

Finding Aid for Phyllis Conner Collection

Date range: 1933-2017, bulk 1991-2010

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Extent: 0.3 linear feet

Abstract: The Phyllis Conner Collection consists of materials on Ardencroft governance, tracts about the Ardens, community newsletters, news clippings about the Ardens and their residents, historical research on the Ardens, and documents related to the planning of Remembrance Day and the Arden Reunion.

Accession number: 2017.012

Language: Materials entirely in English

Acquisition Information: Gift of Phyllis Conner

Access Restrictions: The collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note:

Phyllis Rae Scrivner was born in Berea, Kentucky in 1934 to Raymond F. Scrivner and Louise Moore Scrivner. She graduated from Berea College's secondary school in 1952 and married Charles "Chuck" Conner on September 4, 1954. In 1958, the couple moved to Arden, Delaware. Phyllis and Chuck designed and built a home in Ardencroft in 1963 where they spent over 50 years together. Conner was a dedicated teacher and school administrator. Following her retirement, the Tatnall Preschool named the Phyllis Conner Library in her honor. In addition being an active member of the Ardencroft community, Phyllis Conner was deeply involved with the Museum & Archives Committee at the Arden Craft Shop Museum. She passed away on August 4, 2017.

Scope and Content:

The Phyllis Conner Collection consists of materials on Ardencroft governance, tracts about the Ardens, community newsletters, news clippings about the Ardens and their residents, historical research on the Ardens, and documents related to the planning of Remembrance Day and the Arden Reunion.

The collection's documents on Ardencroft governance consist primarily of village meeting minutes and financial reports from 2004 to 2009. The collection also includes an undated script from an exhibit on the history of Ardencroft. Conner collected newspaper articles on topics related to the Ardens and their residents. This collection contains obituaries for several residents as well as Conner's research notes on Ardencroft resident Pauline A. Young. Some materials also relate to Remembrance Day, an annual event celebrating the lives of deceased residents. Conner helped plan several Remembrance Days, including the celebration of the Ardens' "Founding Mothers" in October 2009. The collection also includes two tracts on single tax theory and the Ardens and several copies of the Arden Book. Finally, the Phyllis Conner Collection includes a small number of newsletters, and materials on the Arden Club, Arden School, Arden Reunion, and Arden architecture.

Subjects:

Arden (Del.)
Arden Croft (Del.)
Single Tax

Separated Materials:

Archival materials pertaining to the operation and governance of the Arden Craft Shop Museum have been removed and integrated into the Arden Craft Shop Museum Institutional Archives. A compact disc with Charlotte Shedd interviewing Chuck Conner about the Arden Fair has is housed in the library collection. One framed and fifty-four unframed photographs have been removed and housed separately as part of the Phyllis Conner Collection.

Container List:

| | Phyllis Conner Collection |
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| F1 | Arden and Ardencroft clippings, 1933-2010 |
| F2 | Ardencroft governance, 2004-2010 |
| F3 | Ardencroft exhibit, undated |
| F4 | Remembrance Day, 2002-2009 |

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| F5 | Newsletters and periodicals, 1944-2009 and undated |
| F6 | Arden Club, 1991-2007 |
| F7 | Arden School, 1969 |
| F8 | Arden Reunion, 1997 |
| F9 | Arden architecture research, 2004 |
| F10 | Residents of the Ardens, 1942-2009 and undated |
| F11 | Tracts on single tax theory and the Ardens, undated |
| F12 | Booklets, 1974-2000 |
| F13 | Memorial Service, 2017 |