

Guide to the Rice Family Collection 1 – 2013.61

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Collection Summary

Dates 1930-2009
Bulk dates 1940-1983
Level of description Subseries
Extent 6.625 Cubic Feet
Creator(s) Rice Family

Administrative/Biographical History

Biographical note on William Kurtz

William Kurtz was born on May 14, 1890 in Denhoff, Russia. He came to the United States in 1910 and married Effie Frank in Windsor, Colorado on January 25, 1914. He worked for the Great Western Sugar Company and the city of Windsor before he retired. Kurtz was a devoted member of the Bethel American Lutheran Church throughout his life. Kurtz died December 14, 1970 from cancer. He was survived by his wife, his three daughters Effie Brunner, Ruth Rice, and Mary Ring, five grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and his brother, Philipp Kurtz of Greeley.

Biographical note on Eva “Effie” Elizabeth (Frank) Kurtz

Eva “Effie” Elizabeth Frank Kurtz was born in July 17, 1892 in Kautz, Russia. She came to the United States in 1909 and made her home in Windsor. She married William Kurtz in 1914. It is unclear if they came to the United States together or traveled separately. She was a member of the Bethel Lutheran Church. She had a brother, Philip Frank, who lived in Loveland, and two sisters, Elizabeth Lind and Mary Lind who lived in the Windsor and Greeley area. She had four children: Henry Kurtz, Mary Ring, Effie Brunner, and Ruth Rice. By her death on November 19, 1978, she had five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Biographical note on Lt. Henry W. Kurtz

Henry Kurtz was born in 1921 in Windsor, Colorado. He lived in Windsor until he left for Army boot camp in 1943. After graduating Windsor High School in 1939, he was one of four to receive the Northern Colorado I.S.C. Scholarship. He attended Colorado A&M (now Colorado State University in Fort Collins) and was a part of the R.O.T.C. program there while studying chemistry. He married Annabelle Moorhead in 1943 and left for Army training in Kentucky that same year. He was deployed overseas in January of 1945. He was killed in action in April of 1945 in Germany. His body was cremated inside of the tank he was overseeing. There was no burial for him, but he is honored at the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial, which is located outside of Liege, Belgium. He had no children, but his widow, Annabelle, and his parents, William and Effie, were given his personal items after his death.

Biographical note on Mary Kurtz Ring

Mary Kurtz Ring was born on November 14, 1914 in Windsor, Colorado. She graduated from Windsor High School in 1933 and attended Colorado State Teacher's College (UNC) from 1933 to 1935 where she received her bachelorette in elementary education. She also earned a Life teaching certificate in 1941 and was a member of the Rural Education Club. She taught at rural schools in Northern Colorado from 1935 to 1948. Mary married Alex Ring on June 6, 1948. He worked for Farmer's Equipment. Mary and Alex had two children: Edmund Ring and Rosemary Ring Harroun. Mary Kurtz Ring died on September 10, 2002 in Torrington, Wyoming.

Biographical note on Alex Ring

Alex Ring was born on March 4, 1914 in Nebraska to Eva Elizabeth Batt and George Ring. He worked for Farmer's Equipment. He married Mary Kurtz on June 6, 1948. Alex and Mary had two children together, Edmund and Rosemary. Alex passed away on February 7, 2001.

Biographical note on Edmund Ring

Edmund Ring was born to Alex and Mary Ring. His education includes business classes at Aims Community College in Greeley, Colorado, Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Northern Colorado, and real estate classes. He worked as a tutor and proof reader at Aims and the University of Northern Colorado. He also worked as a realtor.

Biographical note on Jennings Lee Rice

Jennings Lee Rice was born in 1907. He went by Lee. His ancestors include John Paul Jones, a naval commander in the Revolutionary War, and Catesby ap Roger Jones, a confederate Navy commander during the Civil War. Lee married Ruth Kurtz on December 23, 1954. The couple did not have any children. The couple lived in Northern Colorado where Lee was the Executive Director of Housing Authority of Weld County. After his retirement, Lee and Ruth settled in Lottsburg, Virginia in a home built and owned by one of Lee's ancestors. He enjoyed golfing and restoring and landscaping his and Ruth's Virginia home. Lee passed away on December 9, 1982 in Kilmarnock, Virginia.

