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➤ **Bittersweet Farms, 1974-2004** ◀

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**Subjects:** [Disability History](#), [Social Welfare](#)

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**Historical Sketch**

In 1973 the first public school class for autistic children and adolescents opened in Toledo, Ohio, and Bettye Ruth Kay was the teacher. As she gained experience, it became increasingly apparent to her that her students would require specialized help well into adulthood and probably for the rest of their lives. But there were no programs for autistics beyond school age. Most were put into state institutions once they had passed through the public school system.

In 1977, the Autistic Community of Northwest Ohio formed and incorporated for the purpose of providing residential treatment and therapy for adults with autism. In 1979 the group, with State grant money, purchased a suitable property in Jerusalem Township, but was denied the necessary zoning to build. After overcoming this set-back, they purchased a second property in Whitehouse, Ohio, and construction began in 1981. The 80 acre farm got its name when Mrs. Kay and some other Board members were walking in a wooded area on the property and found a bittersweet vine. They immediately decided to call it "Bittersweet Farms," as it was representative of the life experience of families that deal with autism.

The main house was completed in February 1983. It was soon staffed and readied for occupancy. There were already three residents living on the property in the original one-story farmhouse, and in May more residents came for a trial visit. In June, nine autistic adults were admitted as residents and over the next 18 months the number climbed to 15. Additional buildings that were constructed around this time included the activities building and greenhouse.

Among the therapeutic activities used at Bittersweet Farms today are animal husbandry, horticultural therapy, woodworking, and gardening. The residents also host a yearly fundraising event called "Harvest Fest," as well as an annual plant sale in the spring, and some perform in the Farm's bell choir.

In 1990 Mrs. Kay decided to retire to do some writing and consulting work. Later that year Charles Flowers was appointed as the new director. Victoria Obee-Hilty was the current director at the time the collection was acquired by the Canaday Center.

**SOURCES:**

Farm history file, Bittersweet Farms Collection, Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections, University of Toledo Libraries.

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**Biographical Sketch of Bettye Ruth Kay**

Bettye Ruth (Bryan) Kay, founder of Bittersweet Farms, was born in Birmingham, Alabama, on March 7, 1929. She attended Carson-Neuman College and the University of Minnesota where she completed her bachelor's degree in political science in 1951. It was here, at the University of Minnesota, that she met Marvin Michael Kay, who she married on April 6, 1953 at the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The couple soon returned to the University of Minnesota where Bettye worked first as a secretary in the College of Education, and then as a graduate assistant in the Political Science Department. In July 1954 their first son, Michael, was born, followed by their daughter, Mandy in November 1955, and son Jonathan in November 1958. While raising her family Bettye was also very active in the Democratic Farm Labor Party, various peace organizations, and the Quakers as well as the International League of Peace and Freedom.

The couple spent the summers of 1958 and 1959 in Tuskegee, Alabama, where Mike taught history at the Tuskegee Institute. At that time Tuskegee was an all black school. The Kays were the only white family on campus, and were forced to live on campus due to a number of threats from outside the college community. Also, because of the Kays' involvement in desegregation and civil rights issues, the family required round-the-clock protection. Still, Bettye was vehement in her pursuit of civil rights. She spoke at black churches and to gatherings all over the area, and even helped implement an economic boycott of Tuskegee stores that demonstrated unfair treatment of blacks.

By 1959 Mike had found a job teaching at San Jose State University in California and Bettye had just about completed her master's degree in political science. In San Jose, Bettye remained active in the civil rights movement, the Women's International League of Peace and Freedom, Democratic party politics, and became a member of the Congress of Racial Equality. In March 1960 her fourth child, Daniel, was born, followed by twins Andrew and Nathaniel in March 1962. During this time the Kays became involved in the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

In 1962 the Kays moved to the University of Queensland at Brisbane, Australia. In the meantime, both of the twins, Andrew and Nathaniel, had become seriously ill and shortly after their arrival in Australia Andrew died at 7 1/2 months old. Although she had five young children to care for, one of whom was ill, Bettye remained active in her peace and disarmament organizations, and also became involved in the Australian Peace Congress. Along with a friend, she also started a lucrative toy business that designed and marketed the highest quality, non-violent and educational toys.

