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Title: Robert Evins Pickard Papers

Dates: 1978 – 2002

Creator: Robert Evins Pickard

Summary/Abstract:

The Robert Evins Pickard Papers include personal correspondence, audio cassettes of lectures, photographs of Pickard and his family, and information about the presidential campaign of Al Gore, Jr.

Quantity/Physical Description:

Languages(s): English

Repository:

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Restrictions on Access: None

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Arrangement: This collection is arranged into eight series: 1) Campaigns, 2) Robert Pickard Articles, 3) Correspondence, 4) John Pickard Materials, 5) Personal Notes, 6) Certificates/Documentation, 7) Other Publications, 8) Memorial Programs/Research.

Biographical Note: Robert Evins Pickard had an active political career, but most famously worked as a staff member for Al Gore, Jr.'s 1988 presidential campaign.

Scope and Content:

These papers primarily document Pickard's work as a staff member for Al Gore's presidential campaign. The collection of papers contains personal correspondence with several political figures, correspondence within the Gore campaign, media coverage of the Gore campaign, Pickard's scholarly work on political issues, and photographs documenting campaign activity as well as overseas Peace Corps work and travel. Four audio cassette tapes containing Pickard lectures, as well as an oral history interview of Father John Badeen, are included in the collection. Also contained within this collection are three items pertaining to other family members. An autobiography from Bob Pickard's uncle, Ted M. George, who was a local Tennessee resident, covers his service in WWII, his return after the war when he obtained his PhD in physics from Vanderbilt University, and his following career in academics. Bob Pickard and his friend Ron Messier, history professor at MTSU, filmed a documentary covering the life of Bob's uncle, John Pickard, who was an actor in many films and television shows. There is also a memorial booklet on the life of Pickard's mother, Kathryn Parrotte.

Series 1. Campaigns. This series contains newspaper articles and promotional materials for political campaigns.

Subseries. Al Gore, Jr. This subseries contains material from Al Gore, Jr.'s 1988 presidential campaign.

Series 2. Robert Pickard Articles. This series contains articles written by Robert Pickard.

Series 3. Correspondence. This series contains correspondence between Pickard and several politicians and other notable individuals.

Series 4. John Pickard Materials. This series contains research on Pickard's father, character actor John Pickard.

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Series 5. Personal Notes. This series contains research notes written by Pickard on several subjects or while conducting interviews.

Series 6. Certificates/Documentation. This series contains educational certificates and other documentation for Pickard.

Series 7. Other Publications. This series contains articles and books written by people other than Pickard.

Subseries. Ted M. George: This subseries contains an autobiography of Ted M. George and a book on the genealogy of the George family.

Memorial Programs/Research: This series contains memorial programs and research materials for several individuals.

Associated Materials: All photographs from the Pickard Papers are stored separately in the Pickard Photograph Collection. The oral history and lectures are stored separately with other audio visual materials.

Related Collections: The Jerry Futrell Papers also document Albert Gore, Jr's 1988 presidential campaign.

Subject Terms:

Persons:

Robert Evins Pickard
Bob Pickard
Al Gore, Sr.
Al Gore, Jr.
Tipper Gore
Ted M. George
John Pickard
Kathryn Parrotte

Places:

Tennessee
Washington, D.C.

Subjects (General):

Presidential campaigns
Political memorabilia
Military bases

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Material Types:

Newspaper clippings

Journal articles

Flyers

Brochures

Correspondence

Notes

Publications

Videos

Audio cassettes

Inventory:

Box	Folder	Series	Subseries	Folder Title	Description of Contents
1	1	Campaigns	Al Gore, Jr.	Newspapers	Articles from Al Gore Jr.'s 1988 presidential campaign.
1	2	Campaigns	Al Gore, Jr.	Newspapers	Articles from Al Gore Jr.'s 1988 presidential campaign.
1	3	Campaigns	Al Gore, Jr.	Newspapers	Articles from Al Gore Jr.'s 1988 presidential campaign.
1	4	Campaigns	Al Gore, Jr.	Comic Strips	Comic strips from Al Gore Jr.'s 1988 presidential campaign.
1	5	Campaigns	Al Gore, Jr.	Flyers and Brochures	1988 presidential campaign flyers and pamphlets for Al Gore, Jr.
1	6	Campaigns	Al Gore, Jr.	Al and Tipper Gore Biographical Sketches	Biographical sketches on Al and Tipper Gore from the 1988

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					presidential campaign.
1	7	Campaigns	Al Gore, Jr.	Gore Campaign Correspondence	Correspondence between Robert Pickard and Al Gore, Jr. and members of his staff.
1	8	Campaigns		Cards and Pamphlets	Cards and pamphlets for Barry Goldwater, Richard Fulton, Mike Murphy, Jake Butcher, Tony Pendergrass, Karen Y. Johnson, David Smith, and Estes Kefauver.
1	9	Robert Pickard Articles		"Why Democrats Should Nominate Al Gore."	
1	10	Robert Pickard Articles		"U.S. Military Bases in the Philippines"	
1	11	Robert Pickard Articles		"International Education in the United States"	
1	12	Robert Pickard Articles		"The National Security Council: A Policy Analysis"	
1	13	Robert Pickard Articles		"Television in the Golden Age and Material Culture in the 1950s"	
1	14	Robert Pickard Articles		Television Article Research	
1	15	Robert Pickard Articles		"Tennessee Character Actor in the Golden Age of Television"	

