

Genevieve Baird Farris Collection

Collection Summary

Title: Genevieve Baird Farris Collection

Summary: A collection of correspondence, family papers, ephemera, memorabilia, and photographs belonging to Genevieve Baird Farris, ranging between 1900 and 2017.

Physical Description: Fourteen boxes, 7.09 linear feet

Language: English

Stack Location: S19-17

Repository: Metropolitan Government Archives of Nashville-Davidson County, 615 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37219

Historical/Biographical Note:

Frank M. Farris, Jr. was born September 29, 1915. He graduated from Vanderbilt University before passing the bar in 1939. Genevieve Baird was born December 18, 1916, in Atlanta, Georgia. She received her degree from Agnes Scott College. Genevieve Baird and Frank M. Farris, Jr. married in 1941. Farris, Jr. was stationed in the Pacific during World War II. Upon return, he became a bank lawyer for Third National Bank, founded in 1927 by his father. Farris, Jr. founded two prominent law firms in Nashville, the Farris, Evans, and Evans as well as the Farris, Warfield, and Kanaday firms. Genevieve Baird Farris participated in many activities and organizations in Nashville. She was a member of the Citizens for Eisenhower in Davidson County. Additionally, she did work for the Children's Theater of Nashville, the Junior League of Nashville, the Volunteer's Activists, and Traveler's Aid. Genevieve Baird Farris was also the founder and member of the Brooke Meade Garden Club. The couple's daughter, Genevieve Baird Farris was born January 25, 1947, in Nashville. She received a B.S. from Vanderbilt University. She was a member of the Junior League of Nashville and the First Presbyterian Church. Frank M. Farris died September 26, 2000. Genevieve Baird Farris died January 7, 2015. Their daughter, Genevieve Baird Farris died November 28, 2017.

Scope and Contents of the Collection:

The Genevieve Baird Farris Collection is a large collection of items ranging from 1900-2006. Many of the materials are photographs taken by the family throughout their lives as well as correspondence between Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Farris, Jr. while he was stationed with the Navy during World War II. Materials in this collection give an overview of the lives of Genevieve Baird Farris, Frank M. Farris, and their daughter Genevieve, and the many activities they were involved in. The collection also contains ephemera and memorabilia collected by

the Farris family, including certificates, newspaper clippings, school projects, and multiple scrapbooks.

Index Terms:

Subjects:

Citizens for Eisenhower (Organization)
Junior League of Nashville
Nashville Children's Theater
Third National Bank (Nashville, Tenn.)
Traveler's Aid Association of America

Related Collections:

Katherine Sparks Collection
Michael Vick Collection (unprocessed)
Raymond Wittaker Papers

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged into five series, including correspondence, family papers, ephemera, memorabilia, and photographs. Series are arranged alphabetically.

The *correspondence* series ranges from 1929 to 2000. Much of the correspondence is between Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Farris, Jr. while he was in the Navy during World War II. The correspondence series also includes letters to and from the Farris' friends and family, letters regarding the Third National Bank or other business correspondence, as well as greeting cards and invitations.

The *family papers* series ranges from 1940 to 2017. This series contains financial and legal documents of the Farris family, including birth certificates, obituaries, financial statements, and a war ration book.

The *ephemera* series ranges from 1928 to 2003. It contains event programs, newspaper clippings, school projects, travel souvenirs, and other miscellaneous ephemera.

The *memorabilia* series ranges from c. 1900 to c. 2000. This series contains scrapbook contents put together by Genevieve Baird Farris. The scrapbook contents include miscellaneous photos, programs, and souvenirs.

The *photographs* series ranges from 1930 to 2006. It contains numerous portraits and photos of the Farris family, nature, travel, and miscellaneous subjects. Many photos are also of horse shows and horse activities.

Contents Listing

- Box 1:** Correspondence
- Box 2:** Correspondence
- Box 3:** Correspondence
- Box 4:** Correspondence
- Box 5:** Correspondence
- Box 6:** Family Papers
- Box 7:** Ephemera
- Box 8:** Memorabilia
- Box 9:** Memorabilia
- Box 10:** Photographs
- Box 11:** Photographs
- Box 12:** Photographs
- Box 13:** Photographs
- Box 14:** Oversized Materials

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Accruals: No further accruals expected.