The Kays moved back to the U.S. in 1966, where Mike took a teaching job at Alfred University in western New York. Bettye continued working on a master's degree in English Education and taught at Andover High School in Andover, New York. It was during this time that Nathaniel, the surviving twin, died. Shortly thereafter the Kays moved to West Chester State College in Pennsylvania, and it was there that they adopted their daughter, Ceri.

In 1970 Bettye earned her master's degree in special education from the University of Delaware, while teaching learning disabled children at the Vanguard School in Havorford,

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Pennsylvania. Late in 1971 the Kays moved to Toledo, Ohio, where she taught special education. In Toledo, Bettye led the development of the Nathan Hale Community School, an after-school program of recreation and education for central city children. The school was forced to close in 1980 due to a decrease in funding.

In 1973 the Toledo Public School System opened its first class for autistic children, with Bettye Ruth as the teacher. She researched and studied current techniques and theories in the treatment of autism and decided to implement a holistic approach in her classroom. Her students pursued crafts, yoga, carpentry, horticulture, and many other things. She also integrated vigorous physical exercise and vocational programs into her classroom, and was constantly on the look out for new ideas and approaches.

Bettye also became very concerned for the long term care of her students. At that time, the vast majority of autistics were placed in state institutions once they passed through the public school system. Many of these institutions were intended for either mentally retarded or mentally disturbed individuals, and did nothing to address the special needs of the autistic.

This led Bettye to pursue the development of Bittersweet Farms. She began lobbying on every level of government from local to state until she got the funding needed to build the farm, and was able to purchase 80 acres near Whitehouse, Ohio. She then went to visit Somerset Court in England, a working farm where autistic people reside and learn to provide for themselves under supervision. She was so impressed that she decided to incorporate many of its approaches into Bittersweet Farms. She designed and implemented programs to address many of the needs of persons with autism, such as behavior management, physical education, language and communication skills, and vocational training.

Bettye Ruth Kay contributed thousands of hours to the endeavor that became Bittersweet Farms. On December 26, 1996, at the age of 67, she died from breast cancer that she had been fighting for ten years.

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Kay, B. (1990). Bittersweet Farms. *Journal of Autism & Development Disorders*, 20(3), 309-321.

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**Scope and Content Note**

This collection contains administrative files, correspondence, material on grants and fundraising, printed material, information on treatment and research, files on the historical development of the Farm, information about activities, events, and programming, miscellaneous matter, some of the residents' journals, and audiovisual material. Most of it is in good condition; however, there is occasional insect and rodent damage. The records were being stored in a pole barn on the property and were also subject to environmental hazards. The collection was donated to the Canaday Center by the trustees of Bittersweet Farms in February 2005.

The correspondence is scattered throughout the years from 1976-2001 and includes personal and professional material. A few noteworthy correspondents are represented in this series and are listed in the inventory. Interested researchers should note that additional correspondence is scattered throughout the other series.

Administrative files consist of Board of Trustees minutes; which include agendas, director reports, and minutes of various board committees. This series covers the years 1977-2004, and includes some undated material.

Grant and fundraising files contain grant applications and related correspondence. This series covers the years from 1979-1999 and includes some undated material.

Printed material contains various items such as newsletters, newspaper clippings and pamphlets. The series contains a variety of topics and is dated from 1979-2000 and includes some undated material.

Treatment and research files contain various topics and theories regarding the treatment of Autism. Of particular interest is the research on Vitamin B6 and Magnesium therapy, as well as the use of the diet pill, fenfluramine. Most of the material in this series is undated.

History files contain material about the start-up and history of the farm. It includes a file of biographical material on Betty Ruth Kay as well. This series spans the period from 1974-1979, and includes some undated material.

Farm grounds and buildings files contain a variety of material such as blueprints, site plans, and other miscellaneous papers regarding the land and structures on the farm. It covers the years from 1978-1988.

Miscellaneous subject files include 7 folders arranged alphabetically by subject. Subjects vary, and the material is undated.

Photographic material contains photographs of people, events, and miscellaneous objects and places, many of which are unidentified. It also contains various VHS videotapes including documentaries on the treatment of autism, and training and home videos.

