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Guide
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   1.4 cubic ft.

Summary: Photographs of Gannett's relatives, including his parents, Frank and Caroline Werner Gannett; his wife, Jean, and their children; Gannett's aunts and uncles; his sister, Sally Gannett McAdam and her family; Gannett employees and friends, including pilot Russell Holderman; and photographs of Gannett airplanes, their yacht (the Widgeon), family gatherings, and public events. Also, several small photo albums of Dixon Gannett as a child; a scrapbook of letters, telegrams, programs, and newspaper clippings relating to him and other family members; and loose clippings concerning the marriage of Dixon and Jean, and Frank Gannett's death.

Finding aids: Item list by donor.

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1) keep - Cornell may keep as is or may return to Dixon Gannett
2) return - Cornell may copy before returning the original. In some cases, the original may be kept and the copy returned.
3) Excellent - this photo is either in excellent condition or is of excellent value to Cornell archives.
4) Good - the photo is of "good" quality but not "excellent"
5) cracked - the emulsion on this photo has been cracked but is otherwise in good condition
6) large - these photos are larger than 8 X 10
7) book - mostly soft covered, any size
8) booklet - judged smaller than above "book"
9) pamphlet and folder are self explanatory

ENCLOSURES

1. booklet - "China Opens The Door" by Paul Miller
2. booklet - "A Fuse Sputters In Europe" by FEG
3. book - as #5 but in hard copy
4. booklet - "The American Constitution..." by FEG
5. booklet - "Russia - 1962" by Paul Miller
6. folder - "Editorial Autonomy's Pioneer" by Paul Miller

PHOTOS, ETC.

1. Superb and in color: by Varden - portrait of CWG (keep)
2. Dixon & Jean Gannett wedding, Nov. 26, 1955 shown with Mr. & Mrs. Alfred E. Stradling of England who stood in for Dixon's parents at his request. (copy & return)
3. Dixon and NBC anchorman John Chancellor at the first delayed shuttle (STS-1) launch at Cape Kennedy (keep)
6. Dixon and Jean with their first grandchild, son of Frank E. Gannett II, Bryce Gannett (copy & return)
7. Photo of FEG, age 8 (keep)
8. Jean at Marineland, Fla. Photo by Dixon (keep)
9. Photo of FEG II and wife Claudine with first born, Bryce (THIS ITEM WAS NOT MARKED BY CORNELL) (copy & return)
10. Photo of Karen and Frank Gannett, children of Dixon and Jean Gannett (copy & return)
11. Excellent 8 x 10's with negatives (keep)
   a) Hawley Ward - left
      CWG - standing
      Mrs. Douglas Townsend - seated
      Nora Peterson - standing
      FEG - seated
      Fred Knowling - standing
      Douglas Townsend - seated
   b) FEG - left
      Dr. John R. Williams Sr. - right
      bass fishing near the Widgeon in Canada
   c) FEG with daughter Sally by Locheed
   d) Excellent photo of FEG at helm of Widgeon
   e) House staff - locale unknown - possibly in Miami Beach
      Fred Knowling (maid known)
      Nora Peterson
      Elizabeth Short
   f) Excellent photo of John R. Williams Sr. with fish
   g) FEG with fish
      (A super photo of FEG!)
   h) CWG with Sally at 195 Sandringham at breakfast table, and Fred Knowling
   i) FEG and John R. Williams Sr. tea on Widgeon (steward unknown)
   j) Widgeon, looking aft - a good photo
12) framed - air shot of Gannett Locheed - 1938 (keep)
13) framed - air shot of Gannett Locheed - 1938 (keep)
14) graduation diploma of Dixon, June, 1955
I believe this made history; the first time ever
that a family of three received diplomas at the same
time from the same university.
Dixon - BA degree
FEG - Doctor of Journalism
CWG - I remember only that this was for
"Humanities" (keep)

15) framed - picture of 1st Gannett Stinson purchased through
Russ Holdeman. Pre-1941 (I know because another
Stinson which followed this one was a 1941
vintage.
Holdeman would not work for FEG unless he retained
his company, "Holdeman Air Service". He sold
Stinson aircraft. (keep)