Biographical note on Ruth Amalia Kurtz Rice

Ruth Amalia Kurtz Rice was born on September 28, 1928. Her parents were William and Effie Kurtz. She grew up in Windsor and graduated from Windsor High School in 1946. She then attended Colorado State College (the University of Northern Colorado, UNC) and graduated in 1950. Ruth moved to Fort Lupton where she taught for 20 years after graduating from UNC. Ruth married Jennings "Lee" Rice on December 23, 1954. The couple did not have any children. Following Lee's retirement, the couple moved to Pennsylvania and later Virginia. The couple restored an 1806

colonial home built and owned by one of Lee's ancestors. Ruth wrote numerous books and pamphlets of educational materials for a variety of subjects for high school teachers. In addition, she contributed articles to educational journals and other publications. She volunteered for the Weld County Food Bank and Greeley History Museum. Ruth was a big proponent for the Lifeline system, and her and her sister, Effie, donated the Lifeline to NCMC. Ruth passed away in Greeley on March 9, 2012.

Biographical note on Eva Elizabeth "Effie" Kurtz Brunner

Effie Brunner was born on January 16, 1917 in Windsor, Colorado to William and Effie Elizabeth Kurtz. Effie was educated in Windsor and graduated from Windsor High School in 1934. Effie then went to Colorado State College of Education (now the University of Northern Colorado) where she received a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1939. Effie lived in Greeley, Colorado from 1934 to 1939. On November 11, 1946 Effie married Henry H. Brunner (d. November 1979) in Greeley, Colorado. Effie and Henry had three children, two sons, Neill and Kenton, and one daughter, Marjean. Effie was a member of the Bethel Lutheran Church in Windsor. Effie served on the Windsor Republican Women's Committee and on the Library board (where she was instrumental in raising funds for the community's new library in the 1960s). She served on several other church committees, lectured at Windsor Schools, served on the Home Health Care Advisory Board at the North Colorado Medical Center (NCMC). Effie was named the Volunteer of the Year in 1984 for Weld County. In addition, Effie and her sister, Ruth Rice, donated the Lifeline to NCMC. Effie lived in Windsor, Colorado for the majority of her life. In her last year,s she lived in Fort Collins at her daughter's home before living her last year at the home of Ron and Venita Christian. Effie passed away at the Christian's home on Friday, May 12, 2000.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of various items from Ruth Rice and her family. The collection includes photographs, newspaper articles, obituaries, funeral programs, a condolence card, and prints.

System of arrangement No original order. Order imposed by person and subject and then date

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 Ed Ring.

Notes Preferred citation: City of Greeley Museums' Permanent Collection, #2013.61.

Names Alles, Lydia
Ball, Wilbur Perry, 1923-1998
Barsch, Carol Elizabeth
Besel, Ruth
Bontrager, B. Todd
Brunner, Amy Michelle
Brunner, Eva Elizabeth Kurtz, 1917-2000
Brunner, Henry H., 1914-1979
Brunner, Kenton
Brunner, Luke
Brunner, Marc
Brunner, Matthew Neill
Brunner, Neill Frank
Butler, Leo W.
Carlson, Mary Margaret, 1917-1998
Carriar, Shirley M., 1917-2005
Ceretto, Vicki
Colgrove, Avis
Conrad, Shirley
Danielson, Mollie
DeBey, Cecil
Dewitt, Courtney
Doyle, Antoinette
Ewing, George, 1905-1959
Forster, Barbara
Gates, Kittie Marie, 1918-2002
Gunther, Katie
Halliburton, Arthur
Halliburton, Dorothy
Harper, Betty
Harper, Jim
Harroun, Rosemary Ring, 1949-1987
Hawa, Edna
Hawa, John
Held, Helen Irene
Held, William
Homyak, Elsie
Homyak, Kenneth
Jelden, Dennis
Keil, Wilhelmina Elaine Clark, 1920-2009
King, Dorothy
Kiyota, Linda
Kunzman, Betty