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**SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

<b>S1</b>	<p><b>Administrative Files</b> 1977-2004 &amp; undated .75 linear foot Arranged alphabetically</p> <p>Contains minutes of the Board of Trustees, including agendas, director's reports, minutes of annual membership meetings, and minutes of various board committees. It also contains a variety of other material such as mission statements, membership files, articles of incorporation, bylaws, policies and procedures, and material relating to various regulatory agencies.</p>
<b>S2</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b> 1976-2001 &amp; undated .75 linear foot Arranged chronologically</p> <p>Contains the correspondence of many people affiliated with Bittersweet Farms, including Bettye Ruth Kay, Charles Flowers, and various Board members. Researchers should note that additional correspondence is scattered throughout the other series as well.</p> <p>Correspondents of note include:</p> <p>Ohio Governor Richard Celeste, Feb. 21, 1983 Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, Aug. 8 &amp; Sept. 26, 1986; Jan. 8 &amp; 26, &amp; Mar. 12, 1987; Sept. 16, 1988; &amp; June 6, 1989 Ohio State Representative Barney Quilter, Apr. 9, June 29, July 31, &amp; Oct. 13, 1987; &amp; Dec. 1, 1988 U.S. Senator Linda Furney, June 15, 1988 U.S. Senator John Glenn, Jan. 16, 1987 Iowa State Representative Johnie Hammond, Mar. 4, 1987 Sybil Elgar, Principal, Somerset Court, Apr. 28 &amp; May 11, 1984</p> <p>Subjects of note covered in correspondence files include:</p> <p>The death of Michael Kay Jr., son of Bettye Ruth &amp; Michael Kay Sr., 1995 The controversy surrounding the Board's denial of Bettye Ruth Kay's application for membership, 1995, and continuing in 1997</p>
<b>S3</b>	<p><b>Grants &amp; Fundraising</b> .25 linear foot 1979-99 &amp; undated Arranged alphabetically</p> <p>Contains grant applications and related correspondence.</p>

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<b>S4</b>	<p><b>Printed Material</b> .5 linear foot 1979-2000 &amp; undated</p> <p><b>Subseries A: Newsletters</b> Arranged alphabetically by title</p> <p>Contains newsletters of interest to the administration of Bittersweet Farms.</p> <p><b>Subseries B: Newspaper clippings</b> Arranged alphabetically by subject</p> <p>Clippings cover a variety of topics and include article about Bittersweet Farms and Bettye Ruth Kay.</p> <p><b>Subseries C: Pamphlets</b> Arranged alphabetically by subject</p> <p>Also cover a variety of topics.</p>
<b>S5</b>	<p><b>Treatment and Research</b> .5 linear foot undated Arranged alphabetically by subject</p> <p>Files cover various theories regarding the treatment of autism. Of particular interest is the research on Vitamin B6 and Magnesium therapy, as well as the use of the diet pill, fenfluramine. Also included are two case studies addressing the issue of community living vs. institutionalization of persons with developmental disabilities.</p>
<b>S6</b>	<p><b>History Files</b> 1974-79 &amp; undated 7 folders Arranged alphabetically by subject</p> <p>Contains material about and from the start-up and history of the farm, and includes a file of biographical material on Bettye Ruth Kay, as well as material on the original seed grant.</p>
<b>S7</b>	<p><b>Activities, Events, &amp; Programs</b> .25 linear foot 1982-2000 &amp; undated Arranged alphabetically by title subject</p> <p>Contains material about such events as the annual Harvest Fest and Chicken Barbeque, as well as the residents' vacations and other therapeutic and recreational activities.</p> <p>Note: the file on the Peace Pole Celebration contains a regrets card from President Jimmy Carter.</p>

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<b>S8</b>	<b>Farm Grounds and Buildings</b> .25 linear foot 1978-1988 Arranged alphabetically by subject  Material includes blueprints, site plans, and other miscellaneous papers regarding the land and structures on the farm.
<b>S9</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Subject Files</b> Undated 7 folders Arranged alphabetically by subject
<b>S10</b>	<b>Residents' Journals</b> 2 linear feet 1983-1994 Arranged alphabetically by residents' first names.  This series contains daily journals kept by the Farm's residents.
<b>S11</b>	<b>Photographic Material</b> 3 linear feet 1941, 1989-2000, & undated  <b>Subseries A: Photographs</b> Arranged alphabetically  Contains photos of people, events, and miscellaneous objects and places, many of which are unidentified.  <b>Subseries B: Photographs in electronic format</b> Arranged alphabetically  Contains digital photographs of various events. The images are stored on CDs.  <b>Subseries C: Miscellaneous</b>  Contains photographic slides, negatives, and contact sheets  <b>Subseries D: VHS videotapes</b>  Includes documentary, training, and home videos. The home videos cover events such as the annual Harvest Fest and a performance by the bell choir.