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1	16	Robert Pickard Articles		"Nick Gulas and Professional Wrestling: Tennessee's Original Titans"	
1	17	Robert Pickard Articles		"Integration Got a Boost in the Wrestling Ring"	
1	18	Robert Pickard Articles		"Book Review-Tippecanoe and Trinkets Too"	
1	19	Robert Pickard Articles		Letters to the Editor	
1	20	Correspondence		Personal Correspondence	Correspondence with Judge Penny Harrington, Estes Kefauver, and Joe L. Evins
1	21	Correspondence		Personal Correspondence	Correspondence with Joe L. Evins, Al Gore, Jr., and Sara Gore
1	22	Correspondence		Political Correspondence	Correspondence with Larry D. Woods, Bill Haslam, Howard H. Baker, Jr., Robert Taft, Jr., Harold Ford, Jr., Jim Cooper, and Larry Harrington
1	23	Correspondence		Joe L. Evins	
1	24	Correspondence		Letters of Recommendation	Letters from Larry Harrington, Dr. Susan J. Tolchin, Jacquelin B. Shrago,

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					Elizabeth D. Abernethy, Erwin C. Hargrove, Robert T. Dira, R. A. Borthwick,
1	25	John Pickard Materials		Correspondence Regarding John Pickard	
1	26	John Pickard Materials		Gunsmoke Material	Research on the Gunsmoke TV Series
1	27	John Pickard Materials		Boots and Saddles	Research on the TV Series Boots and Saddles
1	28	John Pickard Materials		Government Agents vs. Phantom Legion	Poster from the TV series Government Agents vs. Phantom Legion
1	29	John Pickard Materials		Arrowhead	Copies of photographs from the film Arrowhead
1	30	John Pickard Materials		Video and Documentation	Documentation on a VHS tape of John Pickard, John Pickard: His Life, Home, Family, and Career
1	31	John Pickard Materials		"A Celebration of the Life of Kathryn Parrotte"	Memorial program for Kathryn Parrotte
1	32	John Pickard Materials		John Pickard Research	Research on John Pickard's roles in western films
2	1	Personal Notes		Research Notes	

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2	2	Personal Notes		Political Research	
2	3	Personal Notes		Interview Notes	Notes taken while interviewing subjects
2	4	Personal Notes		Television Research Notes	Notes on networks, series, and stars of the past
2	5	Certificates/Documentation		National History Day	Judging Instructions
2	6	Certificates/Documentation		Advanced Placement Certificate	
2	7	Certificates/Documentation		Service Award	Certificate from President Lyndon B. Johnson honoring Robert H. Pickard's service in the United States Armed Forces
2	8	Other Publications	Ted M. George	The Autobiography of Ted M. George (Pages 1-68)	
2	9	Other Publications	Ted M. George	The Autobiography of Ted M. George (Pages 69-163)	
2	10	Other Publications	Ted M. George	The Autobiography of Ted M. George (Pages 164-223)	
2	11	Other Publications	Ted M. George	A Life in the Twentieth Century	
2	12	Other Publications	Ted M. George	A Life in the Twentieth Century (Pages 79-163)	
2	13	Other Publications	Ted M.	The Georges of	

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			George	Lincoln County, Tennessee	
2	14	Other Publications		"Racial Discourse and Censorship"	Article by Bob Pondillo
2	15	Other Publication		Television Comic Strips	
2	16	Other Publications		200 Years of Ruckers in Middle Tennessee	Written by Mary Ruckers Estes
3	1	Memorial Programs/Research		Albert Gore, Sr. Memorial Program	
3	2	Memorial Programs/Research		Chytil Memorial Programs	Memorial programs for members of the Chytil family
3	3	Memorial Programs/Research		John Seigenthaler Programs and Articles	Memorial program and newspaper articles
3	4	Memorial Programs/Research		"A Brief History of My Military Career"	Written by Guy James, Jr.
3	5	Memorial Programs/Research		Bill Anderson Opryland Signature	
3	6	Memorial Programs/Research		Civil/International Rights Materials	
3	7	Memorial Programs/Research		Rooker Report 2004	
3	8	Memorial Programs/Research		Bell Telephone System Ad	
3	9	Memorial Programs/Research		Reign of Terror	Episode worksheet

Audio/Visual Material

Box	Description
4	Ron Messler 11/2/10 CD
4	John Seigenthaler 10/24/12 CD
4	John Seigenthaler TSU CD
4	John Seigenthaler TSU 4/13/10 CD
4	Dr. Parazlyrix CD
4	Guiwaras 2002 CD

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4	Father Gregory CD
4	Ted George MTSU CD
4	J. J. Kent CD