



Linda Ray Concoby Papers (R1504)

Collection Number: R1504

Collection Title: Linda Ray Concoby Papers

Dates: 1872-1993, bulk 1950-1961

Creator: Concoby, Linda Ray, 1943-2025

Abstract: The Linda Ray Concoby Papers contain yearbooks and school newspapers from Licking High School in Licking, Missouri, scrapbooks created by Linda and Wilda Housden, two cookbooks, notes about family genealogies, and two books published by relatives.

Collection Size: 1.1 cubic feet
(19 folders, 1 volume)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research but may be stored offsite. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Linda Ray Concoby on March 29, 2021 (Accession No. RA1700).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Linda Ray Concoby Papers can be found in the following collections:

[Ray Family Papers](#), (R1356)

[Edna Housden Haggard Papers](#), (R1379)

[Debra Ray Papers](#), (R1503)

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Biographical Note:

Linda Beth Ray Concoby was born on October 9, 1943, in Waynesville, Missouri, to Alba W. Ray, Jr. and Wilda Irene *Housden* Ray. She is their eldest child and has two younger siblings, Debra Sue and Jan Richard. The family lived in Texas County, Missouri, where Alba owned and operated Ray Chevrolet in Licking. The Ray family was very active in the Licking community, particularly Wilda, who was a member of the PTA and an active Girl Scout leader, and involved in many social clubs in the area.

While in high school, Linda was a dancer, singer, and musician who often sang or performed at public events to high praise. In 1958, she won first place in the annual state music festival on the University of Missouri campus in Columbia for her saxophone solo. She was also a member of the Girl Scouts. After graduating high school in 1961, Linda continued to perform publicly in the Licking area well into the early 1960s, when visiting her family.

She began class at the University of Missouri, Columbia, in the fall of 1961. In January of 1964, she married Gary Clinton Frost, from Columbia, Missouri. On July 18, 1964, they had a child, Gary Scott Frost. Linda and Frost divorced in October of 1967. In 1975, he was indicted for murdering his second wife.

Linda eventually remarried John Richard Concoby; since 1986, the couple has lived near Rogers, Arkansas. Concoby was married at least once before and has at least one son who was born of that union in 1963. She died on March 24, 2025 in Rogers, Arkansas.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 4 series:

Licking High School
Publications
Family Papers
Oversize

Scope and Content Note:

Licking High School

This series contains materials related to Licking High School; included within this series are yearbooks dated 1950-1961, one issue of the high school newspaper called the Spotlight, and random notes and keepsake items from a scrapbook that was kept during Linda Ray's senior year, 1960-1961. Everything but the folder of items removed from the scrapbook is bound in its original binding and arranged chronologically.

Publications

This series consists of materials published either by friends or distant family members of the Ray family line or local publications distributed in the Houston, Missouri area.

Family Papers

This series contains sparse genealogical information and a scrapbook created by Linda's mother. It is all in its original order; the scrapbook is undated.

Oversize

This series contains one scrapbook of memories from Linda Ray Concoby's senior year at Licking High School. It is in its original order; however, the loose items have been removed and are stored in folder fourteen.

Container List:**Licking High School**

Box 001	f. 1	High Spots Yearbook, 1950
	f. 2	High Spots Yearbook, 1951
	f. 3	High Spots Yearbook, 1952
	f. 4	High Spots Yearbook, 1953
	f. 5	High Spots Yearbook, 1954
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	f. 9	High Spots Yearbook, 1958
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	f. 13	Spotlight, Licking High School Newspaper, September 1960-May 1961
	f. 14	Miscellaneous notes from oversized scrapbook, Linda Ray Concoby's senior year, 1959-1960

Publications

f. 15	Meadows, Roy W., Ed. "Aileen, Ozark Pioneer Spirit," 1992
f. 16	Smith, S. S. "What Doctors Don't Tell You About The Causes Of Heart Attacks," 1993
f. 17	Houston, Missouri Centennial Our Cookbook, 1872-1972, and Hometown Recipes of Houston, no date

Family Papers

f. 18	Sewing and fashion-related scrapbook created by Wilda Housden, Linda Ray Concoby's mother, no date
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f. 19 Miscellaneous family genealogical notes, 1963-2004

Oversize

Box 002 Item 1 Scrapbook, Linda Ray Concoby's senior year at Licking High
OS3 D2 School, 1960-1961

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