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**Folder List**

**Box Folder Description**

**S1 Administrative Files**

1	1	Adult Provider Consortium, 1989-1997
1	2	Articles of Incorporation, 1977, 1988, 1992
1	3	Bd. of Trustees Committees (various) 1977-1998
1	4	Bd. of Trustees, lists of members and officers
1	5	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1977
1	6	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1978
1	7	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1979
1	8	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1980
1	9	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1981
1	10	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1982
1	11	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1983
1	12	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1984
1	13	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1985
1	14	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1986
1	15	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1987
1	16	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1988
1	17	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1989
1	18	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1990
1	19	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1991
1	20	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1992
1	21	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1993
1	22	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1994
1	23	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1995
1	24	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1996
1	25	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1997
1	26	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1998
1	27	Bd. of Trustees Minutes, 1999
1	28	Bd. of Trustees resolutions, 1985 and 1995
1	29	Bd. of Trustees training, 1994
1	30	Bylaws 1994-1998
1	31	Director's Annual Reports, 1984-2004
1	32	Director's Job Descriptions
1	33	Executive Director-Job description
1	34	Goals and Objectives
1	35	Membership Application
1	36	Membership drives 1991-1998
1	37	Membership lists
1	38	Mission Statements
1	39	Ohio Dept. of Health-Misc. rules, 1992
1	40	Ohio Dept. of MR/DD, 1991-1992, 1994-95
1	41	Ohio Private Residential Association (OPRA) folder 1 1991-1993
1	42	Ohio Private Residential Association (OPRA) folder 2 1994

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1	43	Ohio Private Residence Association (OPRA) folder 3 1995-1996
1	44	Ohio Private Residence Association (OPRA) folder 4 1997
1	45	Organizational Charts 1992
1	46	Policies and Procedures
1	47	Rights of Ohioians W/MR/DD, Bd. Notifications
1	48	School Contracts
1	61	Site visit report, June 11, 1987

**S2 Correspondence**

1	49	1976
1	50	1977
1	51	1978
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1	53	1981
1	54	1982
1	55	1983
1	56	1984
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2	11	1999
2	12	2000
2	13	2001
2	14	Undated

**S3 Grants and Fundraising**

2	15	Anderson 1990
2	16	Dole Foundation
2	17	Lucas Co. Grants 1987-1990
2	18	Misc. Fundraising Articles
2	19	Partners in Reaction and Community Supports (P.I.R.C.S.)
2	20	Solicitation Letters 1979-1994
2	21	Stranahan Foundation 1990
2	22	Strategic Alliance Partnership 1998-1999
2	23	United Way 1988-1989