Kurtz, Eva Elizabeth Frank, 1892-1978
Kurtz, Henry William, 1921-1945
Kurtz, Olive Annabelle Moorhead
Kurtz, William, 1880-1970
Langworthy, Helen, 1899-1991
Lind, Elizabeth Frank, 1895-1987
Lofgren, Jack Vernon, 1950-2005
Lord, Alan L.
Lord, Danny
Lord, Eric
Lord, Norma
Macy, Dan
Macy, John Curtis
Macy, Ruth
Mark, Jean
Martinez, Rosalie
McCall, Mildred, 1906-1992
McCall, Walter, 1901-1968
Middleton, Wayne
Moore, Jeff
Moore, Jerry
Moore, Karleen
Moore, Rosalie
Napier, Grace
Nelson, Jerry
Newman, Annette
Newman, Melton
Nisser, Lucretta, 1931-2004
Payne, Bill
Payne, Lynette
Peels, Amanda
Peels, Jennifer
Penfold, David
Penfold, J. L.
Penfold, James
Penfold, Marian
Phillips, Carolyn
Potter, Marie
Putnam, Edwin
Rice, Jennings Lee, 1907-1982
Rice, Ruth Kurtz, 1928-2012
Rice, Ruth Rugan, d. 2002
Ring, Alex, 1916-2001
Ring, Edmund
Ring, Mary Kurtz, 1914-2002
Ryan, Joseph G., 1939-2003

Schacterle, Lee
Schacterle, Leona
Schmanski, Bernard
Schmanski, Bernie
Schmanski, Bill
Schmanski, Bob
Schmanski, Janet
Schmanski, Jeanne
Schmanski, Mary Beth
Schmanski, Susan
Schmanski, Theresa
Schmanski, Tom
Sheridan, Katie
Sheridan, Marjean Brunner
Sheridan, Phillip
Shown, John
Shown, Molly
Smith, Rose
Stone, Lawrence
Torgas, Marilyn
Travis, Esther
Trowbridge, Joyce Harroun
Vandriel, Dorothy
Vandriel, Genevieve
Waddy, Ruth Sawyer
Walker, Barbara
Wartburg, Art
Webster, Gertrude H., 1902-1996
Young-Woo, Nahn

Places

Greeley, Colorado
Torrington, Wyoming
Lottsburg, Virginia
Windsor, Colorado
Fort Collins, Colorado
Fort Lupton, Colorado

Subjects

Anniversaries
Army
Churches
Correspondence
Family
Family members
Invitations
Newspapers
Photographs

Programs
Reunions
Weddings

Document forms Ephemera
 Newspapers
 Photographs
 Programs

Contents

Series I: Photographs

Consists of photographs of Ruth Rice and her family members and friends.

Subseries A: Ruth Kurtz Rice

Contains a photographs of only Ruth throughout her life

Subseries B: Jennings Lee Rice

Contains Photographs of Lee throughout his life

Subseries C: Ruth and Lee Rice

Contains photographs of Ruth and Lee together

Subseries D: Lottsburg, VA

Contains photographs of the home and yard that Ruth and Lee restored in Lottsburg, Virginia

Subseries E: Ruth's Greeley Home

Contains photographs of Ruth's home in Greeley, Colorado

Subseries F: Ruth in Fort Lupton

Contains photographs of Ruth's home and the labor camp in Fort Lupton, Colorado

Subseries G: Ruth and Dogs

Contains photographs of Ruth with her dog (Jerree) and other dogs throughout her life

Subseries H: Dogs

Contains photographs of dogs Ruth had or interacted with throughout her life

Subseries I: Ruth and other Animals

Contains photographs of Ruth and other animals throughout her life

Subseries J: Ruth's parents, Effie and William Kurtz

Contains photographs of Ruth's parents together.

Subseries K: Ruth and her parents

Contains photographs of Ruth and her parents together

Subseries L: Henry Kurtz

Contains photographs of Ruth's brother, Henry

Subseries M: Ruth and her sisters

Contains photographs of Ruth and her two sisters, Effie and Mary

Subseries N: Effie Kurtz Brunner

Contains photographs of Ruth's sister, Effie

Subseries O: Kent Brunner and family

Contains photographs of Effie's son and Ruth's nephew, Kent Brunner and his family

Subseries P: Kent, Neill, and Marjean Brunner as children and young adults

Contains photographs of Kent, Neill, and Marjean Brunner as children and young adults

Subseries Q: Neill Brunner

Contains photographs of Effie's son and Ruth's nephew, Neill Brunner

Subseries R: Matthew Brunner

Contains photographs of Neill's son, Matthew Brunner

Subseries S: Luke Brunner

Contains photographs of Neill's son, Luke Brunner

Subseries T: Marjean Brunner Sheridan

Contains photographs of Effie's daughter and Ruth's niece, Marjean Brunner Sheridan

Subseries U: Marjean and Phil Sheridan

Contains photographs of Marjean and her husband, Phil Sheridan

Subseries V: Sheridan Family

Contains photographs of Marjean, Phil, and their two daughters

Subseries W: Sheridan Family

Contains photographs of the Sheridan family.

