

Finding Aid-Wolfgang Flor Collection

Title: Wolfgang Flor Collection

Donor:

A &M Box Number: GSC20191112

No. of Boxes: 1

Inclusive Dates-1965-1975

Bulk: 1968-1971

Description: This is a collection that contains news clippings, periodicals, and a biographic sketch involving Wolfgang Flor. Wolfgang was a German born wood sculptor who resided in Upshur County. In 1968, Wolfgang Flor presented his "Prodigal Son" sculpture to Glenville State College. In 1971, Wolfgang was beginning to form an artist commune on his farm, but some neighbors named Basil Childester and Meredith Wayne Rice used dynamite to blow up the barn. Sunday School Superintendent, Doyle E. Burnside, called the act a "good Samaritan" act, and later left his church position due to this. Wolfgang Flor is well known for his sculptures at West Virginia Wesleyan College, "The Twelve Apostles."

Index Names:

Wolfgang Flor, Maria Flor, Veronica Flor, Ulricka Flor, James A. Haught, Ferrell Friend, Meredith Wayne Rice, Basil Jerald Childester, Doyle E. Burnside,

Index Terms:

Glenville State College, RFK Library, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Salem United Methodist Church

Box Contents:

File Folder 1:

- A. RFK sculpture viewing program 1968
- B. Mr. David Gillespie Invitation to sculpture program. (Notes on reverse)

File Folder 2: Several articles from WV newspapers and magazines about Wolfgang Flor

- A. Glenville Mercury-“Wolfgang Flor’s Sculpture To Be Presented Oct. 17” Wed. Oct 2, 1968
- B. See “A” and also Glenville Mercury “Sculpture Presentation Scheduled for Library” Wed, Oct.9, 1968
- C. The Parkersburg News “Glenville Campus will Have The Prodigal Son Sculpture” Sunday October 6, 1968
- D. Clearer Copy of “C”
- E. Original Clipping from the Charleston Gazette “Wood Carvings” with the photo of Flor w/ sculpture.
- F. Photo copy of “Wood Carvings” from “E”
- G. Clipping: “Glenville Campus Will Have The Prodigal Son Sculpture” October 6, 1968
- H. Glenville Paper “Sculpture Work of Wolfgang Flor” Mainly a photo.
- I. The Inter-Mountain “Good Samaritans’ Dislike ‘Long Hairs’: Wolfgang Flor Leaving Upshur County”
- J. See “I”
- K. “ ‘Good Americans’ Drive Sculptor from Upshur” By James A. Haught
- L. See “K”
- M. Charleston Gazette “Readers Forum: Stand Up and Fight Professors”
- N. See “M”
- O. The Inter-Mountain “Our Readers Say” (note to editor) by R. Dale Wilson, Elkins, W. Va. July 7, 1971
- P. See “O”
- Q. July 8, 1971 Charleston Gazette “Sunday School Chief Quits: Upshur Minister Fails in Bid to Keep Sculptor” Jeffery A. Haught
- R. See “Q”
- S. July 8, 1971 “Upshur Minister Fails in Bid to Keep Flor”
- T. See “S”
- U. July 17, 1971 “Sculptor Flor Will Stay in Upshur County” The Inter- Mountain
- V. See “U”
- W. Date Unknown “Home Built on Rock Cliff: Upshur House Has Quite a Foundation” Ferrell Friend Clipping
- X. Clipping Corresponds with “W”
- Y. Packet of all articles, and a photocopy of “Portrait of an Artist” periodical

File Folder 3:

- A. Photo “Wolfgang Flor’s House 9/5/2010 Rock Cave WV Upshur County”
- B. Photocopy “Portrait of an Artist” photos by Arnout (?) Hyde Jr.
- C. Travel West Virginia. Fall and Winter 1965 (see B.) pg 15