

Guide to the Sidney Baldrige Collection – 2003.65

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Collection Summary

Dates 1941-1986
Bulk dates 1941-1956
Level of description Subseries
Extent .2326 Cubic Feet
Creator(s) Sidney Baldrige

Administrative/Biographical History

Biographical note of Sidney Lincoln Baldrige

Sidney Lincoln Baldrige was born on July 24, 1910 in Eaton, Colorado to Walter Norman and Callie Lincoln Baldrige. Sidney graduated from Eaton High School in 1929. He then attended Colorado State University and the University of Northern Colorado. Sidney married Velda B. Clark in Loveland on September 10, 1939; the couple did not have any children. The couple moved to Greeley in 1943. Sidney owned Baldrige Hatchery in Greeley. Sidney worked as a chemical analyst for the Great Western Sugar Company. Sidney was one of the founders of the Northern Colorado Gladiolus Society (est. 1955); he served as a chairman for the society. Sidney left the Great Western Sugar Company in 1967 to go into the gladiolus flower growing business. He introduced a new variety of gladiolus, the "Velda B.", named after his wife. Sidney was passionate about growing gladiolus flowers and established the "Gladiolus Festival" which was a yearly summer event at the University of Northern Colorado's James A. Michener Library starting in 1985. In addition, he also established a Gladiolus Hall of Fame and archives at Michener Library. Sidney was on the North American Gladiolus Council Constitutional Review Committee and was president of Commercial Growers Division. He also served as president of the All-America Gladiolus Selection Inc., edited "Bulb Buyer's Guide," was a NAGC accredited judge, and received a NAGC gold medal in 1972 and their achievement award

in 1988. In 1990 he was inducted into the Hall of Fame he established. He was a long time member of St. Gabriel's Anglican Church and active in Mended Hearts and was an early editor of its newsletter. Sidney passed away at the age of 88 in Greeley on March 16, 1999.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of various items from Sidney Baldrige and his wife, Velda. The collection contains photographs, Abstract of Assessments, programs about agriculture and gardening events, booklets, club materials, a business license, and a preliminary report on Greeley Recreation activities. Sidney Baldrige was very involved in agriculture, gardening, and the Greeley Gladiolus Festival.

System of arrangement No original order. Order imposed by subject.

Conditions governing access There are no restrictions on the access of this collection.

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Languages and scripts of the materials English

Immediate source of acquisition This collection was donated by the Town of Windsor

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Names Sidney Baldrige
Velda Baldrige

Places Greeley (Colo.)

Subjects Agricultural exhibits
Agriculture
Clubs
Dance
Demonstrations
Flower shows
Flowers

Gardening
Insects
Plans
Poultry
Universities & colleges

Document forms Journal
 Ephemera
 Photographs
 Programs

Contents

Series I: Programs

Consists of various from events and programs relating to poultry, agriculture, Home Demonstration Club, and the Home and Garden Show.

Series II: Booklets

Consists of booklets relating to Weld County developments and plans, Greeley Directory for University of Northern Colorado students, By Laws, and Weeds of Colorado.

Series III: Clubs

Consists of various items relating to clubs Sidney and Velda Baldrige were involved in. Items include a club meeting attendance, club membership card for British Gladiolus Society, and Greeley Garden Club meeting journal and letter to the club's members.

Series IV: Pamphlets

Consists of two pamphlets related to insect control.

Series V: Business License

Consists of a Colorado business license for Sidney Baldrige for Baldrige Hatchery.

Series VI: Abstract of Assessment

Consists of two Abstracts of Assessments.

Series VII: Preliminary Report

Consists of a Preliminary Report about Greeley Recreation and Activities.

Series VIII: Easter Monday Ball

Consists of various items from an Easter Monday Ball that Velda Baldrige helped plan.

Series IX: Photographs

Consists of two photographs of Sidney Baldrige.

Series X: Basketball Programs

Consists of basketball game programs from a Greeley high school.

Container List

Series I: Programs

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Series II: Booklets

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Series III: Clubs

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Series IV: Pamphlets

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Series V: Business License

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Series VI: Abstract of Assessment

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