



Guide to the Few Family Papers, 1861-2009 (bulk 1905-1967)

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Summary

Collection Title:

Few Family papers, 1861-2009 (bulk 1905-1967)

Creator:

Few (Family : (Few, W. P. (William Preston), 1867-1940)); Few, Mary Reamey Thomas, 1885-1971; Few, W. P. (William Preston), 1867-1940

Abstract:

The Few family papers includes correspondence, business and financial papers, clippings, printed material, and genealogical information. The collection was created by various members of the Thomas and Few families, with the majority being created by Mary Reamey Thomas Few and her husband, Dr. William P. Few, president of Trinity College (1910-1924) and Duke University (1924-1940). The collection ranges in date from 1861-1986 (bulk 1905-1967).

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Background

Scope and Content

The Few family papers encompass two families: the Few family and the Thomas family. The majority of the collection was created by Mary Reamey Thomas Few and her husband, Dr. William P. Few. The collection is divided into six series:

Correspondence, Genealogy, Miscellaneous, Political Papers of Mary Reamey Thomas Few, Family Materials, and Duke University Materials.

The Correspondence series is broken down into several subseries based on how the correspondence was grouped by the Few family. The majority of the correspondence was written by and to members of the Few and Thomas families, including letters between Dr. and Mrs. Few prior to their marriage as well as letters from Mrs. Few to her parents while she was an undergraduate at Trinity College (Durham, N.C.). Other subjects in the correspondence series include family and business matters and social conditions in Durham, as well as letters and telegrams sent to the family after the death of William Preston Few in 1940.

The Genealogy series includes research notes and information accumulated by Mrs. Few as well as applications for membership in several historical and genealogical societies.

The Miscellaneous series includes financial and business papers, Lyne Starling Thomas' business papers, printed material, clippings, and address/memo books.

The Political Papers series consists of correspondence, memorabilia, pamphlets, clippings, photographs and printed materials amassed by Mary Reamey Thomas Few in her capacity as a leader in the Republican Party.

The Family Materials subseries contains photographs, memorabilia, business papers, clippings, certificates and diplomas, and other materials collected by William Preston Few, Mary Reamey Thomas Few, and their sons.

The Duke University Materials series contains photographs, magazines, newspaper clippings, correspondence, booklets and brochures, and other items relating to the history of Duke University and Trinity College, collected by members of the Few family, primarily Mary Reamey Thomas Few.

Many files contain handwritten notes identifying the contents, written by the family members who originally organized and identified the materials.

Biographical/Historical

Mary Reamey Thomas Few was born on July 12, 1885 in Martinsville, Va. to Lyne Starling and Elizabeth Sheffield Thomas. Educated by private tutors throughout her childhood, she entered Trinity College (Durham, N.C.) in 1902 and graduated magna cum laude in 1906. While at Trinity College, Mrs. Few as a member of the first staff of *The Chronicle* and also served on the staff of *The Archive*. Additionally, Mrs. Few was a member of the Kappa Delta sorority. In 1907, she earned a M.A. in English from Columbia University. She taught at the Southern Seminary in Buena Vista, Va. until the end of the 1910 session. On August 17, 1911, she married Dr. William Preston Few.

Born in Greenville, S.C. on December 29, 1867, the son of Benjamin Franklin and Rachel Kendrick Few, William Preston Few attended Wofford College, Spartanburg S.C. (A.B., 1889), and Harvard University (A.M., 1893; Ph.D., 1896). Dr. Few came to Durham in 1896 as Professor of English at Trinity College. He was named Dean of the College in 1902, and President in 1910, succeeding John C. Kilgo. Dr. Few was President of Trinity College/Duke University from 1910-1940.

President and Mrs. Few had five sons: William Few (1/4/1912-12/9/1979), Lyne Starling Few (10/18/1913-12/19/2004), Kendrick Sheffield Few (8/1/1917-7/27/1996), Randolph Reamey Few (10/6/1920-10/14/2008), and Yancy Preston Few (1922-1939). Dr. Few died on October 16, 1940.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Few became active in the affairs of the Republican Party. She served as Republican national committeewoman for North Carolina from 1944-1956 and as a member of the Republican National Executive Committee. She was a member of the Platform Committee and the Committee on Arrangements for the Republican National Convention in 1948 as a delegate-at-large and Platform Committee for the Convention in 1952, where she supported Dwight D. Eisenhower for the presidential nomination. Mrs. Few died on January 8, 1971.

