CHARLES A. REYNARD-MARIAN REYNARD BAUN PAPERS

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SUMMARY

Size. 0.6 linear feet (2 boxes and 1 m.s. vol.)

Geographic locations. Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Inclusive dates. 1927-1997 (bulk 1956-1993)

Language. English

Summary. Correspondence, lists, minutes, newspaper clippings, printed items, and miscellaneous items of Charles A. Reynard and Marian Reynard Baun, both LSU professors and Baton Rouge residents. Items principally pertain to social activism while they were LSU professors and to Baun's subsequent work with the Friends of Public Education.

Organization. Papers arranged chronologically.

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Charles Arthur Reynard was born December 14, 1913, in Springfield, Ohio. He married Marian Adel Carmony in Springfield on September 26, 1936. They had three children: Marjorie, Barbara and Kenneth John. Reynard received his Batchelor of Science degree in 1937 and his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1939, both from Ohio State University. He was elected to the Order of the Coif, a national legal society for graduating students in the top 10% of their class.

Reynard worked in the legal division of the Wages and Hours Division of the U.S. Department of Labor after graduating. He also served as regional attorney and chief counsel in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1940, he accepted a job as associate professor of law at the University of Utah Law School, where he taught until 1948. He then joined the law faculty at Louisiana State University, and became a professor in 1951. He specialized in labor and constitutional law. Reynard remained in that position until his death. Reynard was also a member of the Louisiana Legislative Counsel in 1954, and served as executive counsel to Governor Earl K. Long in 1956.

Reynard was an advocate for racial tolerance and integration. In, 1958, he testified before the Louisiana House Education Committee on the unconstitutionality of bills to close Louisiana public schools threatened with integration. He was one of 600 people to sign the Louisiana Civil Liberties Union Petition opposing this legislation. Reynard wrote several articles on this subject including "Legislation Affecting Segregation" in *Louisiana Law Review*, 1956.

Reynard died February 2, 1959 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Marian Carmony Reynard Baun was born October 5, 1915 in Springfield, Ohio. She received a Batchelor of Arts in Psychology from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1936 with *summa cum laude* honors. She received her Masters in Psychology a year later from the same institution. Baun worked as a nursery school teacher in Utah. In 1955, she became Director of University Methodist Church Day School & Kindergarten in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She served as an assistant professor and associate chairman at LSU from 1961-1981, and as acting chairman in the fall of 1976. Her published articles include "Psychoanalytical interpretations as verbal reinforcers: Importance of interpretation content" in the *Journal of Clinical Psychology* in 1963 and "A History of the Louisiana Commission on Alcoholism (Part I and Part II)" in the *Louisiana Quarterly Journalism on Alcoholism* in 1964.

Baun has served on many LSU committees including the Commission on the Status of Women, the Committee on Opinion Survey of Needs of Women on Campus, Committee on Public Relations, Committee on Responsible Drinking, Committee on Dormitory Reform and Women's Rules, Phi Beta Kappa Selection Committee, the Chancellor's Committee on Women's Rules Reform, the Chancellor's Committee on Campus Life, and the Committee on Campus Minorities.

She also served as president and secretary of the Friends of Public Education Board. From a meeting of the Friends of Publication evolved the Dial-A-Teacher program, which features a call-in homework help service for students staffed by teachers. There was also a Dial-A-Teacher television program, broadcast from Baton Rouge High School, for Math problems. Baun has served as Chairman of the Advisory Board of Dial-A-Teacher since 1986.

Boyd E. Baun married Mary Reynard in 1971. Currently, Marian Reynard Baun is retired and still living in Baton Rouge.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Charles A. Reynard Papers focus primarily on his opposition to the set of bills proposed in the Louisiana Legislature in 1958 that would privatize Louisiana public schools rather than integrate them. Materials in this collection include articles correspondence, newspaper clippings, a political cartoon, publications, and a questionnaire. There is also correspondence and a donations list relating to the resignation of Hollis Hayward, General Secretary of the LSU YMCA.

The Mary Reynard Baun Papers document her involvement with the LSU chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the Committee on Campus Life and the Committee on Women when changes were being made to women's housing and co-ed dorms were proposed and with the Friends of Public Education Board. Materials in this collection include brochures, correspondence, minutes, newspaper clippings and reports, and a photograph.

LIST OF SUBGROUPS AND SERIES

Subgroup 1. Charles A. Reynard Papers, 1948-1969, undated

Series I. Correspondence, February-September, 1958
Series II. Writings, 1956-1959
Series III. Miscellaneous, 1958-1969, undated
Series IV. Printed Materials, 1948-1965, undated
Series V. Scrapbooks, 1927-1966

Subgroup 2. Marian Reynard Baun Papers, 1960-1997, undated

Series I. Personal Papers, 1960-1961, 1982, 1997, undated
Series II. Committee on Women and Committee on Campus Life Records, 1970-1975
Series III. Friends of Public Education Records, 1983-1993
Series IV. Phi Beta Kappa, 1977, 1981, 1997, 2000.

SUBGROUP AND SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Subgroup 1. Charles A. Reynard Papers, 1948-1969, undated

Correspondence, writings, lists, reports, printed materials, and scrapbooks mainly reflect Reynard's work on school desegregation.