Subseries X: Kierra Sheridan

Contains photographs of Kierra Sheridan, Marjean and Phil's older daughter

Subseries Y: Katie Sheridan

Contains photographs of Katie Sheridan, Marjean and Phil's youngest daughter

Subseries Z: Mary Kurtz Ring

Contains photographs of Mary Ring, Ruth's sister

Subseries AA: Edmund Ring

Contains photographs of Edmund Ring

Subseries AB: Rosemary Ring Harroun

Contains photographs of Mary's daughter and Ruth's niece, Rosemary Ring Harroun

Subseries AC: Joyce Harroun Trowbridge and family

Contains photographs of Rosemary's daughter, Joyce Trowbridge and Joyce's family

Subseries AD: Ruth's extended family

Contains photographs of Ruth's extended family (great grandfather, great aunts)

Subseries AE: Ruth and her friends

Contains photographs of Ruth and her friends together throughout Ruth's life

Subseries AF: Ruth's friends

Contains photographs of Ruth's friends that they sent or gave to her

Series II: Newspaper Articles

Consists of various newspaper articles about Ruth and her family and friends.

Series III: Funeral Programs

Consists of funeral programs of Ruth's family members and friends.

Series IV: Obituaries

Consists of Obituaries of Ruth's family members and friends.

Series V: Ephemera

Contains a condolence card addressed to Ruth, some notes Ruth wrote to herself, and an invitation to Edmund Ring's graduation from the University of Northern Colorado.

Container List

Series I: Photographs

Subseries A: Ruth Kurtz Rice

Box	Folder
1	6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Subseries B: Jennings Lee Rice

Box	Folder
1	18, 19, 20, 22

Subseries C: Ruth and Lee Rice

Box	Folder
1	21

Subseries D: Lottsburg, VA

Box	Folder
1	23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32

Subseries E: Ruth's Greeley Home

Box	Folder
1	33, 34

Subseries F: Ruth in Fort Lupton

Box	Folder
1	35

Subseries G: Ruth and Dogs

Box	Folder
1	36, 37, 38
2	1

Subseries H: Dogs

Box	Folder
2	3, 4, 5

Subseries I: Ruth and other Animals

Box	Folder
2	2

Subseries J: Ruth's parents, Effie and William Kurtz

Box	Folder
1	1, 2, 3, 4

Subseries K: Ruth and her parents

Box	Folder
1	5

Subseries L: Henry Kurtz

Box	Folder
2	6

Subseries M: Ruth and her sisters

Box	Folder
2	7

Subseries N: Effie Kurtz Brunner

Box	Folder
2	12

Subseries O: Kent Brunner and family

Box	Folder
2	14, 15, 16

Subseries P: Kent, Neill, and Marjean Brunner as children and young adults

Box	Folder
2	13

Subseries Q: Neill Brunner

Box	Folder
2	17, 18

Subseries R: Matthew Brunner

Box	Folder
3	1

Subseries S: Luke Brunner

Box	Folder
3	2

Subseries T: Marjean Brunner Sheridan

Box	Folder
3	3

Subseries U: Marjean and Phil Sheridan

Box	Folder
3	4

Subseries V: Brunner-Sheridan

Box	Folder
3	5, 9, 10

Subseries W: Sheridan Family

Box	Folder
3	6

Subseries X: Kierra Sheridan

Box	Folder
3	7

Subseries Y: Katie Sheridan

Box	Folder
3	8

Subseries Z: Mary Kurtz Ring

Box	Folder
3	8

Subseries AA: Edmund Ring

Box	Folder
2	9

Subseries AB: Rosemary Ring Harroun

Box	Folder
2	10

Subseries AC: Joyce Harroun Trowbridge and family

Box	Folder
2	11

Subseries AD: Ruth's extended family

Box	Folder
3	11

Subseries AE: Ruth and her friends

Box	Folder
1	14

Subseries AF: Ruth's friends

Box	Folder
4	4-24

Series II: Newspaper Articles

Box	Folder
1	2, 3, 15, 16, 19, 26
2	10, 12, 13, 14, 18
3	1, 4, 5, 8, 11
4	13, 14 18, 19, 24

Series III: Funeral Programs

Box	Folder
1	4
4	1, 2, 10, 14, 24

Series IV: Obituaries

Box	Folder
1	4
2	9, 12
4	1, 2, 10, 14

Series V: Ephemera

Box	Folder
1	17
2	9