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Acquisition Information

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Collection Inventory

Correspondence, 1861-1994

Scope and Contents note

The family correspondence in the original accession was sorted and grouped by Kendrick and/or Randolph Few, sons of Dr. William and Mary Few. Correspondence from accession UA2016.0033 was preliminarily sorted by Dana Few Pope, daughter of Randolph Few. At processing, the letters were sorted by date within each grouping for easier patron access and use. Each grouping is a sub-series named for the creator of the correspondence, if applicable.

Mary Few's correspondence varies in content, depending on the recipient. The letters to her parents detail her life as an undergraduate at Trinity College in Durham, with references to her classes, professors, friends and social activities. She writes of her visits to Benjamin Duke's house to visit his daughter Mary and going "automobiling." Some of her social activities included traveling throughout North Carolina with college friends, joining her classmates for dinner at the home of James Southgate (Trinity College trustee), and attending religious meetings and theatrical productions. Of note are Mrs. Few's letters home regarding the 1905 visit of President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt to Trinity College. Mrs. Few's letters continue through her time at Columbia University, Southern Seminary in Buena Vista, Va., and finally her return to Durham after her marriage to Dr. Few. The later letters focus largely on family matters, including her sons and Dr. Few's travels.

The letters exchanged between Dr. and Mrs. Few provide some insight into their long-distance courtship but largely focus on family matters. The remaining family-related correspondence also pertains to family matters but also business matters as well. The general correspondence subseries contains letters written mainly to Mrs. Few from various individuals about a wide array of topics, including business ventures and genealogy. One file contains letters to the Fews following the death of their son Yancy Preston Few in 1939.

The Correspondence series also includes letters between Mrs. Few and her son Kendrick Few during the 1920s-1950s; as well as letters and telegrams sent to the family after the death of Dr. William Preston Few in 1940.

Correspondence written by Mary Reamey Thomas Few

To Elizabeth Sheffield Thomas [mother]

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1905 March-April	Box 1
1905 May-June	Box 1
1905 Oct.	Box 1
1905 Nov.	Box 1
1905 Dec.	Box 1
1906 Jan.	Box 1
1906 Feb.	Box 1
1906 Nov.-Dec.	Box 1
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1909 Jan.-March	Box 2
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To Lyne Starling Thomas [husband]

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Correspondence written by Lyne Starling Thomas

To Elizabeth Sheffield Thomas [wife]

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To Mary Reamey Thomas Few [daughter]

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To William Preston Few [son-in-law]

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To Catherine Sheffield Thomas [daughter]

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Scope and Contents note

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Scope and Contents note

This series consists of the correspondence, memorabilia, pamphlets, clippings, photographs, and printed materials amassed by Few in her capacity as a leader in the Republican Party of North Carolina at the national and state level. Items include materials concerning N.C. state politics, campaign strategies, political support, the New Deal and other issues; photos of Philadelphia hotels; a copy of Eisenhower's 1955 State of the Union Address; cards from prominent Republicans; and Republican Party news releases. Printed matter highlights the national conventions, and includes such items as hand-outs, souvenir volumes, buttons saying "I LIKE IKE," "I'M DAFT ABOUT TAFT," and "IT'S TIME FOR NIXON," and documents on the workings of a presidential campaign.

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Republican Almanac, 1948	Box 23
Miscellaneous, 1948	Box 23
Convention Name Tags, Badges, and Pins	Box 24
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Family Materials

Scope and Contents

The Family Materials subseries contains photographs, memorabilia, business papers, clippings, certificates and diplomas, and other materials collected by William Preston Few, Mary Reamey Thomas Few, and their sons. Materials include notebooks kept by William Preston Few during his English classes at Harvard University, bound books owned by family members, childhood items belonging to Yancy and Kendrick Few, Mary Reamey Thomas Few's 1911 "Bride's Book," and files relating to William Preston Few's involvement with

meetings and assemblies of the Methodist Church. The series also includes cast photographs and Mary Reamey Thomas Few's copy of the script for "The Dukes," a play about the Duke family performed in 1964.