15) Envelope marked "16"

a) Russell Holdeman and unknown co-pilot at the
Bottsford Inn (Mich) for dinner during a visit by
CWG to Dixon and Jean. Circa: 1957-58 (keep)

b) Dixon (driving bulldozer with passenger) - a
demonstration at the Ford Tractor School in
England. (keep)

c) "The Gannett Youth Barn" in Rochester. Dixon,
Nora Peterson and Isaac VerHule, who used to be
the Gannett chauffeur. (keep)

d) Dixon and Jean - an afternoon ride in Canada
from Dearborn, Mich. Circa: 1957 (keep)

e) Russ Holdeman - chief pilot for Gannett, Jean
Gannett pregnant with FEG II, Dorothy (Dot)
Holdeman and Dixon. Circa: 1957 (copy & return)

f) Excellent: Arthur Whittemore and Jack Lowe - dual
pianists who CWG loaned $1000 to complete their
studies at Eastman School of Music (keep)

g) Excellent: FEG and Dixon beside first Gannett
Stinson aircraft. Pre-1941 (keep)

h) Excellent: Dixon sitting on Gannett Stinson
Pre-1941 (keep)

i) Excellent: first Gannett Stinson with the
Gannett name painted on the side. Pre-1941
(keep)
j) Good: FEG and Dixon at Dixon's desk in his room at 195 in Rochester. (Year unknown) (keep)
k) Excellent: Lilly B. Werner (CWG's mother), FEG, Dixon and Sally, in 195 living room. (keep)
l) Excellent: FEG with Dixon - front steps of 195. (keep)
m) Excellent: FEG at his desk at 195. (keep)
n) Excellent: FEG in swimming pool at Indian Creek Club at Miami Beach, Fla. Circa: unknown (keep)
o) Good: FEG with (I believe) Tim McAdam, Sally's first born. (keep)
p) Excellent: Dixon and Jean with Bunny and Dick Doty in Bradenton, Fla. Doty was originally with WHAM radio in Rochester, N.Y. (keep)
q) four pictures of Dixon at the Ford Service Training School in Dagenham, England - 1955 (keep if you wish)

17) Dixon and Jean shortly after wedding in 1955 (copy & return)
18) Excellent: FEG with CWG (keep)
19) Excellent but cracked: FEG, Paul Miller, unknown man. (keep)
20) Excellent and large: FEG (child probably one of Sally's (keep)
21) a) Excellent and large: FEG with same child as #20 (black and white) (keep)
   b) Excellent and large: same as above but in sepia
22) Framed: Dixon at Miami Beach home (keep)
23) Excellent and Large - framed: Pan American flight. This may have been the inaugural trans-Atlantic service - 1934 (keep)
24) Excellent and large: Framed: nose of Gannett Lockheed. (keep)
25) Excellent and large: Excellent early photos of Lilly B. Werner by Joseph Scheff of Rochester. (keep)

26) Superb portrait: framed photo by Joseph Karsh of FEG in 1953. (This is a copy) (keep)

27) Superb portrait: framed photo by Joseph Karsh of CWG in 1953. Supposed to be the finest picture taken of CWG ever. (This is a copy) (keep)

28) Slides: misc. shots of the Miami Beach house. (keep)


30) Promotion certificate - Dixon 1936 (keep)

31) Newspapers: FEG's death (condition very good but turning color with age). (keep)

32) Newspaper clippings: Dixon-Jean Gannett wedding. (Articles represent typical English journalism - more dramatic than factual. Embarrassing.) (keep)

33) Newspaper clipping: "Clayla Ward Leaves $2.9 million" (keep)

34) Superb: Photo with original slide of FEG and his sister, Gracia Rathbone. (keep)

35) Envelope containing two photos (keep)
   a) Leonard and Lillian Ryland - parents of Jean Gannett
      3rd from left - unknown
      Cyril Williams - ex-treasurer of Gannett Co.
      FEG II - son of Dixon and Jean
      Bernice Williams - wife of Cyril Williams
      Dixon Gannett
      woman on right - unknown
      Karen Gannett - daughter of Dixon and Jean
      CWG
      Jean Gannett

   b) The same people by seated (keep)
      The pictures were taken at the Colony Hotel in Palm Beach, Fla. Circa: 1960's

36) Framed: photo of Dixon with dog (keep)
37) five bound photos of Dixon as a child (keep)
  1 red - large
  1 red - small
  3 dark blue
  all with gold trim

38) framed photo of CWG with child of daughter Sally Gannett McAdam.

39) framed photo of Gannett Stinson Tri-motor airplane and chief pilot, Russell Holderman signed by Holderman to Dixon Gannett.

40) early framed photo of Dixon - small gold frame

41) framed advice to FEG by Maria Brooks Gannett.

42) large photo album of photos taken by chief pilot, Russell Holderman, from Gannett plane - 1940.

43) scrap book

44) NOTE: Lucia Gumaer has some FEG campaign buttons and an FEG smoking jacket (though FEG never smoked). Contact Dixon Gannett if interested.