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Ursula Knaeusel Papers: A Guide to Her Papers at the Jimmy Carter Library

Collection Summary

Creator: Ursula Knaeusel, 1933-2018

Title: Ursula Knaeusel Papers

Dates: 1972-2013

Quantity: 1 linear foot, 9 linear inches, 4 containers

Identification:

Accession Number: 19.01a

National Archives Identifier: 134674092

Scope and Content:

This collection contains correspondences, publications, newspaper and magazine clippings, handwritten notes, posters, event programs, press clippings, visual art, and pamphlets. The series primarily consists of correspondences, a large portion of which are to Rosalynn Carter. Topics are primarily centered on luncheons, gifts received, and cooking. Other correspondences include Christmas and season's greetings cards, many from the Carters, and letters from the Carter campaign and Carter Center both requesting and thanking Ursula for donations.

Creator Information: Ursula Knaeusel

Ursula Knaeusel was born on July 28, 1933, in Halle, Germany. In 1952 she fled East Germany to West Germany, and then moved to New York City. She worked in restaurants and earned money to emigrate to the United States, where she arrived in 1964. She worked in restaurants in New York City and Miami, before moving to Central America.

After five years, she returned to the United States and moved to Atlanta, Georgia. She began teaching classes out of her Atlanta home in 1971 and soon opened Ursula's Cooking School, which she operated for about 50 years. Rosalynn Carter took cooking classes at the school when Jimmy Carter was governor of Georgia. Ursula remained friends with the Carters and continued to cook for them throughout their time in the White House. She attended events with them over the years. She self-published several cookbooks and had a 13-part PBS series, "Cooking with Ursula," which premiered in

1995. She cooked for and taught several celebrities, including Julia Child and Henry Kissinger. She retired in 2016, after 51 years of teaching. Knaeusel died on June 1, 2018.

Restrictions:

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Related Material:

Separated material: 1 VHS - "Jimmy Carter 25 years old", 54 color photographs, 7 black and white photographs, 9 color, photographs, signed, 2 black and white photographs signed, 2 microslides, and 2 negatives

Index Terms:

Limited to major topics under each category
Persons: Rosalynn Carter

Subjects: Cooking, Recipes, Inauguration

Types of Material: correspondences, publications, newspaper and magazine clippings, handwritten notes, posters, visual art, and pamphlets.

Administrative Information:

Preferred citation: [Type of Document], [Names of Sender and Recipient or Title of Document], [Date], [Collection Title], [Series Title], [Folder Title], [Box Number], Jimmy Carter Presidential Library.

Acquisition information: These donated historical materials were received under provisions of the instrument of gift that Elaine Devine signed October 15, 2018.

Processing information: The series was opened in November, 2019.

System of Arrangement:

The records of the Ursula Knaeusel Papers contains one series:

Series Title	National Archives Identifier
Personal Correspondence Files	135820966
Audiovisual Files	155510429

Detailed Description of the Collection

[Personal Correspondence Files](#)

Scope and Content: Containers 1-3. This series was opened in November, 2019. The series consist of correspondences, publications, newspaper and magazine clippings, handwritten notes, posters, event programs, press clippings, visual art, and pamphlets. A large amount of the correspondences are between Ursula Knaeusel and Rosalynn Carter. Topics are primarily centered on luncheons, gifts received, and cooking. Other correspondences include Christmas and season's greetings cards, many from the Carters, and letters from the Carter campaign and Carter Center both requesting and thanking Ursula for donations. Also included are several newspaper and magazine articles about Ursula or the Carters, and a fair amount of material from the 1976 inauguration. Some of Ursula's recipes and meal plans are also included. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

[Audiovisual Files](#)

Scope and Content: Container 1. This series was opened in November, 2019. The series consist of seventy-two color and black and white photographs, microslides, negatives, and a VHS tape titled "Jimmy Carter 25 Years Old". All the audiovisual material relates to Ursula's cooking professional. Unarranged.

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Container List

Personal Correspondence Files

Container 1

Audiovisual Transfers
Christmas Cards
Correspondence [1]
Correspondence [2]
Correspondence with Rosalynn Carter [1]
Correspondence with Rosalynn Carter [2]

Container 2

Inauguration, 1976
Miscellaneous [1]
Miscellaneous [2]
Newspapers and Magazines

Container 3

Pamphlets and Other Articles

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Audiovisual Files

Container 1

1 VHS - "Jimmy Carter 25 years old"
54 color photographs
7 black and white photographs
9 color, photographs
2 black and white photographs
2 microslides
2 negatives

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