

GEORGE VAN GREENE COLLECTION
PP0173

Descriptive Summary

Creator Greene, George Van, 1912-2008

Title George Van Greene Collection

Accession Number PP0173

Physical Description 1 large tri-fold folder

Inclusive Dates 1962-1987

Language Note English

Administrative Information

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Acquisition

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Processing note

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Collection Description*Biographical Note*

George Van Greene was born in 1912 and raised in the Grant Park neighborhood of Atlanta, Georgia. He was heavily involved in church life from an early age and had a radio program on WGST Radio in Atlanta. He graduated from Emory University in 1936 and married Minta Jackson that same year. He taught Sunday School and served as a deacon at First Baptist Church of Decatur. Greene later would serve on the Board of Trustees at Mercer University and was integral part of the integration of the university. He also was involved in growing Mercer's College of Pharmacy. He later developed the southeast division of Regal Ware, Inc., a kitchen supplies company. Mr. and Mrs. Greene maintained a farm in Conyers, Georgia, for 30 years. The couple had four children: Genie, Tony, Gerry, and Chris. George Van Greene died on October 16, 2008, in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Scope and Content Note

The George Van Greene Collection contains correspondence and news articles related to the integration process at Mercer University in 1960s. The correspondence is between Greene, Mercer University faculty and staff, and Macon community members. The focus of some of the correspondence is on Sam Oni, the first African American student to attend Mercer University. This collection can be found in a folder on shelf 09/D/01 in the personal papers collection of the Mercer University Special Collections.

Subjects

Greene, George Van
WGST Radio
Emory University
Mercer University
History - Integration - Events

Related Material

George Van Greene Biographical File
Mercer University Trustees Files

Container List

Folder 1/1: Correspondence