



Newport Historical Society

Guide to the Lockett Ford Ballard Photograph Collection, 1934 – 1972

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Descriptive Summary

<i>Collection Identifier</i>	MS.106
<i>Title</i>	Lockett Ford Ballard Photograph Collection
<i>Creator</i>	Ballard, Lockett Ford, Jr.
<i>Date</i>	1934 – 1972
<i>Extent</i>	1.15 GB of data on USB drive

Historical Note

The following is a selection from MssCol 189, A collection of Lockett Ford Ballard, Jr. papers, held by the Manuscripts and Archives Division at The New York Public Library:

"Lockett Ford Ballard, Jr., museum administrator, was born to Canon Lockett Ford Ballard (1912-1979), Rector of the Trinity Church at Newport, Rhode Island, and Charlotte Carr Morrison Ballard (1921-1985). He graduated (class of 1964) from St. George's School, Newport, Rhode Island, and Hamilton College (class of 1968), Clinton, New York. In 1968 he enlisted for a four-year term in the U.S. Navy. During his final year he held the rank of petty officer (2nd class) in the Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (One Three Five, Detachment One) on the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk which was on tour in the Gulf of Tonkin during the Vietnam War. Upon his discharge he entered the graduate program in museum administration at Cooperstown Graduate Programs in Cooperstown, New York. While completing his master's thesis he was employed for several months in 1973 as assistant to the curator of the Old State Capitol Restoration project in Frankfort, Kentucky.

In 1974 he was appointed director of the Litchfield Historical Society and Museum in Litchfield, Connecticut. Following his resignation from that position in the summer of 1979, he was briefly employed as a data processor in a law firm in Los Angeles. In February of 1980 he was reinstated as director of the Litchfield Historical Society but two years later he resigned once again to accept a position as director of the Rosemount Victorian House Museum, Pueblo, Colorado. He held this position until mid-1985 when he was reappointed for the third time to the directorship of the Litchfield Historical Society. Following his resignation from the Society in 1987, Ballard held posts in Cincinnati, Ohio and in Madison, Indiana. In 1990 he settled in Nanuet, New York, with his lover, Charles Richard Burns, a former Jesuit priest. The same year the two entered into a bond of permanent commitment at the Grace Episcopal Church in Nanuet. They subsequently settled in Lancaster, Pennsylvania where Ballard became executive director of the Rock Ford Foundation, Inc."

Scope and Content

This collection contains four photograph albums, one flash drive of digital media, and one folder of assorted photographs and ephemera, all relating to Lockett Ford Ballard Jr. and his family. This includes Lockett Ford Ballard Sr., his wife Charlotte Ballard (nee Carr), and their daughter Margaret Ford Ballard.

Organization

The Lockett Ford Ballard photograph collection is organized into four series:

Series 1. Digital Photographs

Series 2. Photograph Albums

Series 3. Photographs

Series 4. Archival materials

Subject Access

People

Ballard, Lockett Ford, Jr.

Access and Use

Physical Access

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Administrative Information

Descriptive Rules Finding aid based on *Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DAC5)*

Accession Info Gift of Locket Ford Ballard, Jr.

Accession Number: 2018.006

Inventory

Series 01: Digital photographs

Series 02: Photograph albums

Series contains four photograph albums compiled by the family of Lockett Ford Ballard, Jr. The contents of the albums range from 1934-1972.

Series 03: Photographs, 1921 – 1992

One folder, containing 18 photographs of Lockett Ford Ballard, Jr. and extended family. Photographs range in date from 1921-1992, and include some identified members of the Ballard extended family, including Margaret Ballard and Charlotte Ballard (nee Carr).

Series 04: Archival materials, 1967 – 1968

Series contains newspaper clippings and printed materials relating to the family of Locket Ford Ballard, Jr. Items include a postcard and pamphlet relating to Trinity Church, newspaper clippings referencing Reverend Lockett Ford Ballard, Sr., and a graduation program for Roger's High School class of 1967.