Materials are arranged by family member, then chronologically.

William P. Few: Diplomas, 1893-1911	Box 32
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William P. Few: 18th Century Literature (notebook), 1894-1895	Box 29
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William P. Few: Elizabethan Drama (notebook), 1895-1896	Box 29
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William P. Few: Course Notebooks, 1896, undated	Box 29
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William P. Few: "Valuable Papers" Holder, 1911	Box 29
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Scope and Contents

Includes handwritten "Last Will and Testament"

William P. Few: Certificates, 1920-1936	Box 32
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William P. Few: Photographs, 1922-2000, undated	Box 29
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Scope and Contents

Includes photograph and biographical information about Benjamin Franklin Few, father of William P. Few

William P. Few: Methodist Conference Nametags, 1924, 1939	Box 34
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William P. Few: Writings, Clippings, Photographs, and Memorabilia, 1928-1940, 1991, undated	Box 29
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William P. Few: Methodist Conference: Handbooks, 1939, 1940	Box 29
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William P. Few: Methodist Conference: New York, 1939 June	Box 29
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William P. Few: Methodist Conference: Talk by William P. Few, Lake Junaluska, NC, 1940 August 12	Box 29
William P. Few: Methodist Conference: Church Conference in Nashville, TN, 1940 August 30	Box 29
William P. Few: Methodist Conference: Meeting of Board of Education, Methodist Church, Chicago, 1940	Box 29
William P. Few: In Memoriam Book, 1940	Box 29
William P. Few: Clippings and obituaries, 1940 Physical Description: 2 folders	Box 29
William P. Few: Clippings about death of William P. Few, 1940	Box 32
William P. Few: Wallpaper samples, undated	Box 32
William P. Few: Desk Nameplate, undated	Box 34
Mary Reamey Thomas Few: Certificates, 1905	Box 32
Mary Reamey Thomas Few: Bride Book, circa 1911	Box 29
Mary Reamey Thomas Few: Clippings, 1914-1953	Box 29
Mary Reamey Thomas Few: Clippings and Memorabilia, 1924-1999, undated	Box 29
Mary Reamey Thomas Few: Awards and Tributes, 1966-1971, undated	Box 29
Mary Reamey Thomas Few's copy of "The Dukes" Script and Cast Photographs, 1964	Box 29
Mary Reamey Thomas Few: "Letters, Papers, Publications, Photographs, and Memorabilia Saved by Mary R. Few": A Report by K. S. Few, 1990 June	Box 29
Yancy Preston Few, 1922-1931, 1989, undated	Box 30

Yancy Preston Few: Nature Book, undated	Box 30
Kendrick Sheffield Few: Items Belonging to Kendrick Sheffield Few, 1917-1938, 1992	Box 30
Kendrick Sheffield Few: Camp Sequoyah, 1928, undated	Box 30
Kendrick Sheffield Few: Mary Toms Newsom Ward ('38), 1936, 1962-1964	Box 30
Kendrick Sheffield Few: Rhodes Scholarship Application Information, 1938	Box 30
Kendrick Sheffield Few: Clippings, 1938, 1974-1989	Box 30
Kendrick Sheffield Few: Trinity College Grades, Senior Year, 1939	Box 30
Kendrick Sheffield Few: Duke University, 1939	Box 30
Kendrick Sheffield Few: Items Belonging to Kendrick Sheffield Few, 1985-1996	Box 30
Kendrick Sheffield Few: Photographs, circa 1917-1995	Box 30
Kendrick Sheffield Few: Photographs: Commencement, 1937-1939	Box 30
Kendrick Sheffield Few: Degrees and Certificates, 1942, 1960, 1990	Box 32
Kendrick Sheffield Few: Photographs, 1943-1945	Box 30
Kendrick Sheffield Few: Photographs, 1945-1959, undated	Box 30
Kendrick Sheffield Few: Photographs, 1957-1977	Box 30
Kendrick Sheffield Few: Photographs, Longtime Friend and Golf Buddy Walter Barlow, 1981-1991	Box 30

