

Collection Summary

ID Number: MSS 217

Title: Larry Aiken Collection

Extent: 7 Boxes

Span Dates: 1940s – 2010s

Language: English

Geographic Location: Various

Abstract: The Larry Aiken Collection consists of concert posters, pictures, awards, newspaper clippings and other items about the entertainment industry in Evansville, IN and elsewhere from 1943 to 2012.

Historical Notes: Larry Kent “Lonesome Larry” Aiken was born June 21, 1940 in Chillicothe, OH and attended Bosse High School in Evansville, IN. He worked as a disc jockey, locally and nationally. Aiken explored various business opportunities within the restaurant, theater, ticket venues, and real estate industries. He promoted over 1,700 events throughout the United States including country, rock and pop concerts, Broadway plays and musicals, tennis matches, the Dick Clark Caravan of Stars, the Harlem Globetrotters, the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, and Lipizzaner Stallions shows. He was politically active with the local Democratic Party. He and his wife, Suzanne, were married for 46 years and had two sons, Andrew and Anthony. Aiken passed away on February 13, 2010.

- **Sources:** Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library; Browning Genealogy Database

Selected Search Terms

Keywords: Local Events; Regional Businesses; State Government; State Politics; American History

Related Materials: Arts and Entertainment; Business and Industry; Government and Politics; History; Photographs; Publications; Regional History; Related Materials -- 1901-1950; Related Materials -- 1951-2000; Related Materials -- 2001-2050; Related Materials -- n.d.; Special Collections

Administrative Information

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