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**S4 Printed Material**

Subseries A: Newsletters

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|---|----|---|
| 2 | 24 | American Association on Mental Retardation; Sept. & Nov. 1987; March & July 1988; January, March, July-December 1989; January/February 1994   |
| 2 | 25 | Apologist: June 1981, August 1981, September 1981, October 1981   |
| 2 | 26 | Au Contraire: Dec. 1981, Jan/Feb 1981, March 1981   |
| 2 | 41 | Autistic Community of Northwest Ohio, June 1981 & March 1996  |
| 2 | 27 | Bittersweet Farms: June 22,1982; December 14, 1982; Dec. 15, 1983; May 2, 1984; January 25, 1985; August 13, 1985, April 28, 1986; September 4, 1986; November 3, 1986; December 15, 1986; March 3, 1987; August 17,1987; November 6, 1987; December 20,1988; June 15, 1990; September 1990; April 1991; May 1992; December 1992; Winter 1993; May 1993; September 1993; Summer 1994; Summer 1995; Spring, 1996; Fall, 1997; Spring 2004  |
| 2 | 28 | Board and Administrator: Oct., Nov. & Dec. 1991; Jan., Feb., March, April, Oct., Dec. 1992, Jan.-Oct. 1993, Jan., Feb., March, & July 1994; Feb. 1996; August 1997; Jan, Feb., April, Sept. & Dec. 1998, April & June 1999  |
| 2 | 29 | Lucas Co. Bd. Of MR/DD Update: April, November, & Winter 1990   |
| 2 | 30 | Lucas County Children Services Bd. Exchange CSB: Sept./Oct. 1987, July/August 1988  |
| 2 | 31 | Miscellaneous Newsletters:<br>Addvantage, Spring 1994<br>Agenda, July, 1996<br>Autism Society of North Carolina, Oct. 1990<br>Autism Training Center, Spring 1987<br>Autistic Community of Northwest Ohio Member Update, March 1996<br>Casa de Ninos, n.d.<br>The Cutting Edge, Sept., 1990<br>Farm Review, Winter 1985<br>Impact, April/May 1984<br>Linkages, May, 1992<br>Materials Development Center Newsletter, 1987 No. 3<br>Mental Horizons, April 1980<br>Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities, May 20, 1983<br>MRDD Journal, Nov. 1987<br>National Association of State Mental Retardation Program Directors, Inc., July 1979 & July 1980<br>Network, No. 2, 1992<br>The Point, Sept., 1980<br>Promise, Summer 1985<br>Protection & Advocacy, May 29, 1979<br>Society for Autistic Children of Greater Cincinnati, Inc. Nov.-Dec., 1987 |

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- 2 32 National Society for Autistic Children, Toledo Area Chapter: May/June 1980, June/July 1982, January/February 1983
- 2 33 North Carolina Society for Autistic Adults and Children: August & November 1985,
- 2 34 Northwest Ohio Developmental Center (NODC): July 1980, & June 1981
- 2 35 Ohio Dept. of MR/DD Times: Spring & October 1992
- 2 36 OPRA Agenda: August 1991, October & December 1992
- 2 37 Policy Transmittal Letter: Nov. 1984, Jan. & April 1985
- 2 38 Resident Newsletter (BSF) June 1984 & undated
- 2 39 Residential Rapport: Summer & Fall 1993
- 2 40 Somerset Court, Spring 1990

Subseries B: Newspaper clippings

- 3 1 Autism & Autistic
- 3 2 Bell Choirs
- 3 3 Bittersweet Farms & Residents, 1981, 1983, 1985-86, 1990, 1992-93, 1996, 2000, & undated
- 3 4 Estate Planning, 1992
- 3 5 Grady, Ann, group home, 1994
- 3 6 Kay, Marvin Michael II Obituary, 1995
- 3 7 Lyons, Toshiko, 1997-98
- 3 8 Mah, Sy, 1985
- 3 9 Mentally Retarded, 1987-89
- 3 10 Miscellaneous newspaper clippings, 1983-93
- 3 11 Northwest Ohio Developmental Center, 1981
- 3 12 Rainman, 1988
- 3 13 Recycling, undated
- 3 14 Stranahan, Virginia Secor, 1989

Subseries C: Pamphlets

- 3 15 Appalachian Trail
- 3 16 Autism
- 3 17 Bittersweet Farms & Autistic Community of NWO
- 3 18 Camp Courageous
- 3 19 Cedar Point
- 3 20 Mid Counties Autistic Society (England)
- 3 21 National Autistic Society (England)
- 3 22 Self-Determination

**S5 Treatment and Research**

- 3 23 Autism
- 3 24 Behavioral Management
- 3 25 Consent For Treatment
- 3 26 Alternative Living Arrangements

