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Title: Godfrey Family. Collection
Collection #: Ms B83
Dates: 1938-1997
Size of Collection: 15 items
Accession Number: L97.4 (L97 Jan 6)
Donor: Doris Godfrey Carlson
Restrictions: None
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Biographical/ historical note:

George Reed Godfrey sold spring water to factories and offices in the Fairfield area until the advent of the water bubbler. He then turned the land where he found the water into a nursery. George was also a founding member and was active in the Father's Club of Roger Ludlowe High School.

His son, (George) Lloyd, continued the nursery business and opened two garden shops in Fairfield, the first in 1934. He was often referred to as "Mr. Dogwood" because of his efforts to preserve the trees central to the annual Greenfield Hill Dogwood Festival. Lloyd retired in 1975 and moved to Florida.

Scope and content note:

The collection was donated by George Reed Godfrey's daughter. It primarily consists of newspapers clippings (copied onto acid-free paper), a brief biography of Lloyd written by

his sister, an article and a pamphlet on dogwoods, and a commemorative plaque and description of the Greening of the Common program in 1976.

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GODFREY FAMILY
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- Folder 1. Newspaper clippings and brochure about the Fathers' Club of Roger Ludlowe High School, 1938-1940, and George R. Godfrey
- Folder 2. Biographical notes on Lloyd Godfrey, 1997; magazine article, 1973; dogwood pamphlet, n.d.
- Folder 3. Memorial plaque commemorating the "Greening of the Common"; article about the Greening, 1976

Subject headings:

Dogwood Festival (Greenfield Hill, Conn.)
Godfrey, George Lloyd
Godfrey, George Reed
Nursery growers--Conn.--Fairfield--Biography
Roger Ludlowe High School. Father's Club.