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Patsy Cline Collection
Collection Number: 61 THL

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TECHNICAL ACCESS: News clippings are digitized. They are held on a flash drive with the collection as searchable PDFs. Access requires a computer with a USB port and PDF reader.

PROCESSING INFORMATION: Initial processing undertaken in 1984. Last updated in January 2025.

EXTENT: 1.25 linear feet; plus, one flash drive with digital content.

DATE: 1911-2021

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The Patsy Cline Collection contains a variety of materials concerning the life and career of the singer. The collection includes news articles from the 1950s to the present, correspondence, promotional material, fan club newsletters, and memorabilia.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: Virginia Patterson Hensley, known to hundreds of thousands of country music fans as Patsy Cline, was born in Winchester, Virginia on September 8, 1932. Cline began her singing career locally before being discovered by country and western singer Jimmy Dean at a concert in Washington, D. C. in 1955. With Dean's support, Cline traveled to Nashville, TN and signed a recording contract with Four Star Records and rose to become one of the most celebrated country and western singers of the 1950s and early 1960s. She died, along with two other Country music stars and her agent Randy Hughes, in a plane crash near Camden, TN on March 3, 1963. She is buried at Shenandoah Memorial Park, Frederick County, VA.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Foreman, Michael, *Some Worthy Women*, Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society, Winchester, VA, 2007

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Materials in this collection were acquired as gifts from a number of donors. Some materials are on loan.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

"A Tribute to Patsy Cline" - benefit concert broadside, 1994, printed

Advertisements for Programs – 2 leaves, printed (photocopy)

Book cover—*Honky Tonk Angel*, by Ellis Nassour, 1 leaf, illustrated, printed

Book cover—*Love Always, Patsy* by Cindy Halen and Mike Freeman, 1 leaf illustrated, printed

Book reviews

Brokaw Company - promotional material, 4 items, typescript (photocopy)

Calendar – 2003 Patsy Cline, 13 pages, printed

"Celebrating Patsy" - brochure, 1994, printed

Correspondence - Patsy Cline to Jim McCoy, 1961, 1 letter, 4 leaves, 2 envelopes, manuscript (photocopy)

Crazy over Patsy: A Chronological Outline of the Important Dates and Events for Virginia Patterson Hensley or Patsy Cline, by Phil Hunter, Jr., 1997, ATM Publishing, Winchester VA, 62 pages, printed

Dancin' Down Deep with the Blues, by Phillips Pierce, 1984, book of poetry, 32 pages, printed

Discography of Patsy Cline, undated, 4 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Fact sheet - Patsy Cline's life, 2 items, 3 leaves, typescript and photocopy

Historical Marker – 608 S. Kent St.

Hollywood Walk of Fame –invitation and envelope

Images of Patsy Cline - 3 items, color, 1 item, b&w

Magazine articles (folder contains the following):

"We Mourn Patsy Cline," no date, 5 leaves, printed (photocopy)

"Patsy Cline: Uptown Glamour, Downhome Soul" by Paul Kingsbury, *The Journal of the American Academy for the Preservation of Old-Time Country Music*, Vol. 2, No. 1, April, 1992, 3 leaves, printed (photocopy)

"The Night Patsy Cline Sang for the Co-op," *Cooperative Living*, June 2017, 2 leaves, printed (photocopy)

Memorial for crash victims, Camden, TN, July 11, 1996

News Clippings, 1930s to present, digitized as searchable PDFs in 2021, kept on flash drive with collection (organized as follows): 1930s, 1940s, 1950s, 1960, 1979, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, 2010s, 2020s, undated.