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3	27	Developmental Disabilities Bill 1987
3	28	Horticulture, woodworking, and animal care as alternative job-training
3	29	Elizabeth Raining Bird proposed research in facilitated communication
3	30	Fenfluramine usage
3	31	Government related articles
3	32	Gruter Foundation
3	33	Halderman ET AL VS. Pennhurst, ET AL
3	34	Horticultural Therapy Research Project
3	35	Hypoplasia of Cerebellar Vermal VI, and VII
3	36	Institute for Child Behavior Research
3	37	Non-verbal Communication
3	38	Microcomputers usage in Autism
3	39	Olmstead Vs. Georgia Department of Human Resources
3	40	Oral Language
3	41	Prevention and Remediation of Behavioral Problems
3	42	Proposed Research Usage of Loxitane
3	43	Psychological Evaluations with antipsychotic medications
3	44	Requirements for Family home
3	45	Rusty's Morningstar Ranch
3	46	STRESS Management
3	47	TEACCH Program/ Dr. Eric Schopler
3	48	Vitamin B6 and Magnesium Therapy

**S6 History Files**

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3	50	Certificate of Need Application
3	51	Farm History
3	52	Jerusalem Township Site (First property acquired)
3	53	Seed Grant (Start-up Funding) Folder A: 1974, 1976, 1977
3	54	Seed Grant Folder B: 1978, 1979
3	55	Start-Up Costs

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3	57	Afternoon Tea
3	58	April Fool
3	59	Burr Oak Trip
3	60	Camp Courageous
3	61	Canada Trip
3	62	Chicago Trip, Spring 1986
3	63	Chicken Barbeque 1982
3	64	Chicken Barbeque 1983
3	65	Chicken Barbeque 1984
3	66	Chicken Barbeque 1985
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3	68	Chicken Barbeque 1986

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3	69	Chicken Barbeque 1988
3	70	Christmas 2000
3	71	Christmas Tree Sale
3	72	Colorado
3	73	Drive for Understanding (Golf outing)
3	74	Employee Appreciation Dinner
3	75	England Trip 1985
3	76	Equestrian Program
4	1	Greenfield Village
4	2	Halloween Party 1986
4	3	Handbell Concerts
4	4	Harvest Fest 1989
4	5	Harvest Fest 1990
4	6	Harvest Fest 1991
4	7	Harvest Fest 1992
4	8	Harvest Fest 1993
4	9	Harvest Fest 1994
4	10	Harvest Fest 1997
4	11	Harvest Fest 1999
4	12	Holiday Open House
4	13	Holiday Party 1986
4	14	Ice Skating Party
4	15	Miami Beach Trip 1984
4	16	Peace Pole Celebration
4	17	Spring Fling
4	18	Smokey Mountains trip
4	19	Summer Farm Life Skills Training Program
4	20	Summer Program (ASNO)
4	21	Summer Autistic Program
4	22	Tennessee
4	23	Traverse City Trip
4	24	Treasure Hunt
4	25	YMCA Swimming
4	26	Wilderness Leadership Training Program-Adirondacks

**S8 Farm Grounds/ Buildings**

4	27	Activities Bldg., 1983-84
4	28	Barn, 1978-88
4	29	Carpet, 1987
4	30	Construction Specifications-Electrical
4	31	Head House Plans, Sept. 20, 1988
4	32	Hike/Bike Trail
4	33	Horticultural Therapy Center, Aug. 3, 1987
4	34	Kitchen Modification Plans, 1987-88
4	35	Miscellaneous, 1985-87
4	36	Pond, 1981-87
4	37	Site Plans, 1981, 1985-86

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- 4 38 Survey Report, Sept. 12, 1981
- 4 46 Terracing, 1986

**S9 Miscellaneous Subject Files**

- 4 39 Death and Dying
- 4 40 Extended Care Unit, Miami Children's Center
- 4 41 Farmsteading & Autistic
- 4 42 Rails to Trails Bikeway
- 4 43 Somerset Court Penpals
- 4 44 Staff Supervision in the Residential Program-Manual
- 4 45 University of Toledo Special Education Graduate Program

**S10 Resident Journals**

- 5 1-6 Firstname B
- 5 7-8 Firstname D
- 5 9-10 Firstname E
- 5 11 Firstname F
- 5 12-14 Firstname G
- 5 15 Firstname J
- 6 1-2 Firstname J, continued
- 6 3-5 Firstname M
- 6 6-7 Firstname P
- 6 8-11 Firstname R
- 6 12-13 Firstname S
- 6 14-15 Firstname T

**S11 Photographic Material**

Subseries A: Photographs

People:

- 7 1 A-H
- 7 2 K-P
- 7 3 Q-Z
- 7 4 Unidentified Groups
- 7 5 Unidentified Individuals

Activities & Events:

- 7 20 Adirondack trip, 1989
- 7 21 Camping Trip
- 7 22 Canal & Canal Boat Trip
- 7 23 Cedar Point, n.d.
- 7 24 Christmas, Various Years
- 7 25 Christmas Tree Sales, Various Years
- 7 26 Circus, n.d.
- 7 27 Crafts & Crafting

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- 7 28 Drive for Understanding, 1999-2000
- 7 29 Farmwork
- 7 30 Foot Races
- 7 31 Fulton Co. Fair & Orchard Trip, 1999
- 7 32 Harvest Fest, 1989
- 7 33 Harvest Fest , 1991
- 7 34 Harvest Fest 1994
- 7 35 Harvest Fest, 1998
- 7 36 Harvest Fest, 1999
- 7 37 Hobo Lunch, Sept. 1995
- 7 38 Horticulture
- 7 39 L., Lori, Farewell Party, 1999
- 7 40 Ohio Women's Hall of Fame
- 7 41 Roche de Bouf Parade, 1999
- 7 42 Summer Camp, 1989
- 7 43 Tennessee Trip
- 7 44 Tree Planting
- 7 45 Unidentified event-Folder 1
- 7 46 Unidentified Events-Folder 2
- 7 47 Unidentified Events-Folder 3
- 7 48 Unidentified Events-folder 4
- 7 49 Winter Fun Day, 2000
- 7 50 Winter Fun Day, n.d.
- 7 51 Woodworking
- 7 52 Yard Work & Groundskeeping

Miscellaneous:

- 7 53 Animals
- 7 54 Easter Cake
- 7 55 Farm Scenes
- 7 56 Knapp Farm Grain Elevator Motor 1941
- 7 57 Unidentified Objects
- 7 58 Unidentified Places

Subseries B: Photographs, Electronic Format

- 7 59 Appreciation Dinner
- 7 60 Art Show
- 7 61 Farm
- 7 62 Horticulture Spring Sale, n.d.
- 7 63 Various Unidentified

Subseries C: Miscellaneous

- 7 64 Unidentified Event
- 7 65 Negatives
- 7 66 Contact Sheets



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Subseries D: VHS Videotape

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| 7 | 67 | Almost Like You and Me |
| 7 | 68 | Autism Conference      |
| 7 | 69 | Autism Special, Ch. 30 |

Subseries D: VHS Videotapes

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| 9 | 1  | Bellchoir at Art Museum Aug. 27, 2000               |
| 9 | 2  | Bridging Myths                                      |
| 9 | 3  | Charting the Course for Change                      |
| 9 | 4  | CNN Larry King                                      |
| 9 | 5  | Cooking With Jeffery                                |
| 9 | 6  | Elgar, Sybil  |
| 9 | 7  | Employee Recognition Dinner 1998                    |
| 9 | 8  | Farm celebration (unidentified format)              |
| 9 | 9  | Farm Scenes   |
| 9 | 10 | Farm Work & Scenes, n.d.                            |
| 9 | 11 | Geraldo Rivera Show                                 |
| 9 | 12 | Greenhouse Shots                                    |
| 9 | 13 | Harvest Fest 1992                                   |
| 8 | 1  | Harvest Fest, 1993                                  |
| 8 | 2  | Harvest Fest Commercial, 1995                       |
| 8 | 3  | Innisfree   |
| 8 | 4  | Innisfree Way                                       |
| 8 | 5  | Mc Dowell, Melody                                   |
| 8 | 6  | Ny Allerodgard & NC TEACCH Program                  |
| 8 | 7  | Prindle, Bob, Laundry (8mm Video Cassette)          |
| 8 | 8  | Quiz Bowl (8mm Video Cassette)                      |
| 8 | 9  | Residential Preservice Orientation                  |
| 8 | 10 | Staff Dinner (8mm Video Cassette)                   |
| 8 | 11 | Teach Program for Teachers                          |
| 8 | 12 | Tommy   |
| 8 | 13 | Unidentified Event                                  |
| 8 | 14 | Vitamin B6 and Magnesium in the Treatment of Autism |