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms539.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Related Material:

[MS-2 James Middleton Cox Papers.](#)

[MS-394 Focke Family Papers.](#)

[MS-409 Congressman Edward G. Breen Papers.](#)

[MS-236 Patterson Family Papers.](#)

Processing Information:

Loose clippings that had been stored in the back of the scrapbook were separated to folders. Additionally, because some clippings had detached from scrapbook pages, the scrapbook pages were numbered, and the detached clippings were separated to folders labelled with the number of the page from which they detached.

Processed by:

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Megan O'Connor, September 2019.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged as a single scrapbook in original order. Loose and detached newspaper clippings are stored in files.

Biographical/Historical Note:

Leona "Lee" (Kling) Kuntz was born June 24, 1899, in Dayton, Ohio, to Ida Katherine Philipps Kling and Aloys W. Kling, connected to the Kling Lithographing Company of Dayton. Leona married Edward James Kuntz, Sr. on September 6, 1922, according to *The History of the Class of 1923 of Yale University*. Edward, born December 1, 1898, was one of six sons and three daughters of son of Mary Higi Kuntz and Peter Kuntz (1838-1918), founder of the Kuntz Lumber Company in Dayton. Edward, like his brothers, worked at his father's company. In the 1920s, he was assistant secretary, and by the time of his retirement in 1968, he was the company's chairman. Leona and Edward had at least two sons—David and Edward, Jr.

Leona died on September 9, 1982, in Sea Island, Georgia. She is buried at Calvary Cemetery in Kettering, Ohio. Edward died November 28, 1989 in Sea Island, Georgia, and is also buried at Calvary Cemetery.

Scope and Content Note:

The scrapbook features newspaper clippings from society pages in Dayton-area newspapers from the 1920s to the 1980s. Additionally, several oversize clippings date to Peter Kuntz's death in 1918. Many are engagement, wedding, and birth announcements documenting, textually and in

photographs, the lives of women in the Kuntz family and other prominent twentieth-century Dayton-area families, including the families of Patterson, Talbott, Parott, Rike, Grant, Breen, Focke, Oelman, Mead, Deeds, and Cox, etc. Other clippings document vacations (especially to Sea Island, Georgia), hobbies (such as hunting and skeet-shooting), and parties these families participated in. Clippings from the 1960s and 1970s include articles about changes in the Kuntz business. Several miscellaneous local history articles are scattered throughout. One page includes news clippings about local men's military service in World War II.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Kuntz family

Kuntz, Edward James, Sr., 1898-1989

Kuntz, Leona M. Kling, 1899-1982

Kuntz, Peter, 1838-1918

Organizations/Corporate Names

Peter Kuntz Company (Kuntz Lumber Company)

Places

Dayton (Ohio) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century

Sea Island (Ga.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century

Material Types

Scrapbook

Newspaper clippings

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
1		Scrapbook of newspaper clippings about Dayton society and lives of prominent citizens	1922-1981
OS 15	4	Large loose newspaper clippings from back of scrapbook, especially concerning Peter Kuntz and Kuntz family	1918-1981
OS 15	5A	Loose newspaper clippings from page 9	1929-1933
OS 15	5B	Loose newspaper clippings from page 10	1931-1932
OS 15	5C	Loose newspaper clippings from page 13	1932-1933
OS 15	5D	Loose newspaper clippings from page 26	1937
OS 15	5E	Loose newspaper clippings from page 74-75	1955
OS 15	5F	Loose newspaper clippings from envelope at back of scrapbook	1940s-1981