Kendrick and Randolph Few: Note and NC
Historical Review Copies to Ran Few and Ken
Few from Bob Durden, 1987-1989 Box 30

Randolph Reamey Few: Photograph Album,
1920-2006 Box 33

Scope and Contents

Album created for Randolph Few by his daughter, Dana Few Pope; includes photographs of the entire Few family, including Mary Reamey Thomas Few as a child, as well as photographs of the Trinity College campus (now East Campus) and Benjamin N. Duke and Sarah Angier Duke.

Randolph Reamey Few: Photographs,
1922-1996, undated Box 30

Photographs: Few Family Members, 1891-1954,
undated Box 30

Clippings and Memorabilia, circa 1903,
1914-1920, 1990, undated Box 30

Scope and Contents

Includes letter written by William P. Few regarding Basset Affair

Memorabilia: William P. Few, Mary Reamey
Thomas Few, 1905, 1940, undated Box 30

Publications, 1909-1934 Box 32

Clippings and publications, 1914-1930 Box 32

Photographs: Unclassified, with identification,
1924-1970, undated Box 30

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1925-1950 Box 30

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Advocate, 1925-1948 Box 32

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Annual Report: Durham, North Carolina, 1951-1952	Box 30
Photographs: Few Family, 1959-1961, undated	Box 32
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Duke University Materials

Scope and Contents

The Duke University Materials series contains photographs, magazines, newspaper clippings, correspondence, booklets and brochures, and other items relating to the history of Duke University and Trinity College. These were collected by members of the Few family, primarily Mary Reamey Thomas Few. Materials include writings by William Preston Few; clippings about President Few or the establishment of Duke University; booklets about campus clubs and fraternities; and information about memorials established for President Few and some members of the Duke family after their deaths.

Materials are arranged chronologically.

1906 Graduating Class Album (Mary Reamey Thomas Few's class), 1906	Box 30
Trinity College Annual Catalog, 1906-1907	Box 30
Booklets with images of Trinity College and Duke University, 1911, 1923, 1929	Box 32
Clippings, 1922-1935	Box 32
Trinity College Regulations Governing Absences, undated	Box 30
Photographs, maps, clippings, 1920s-1989	Oversize-folder 1

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Includes a panoramic photograph of President William P. Few, Benjamin N. Duke, Governor William Walton Kitchin, and many other individuals, likely presidents of colleges and universities around the United States, undated; also includes a drawing labeled "Duke University General Plan," undated, circa 1920s.

1906 Class Reunion, 1926	Box 30
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Coach Wallace Wade, Football Programs, 1928-1945	Box 30
Duke Fraternity Materials, general, 1935-1942	Box 30
Programs, brochures, booklets, bulletin, 1935-1975	Box 31
Phi Delta Theta, 1941-1948	Box 31
Secret Order of the Red Friar, 1942	Box 31
Clippings, 1949-1951, undated	Box 32
1943 Class Reunions, 1959-2003 Physical Description: 2 folders	Box 31
Campus Club, 1998, 2012, undated	Box 31
Duke Family: Materials in memoriam of James Buchanan Duke, 1925-1928	Box 31
Duke Family: Materials in memoriam of Benjamin Newton Duke, 1929, 1999	Box 31
Duke Family: Dedication of Artelia Roney Duke Science Building at Elon College, 1927	Box 31
Publications by/about the Few Family and Duke University, 1912-1991 Physical Description: 6 folders	Box 31
Clippings: William P. Few, 1927-1943	Box 31
Clippings and Publications, 1927-1939, undated Physical Description: 2 folders	Box 31
William Preston Few Memorial Scholarship Fund, 1972-1984	Box 31
50th Anniversary of William P. Few's Death: ceremony in Duke Chapel, 1990	Box 31
Historical Marker in Honor of William P. Few in Jackson Grove, South Carolina, 1997	Box 31

Wofford College Organ Dedication, 1998	Box 31
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William P. Few Interfaith Chapel, Durham, 2005	Box 31
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