Series I. Correspondence, February-September, 1958

Correspondence primarily concerns Charles A. Reynard's stand against the bills to privatize Louisiana public schools rather than integrate them. There are letters to Reynard from the public and fellow law professors supporting and criticizing his stand and his responses to them. There is also correspondence regarding a questionnaire sent out to petition signers opposed to the bill and a copy of Reynard's answers. Reynard and Cary McWilliams, editor of *The Nation*, discussed a possible article about the petition in several letters. There is also correspondence between Reynard and Harold Colvin, Associate National Secretary of the National Student Council of the YMCA, regarding the resignation of Hollis Hayward, General Secretary of the LSU YMCA, and letters Reyard wrote to various church leaders about the resignation.

Series II. Writings, 1956-1959

Two articles from *Louisiana Weekly* by Marcus Christian discuss the history of bus and streetcar segregation in Louisiana and suits by African-Americans to be admitted to LSU. A statement by Douglas B. Maggs, law professor at Duke University, discusses the invalidity of a proposal by the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Education to allow Caucasian parents to withdraw their children from public schools that have been integrated. Articles from the *Louisiana Law Review* by Reynard discuss employment conditions in the U.S. and segregation. There is a paper, possibly by Charles Black, on judicial decisions on segregation in Southern schools.

Series III. Miscellaneous, 1958-1969, undated

Miscellaneous items include a list of LSU faculty members who signed a statement opposing the proposed legislation to abolish public schools in Louisiana, transcription of a Legislative hearing on June 11, 1958 to investigate the teachings of LSU professors, a report on LSU from the Special Joint Legislative committee from July 1958 and an analysis of it by the Louisiana Civil Liberties Union, a list of donations for Haywood, and an excerpt from *Encyclopedia of American Biography* on Reynard.

Series IV. Printed Materials, 1948-1965, undated

There are several materials on Civil Rights and integration including publications from the Southern Conference Educational Fund, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, *The Nation*, and the Methodist Church. There is a

political cartoon about school integration from the Association of Citizen's Council with "Negros [sic] may be Your Equal—Not Others!" written on it. Newspaper clippings from *The State Times* concern the Good Samaritans and Good Fellows.

Series V. Scrapbooks, 1927-1966

Scrapbook1 contains newspaper clippings documenting Charles Reynard's life from keeping a pet tarantula as a teenager to his death in 1959. Diplomas and certificates of Reynard's academic and career achievements are present. There are letters, court records, programs, book excerpts, a list of Reynard's publications, lists of pallbearers and attendees at Reynard's funeral and the eulogy delivered by Reverend William E. Trice. Scrapbook 2 reflects Reynard's stand against segregation at LSU in 1958. There are newspaper clippings from Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Shreveport, Monroe, and LSU. Out-of-state papers like the *Ohio Sun, Springfield News*, and national newspapers like *The Christian Science Monitor* and *The Washington Post and Times* also have articles. An introduction at the beginning of the book from Marian Reynard Baun explains its arrangement and context. Both scrapbooks are photocopies.

Subgroup 2. Marian Reynard Baun Papers, 1960-1997, undated

Newspaper clippings document Baun's work on the Committee on Women and Committee on Campus Life at LSU as well as school desegregation in Baton Rouge. Minutes, bylaws, membership lists, reports and printed materials are of Baun's work with the Friends of Public Education. Other materials include Baun's writing about her husband, Charles.

Series I. Personal Papers, 1960-1961,1982, 1997, undated

Newspaper clippings on school desegregation, especially on busing in Baton Rouge, comprise the majority of the papers. Other materials are a political cartoon on the Klu Klux Klan, a copy of Baun's writings about her husband, entitled "A Life and Legacy—Mentor for Three Generations," and a copy of her essay (with corrections), "Women's Rights at LSU."

Series II. Committee on Women and Committee on Campus Life Records, 1970-1975

Newspaper clippings from *The Reveille* concern women's housing regulations. There is an informal statement from the Special Advisory Committee on Women's Regulations from April 28, 1970 reporting the activities of the past seven meetings and the recommendations that arose from them. A report from the Committee on Campus Environment, of which Marian Reynard Baun was the chairwoman, discusses co-ed visitation in dormitories. A 1971 report from the Committee on Campus Life, of which Marian Reynard Baun was the chairwoman, recommends the implementation of coed housing. There are minutes and member lists from the Committee on Campus Life.

Series III. Friends of Public Education Records, 1983-1993

Minutes from the Friends of Publication Board meetings comprise the majority of the materials. Bylaws, membership lists, printed materials and treasurer's reports for the group are also included.

Series IV. Phi Beta Kappa Records, 1981, 1977, 1997, 2000.

Consists of a speech given at a 1981 ceremony which details the history of the LSU chapter of Phi Beta Kappa; an excerpt about the Beta chapter in Louisiana taken from Baum's writing entitled, "Life Stories." And a six page newsletter published by the Phi Beta Kappa Society in November 1997. A 1977 color photograph of Marian Baum and Prof. Robert Hofman is included.

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