Patsy Cline's Childhood Home, 608 S. Kent St. – Dept. of Historical Resources form

Memorial material - 9 items, printed

Patsy Cline Fan Club letters -1 item, 1981, manuscript; 6 leaves, 1984, 1995, typescript (photocopy)

Patsy Cline Fan Club Newsletter - 1987, 13 items, typescript (photocopy); manuscript

Patsy Cline Fan Club Newsletters, "Always Patsy Cline," 1994, 1995

Patsy Cline Museum – Brochure, n.d., 1 pamphlet, printed, 3 copies

Patsy Cline posters,

"Celebrating Patsy," September 9, 1989, printed, 1 leaf

Winchester Drive-In, scan of poster June 9, 1961, printed, 1 leaf

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 26

Scrapbook pages and news clippings - 19 items, 14 pages, 5 leaves, printed

"Shooting Star," by Tim Gano - term paper, 1981, typescript (photocopy)

Stamp of Patsy Cline, photo by Dick Rush, article appeared in *Connection*, October 1993, 1 leaf, printed

"Sweet Dreams" - news clippings, printed (photocopy)

BOX 2 Stuart Brown Jr. Research Material

2002 Calendar – Patsy Cline, 1 item, printed

Always Patsy Cline –Membership Directory, 2000, 1 booklet, printed

Always Patsy Cline – Newsletters, 1995-2000, 10 items, typescript

Birth Announcement – Julia S. Dick (daughter of Patsy Cline), from *The Winchester Star*, August 29, 1958, 5 leaves, printed (photocopy)

Cast of "Headin' Hollywood", Handley High School, 1949 (Patsy Cline in the cast), 21 leaves, typescript, printed (photocopy)

Cline, Patsy Biography from the Randy Hughes Agency, 1 leaf, typescript

Clothing Auction – The Hilda Hensley/Patsy Cline Collection, December 19, 2002, 1 booklet, printed

Correspondence – Patsy Cline to Jim McCoy, July 7, 1961, 5 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Correspondence – Stuart Brown Jr., 1986-2002, unnumbered leaves, typescript

Correspondence – Stuart Brown Jr. to Courtney Tannehill, October 14, 1998, *National Geographic* article on Neshoda County, Mississippi Fair, June, 1980, 1 leaf, typescript, 1 magazine, printed

Country Weekly Magazine, August 6, 1996, February 4, 1997, 2 magazines, printed

Directory of contacts for Stuart Brown Jr. for research for "Singing Girl from the Shenandoah Valley", unnumbered leaves, manuscript/typescript

“Great to the Heart: My Story” by Barbara Mandrell (excerpt from the book concerning Patsy Cline), 6 leaves, printed (photocopy)

Handbill – Patsy Cline Performance at Villa theater, Rockville, Maryland, December 21, 1958, 2 leaves, printed

Hebron Baptist Church – church bulletin, September 23, 1990, 4 pages, printed

Hensley Family Genealogical Information, 118 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Hensley, Sam L. – Job Information, 1911-1933, 4 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

BOX 3 Stuart Brown Jr. Research Material

Messner, Bob – 10 leaves, typescript/printed (photocopy)

Monument at Crash Site near Camden, Tennessee, 17 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Patsy Cline “Breakthrough” CD Advertisement, Collectors Choice Music, February 1996, 2 pages, printed

“The Patsy Cline Collection” Booklet, n.d., 1 booklet, printed

“Patsy Cline: Her Rise” manuscript by Stuart Brown Jr. and Lorraine F. Myers, 2001 (unpublished), 121 leaves, typescript

Photograph – Patsy Cline and daughter Julia, August 1959, used for the back cover of *Patsy Cline, Singing Girl from the Shenandoah Valley* 1 leaf, printed

Postcards of Patsy Cline, 20 leaves

Promotional Material, 1999, unnumbered leaves

News Clippings, unnumbered leaves, printed

News Clippings, unnumbered leaves, printed

Sculpture Proposal for Patsy Cline, n. d., unnumbered leaves, printed, typescript

Stamp – Patsy Cline, 2 leaves, printed

Supplement to “Singing Girl from the Shenandoah Valley” by Stuart Brown Jr. (Unpublished), 1 booklet, printed, 5 leaves, manuscript, printed (photocopy)

Sweet Dreams, video cover excerpts, 5 leaves (photocopy)