Small Collections Category

Merle Kearns Collection

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#### Introduction

The collection consists of information on Merle Grace Kearns. The collection focuses on Kearns' life in politics and contains personal information from that time. The collection ranges in dates from about 1978 through 2005.

The collection consists of 15 boxes. There are 12 regular Hollinger boxes, along with three oversized boxes. The collection contains a variety of material include photographs, scrapbooks, and different audio and visual material. The collection is divided into 13 series.

Series I: Biographic/Personal Material

Series II: County Commissioner Material

Series III: Campaign Material

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Series X: Audio/Visual Material

Series XI: Photographs Series XII: Scrapbooks

Series XIII: Oversized Material

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## Biography

Merle Grace Kearns served many roles during her political career that spanned almost three decades. She was an active member of the Springfield community and was involved with many organizations.

Merle Grace Kearns served as a Clark County Commissioner from January of 1981 through January of 1991. She was also president of the Board of Commissioners for five terms during that time. After her time as a Commissioner she served as an Ohio State Senator for the 10<sup>th</sup> District from January of 1991 through December of 2000. From January of 2001 until 2005 Kearns served as the Representative for the 72<sup>nd</sup> House District in the Ohio House of Representatives.

During her time as Senator and Representative Kearns served on many committees. Some of these committees include; Education, Federal Grant Review and Education Oversight Subcommittee, Finance and Appropriation Human Service Subcommittee-Chair, Health, Children's Healthcare and Family Services Subcommittee, JCARR, Legislative Office of Education Oversight, Governor's Family and Children First Initiative, Ohio Children's Trust Fund Board- Past Chair, Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Kearns also served as Majority Whip Leader in the House of Representatives.

Kearns graduated from The Ohio State University in 1960 with a B.S. in Child Development. Kearns has a husband, Tom, four sons and numerous grandchildren.

#### Scope and Content

The collection contains documents and objects donated by Merle Grace Kearns. Most of the information within the collection pertains to her time in politics, from her first run for Clark County Commissioner through her retirement from the Ohio House of Representatives. The years that are encompassed in the collection are 1978-2005.

Series I contains biographical and personal information relating to Merle Kearns. The documents contain information on her qualifications and also a brief biographical sketch of her life. This series also contains information relating to women in government.

Series II contains information from her time as a Clark County Commissioner. It also contains some documents from her run for County Commissioner. There is information that relates to the different committees and boards that Kearns was active on as well as what she accomplished during her time as a County Commissioner.

Series III contains information relating to all her campaign endeavors. These include such things as lists of supporters and endorsements along with different newspaper clippings related to the different campaigns. It also includes different Campaign ads and certificates of nomination and election.

Series IV contains information from Kearns' time as a Senator and Representative. Most of the information in this series pertains to different House and Senate Bills that Kearns' supported or endorsed. There is also information pertaining to the different committees and councils she served on including her time as Majority Whip, and also information relating to the reforms that Kearns was involved in during her time in the General Assembly.

Series V contains a vast amount of newspaper clippings and bulletins relating to Kearns, and the different elections. There are also copies of her columns and weekly reports. The series also contains different press releases.

Series VI contains election results from 1978 through 2004. There is information from both primary and general elections. There are also surveys on voters in the series.

Series VII contains the calendars of Kearns. The calendars cover the years from 1972-2000, with the exception of 1987. There is also a calendar for December of 2005.

Series VIII contains a variety of correspondence to Kearns. Most of the correspondence is thank you notes and letters to Kearns for her political efforts. There are personal and business correspondences as well as correspondence relating to different legislation.

Series IX contains awards given to Kearns and different certificates of appreciation for her efforts.

Series X contains Audio/Visual Material that mostly relates to Kearns' campaigns as well as interviews with different radio stations. There is also an Ohio Senate VHS video.

Series XI contains a wide variety of photographs. There are photographs of Kearns and her participation in different events and banquets, as well as personal photographs of family and vacations. There are also many photographs of Kearns and her Birthday Fundraisers.

Series XII contains six scrapbooks. Four of the scrapbooks pertain to different campaigns of Kearns for County Commissioner. One of the scrapbooks is from Kearns' Senate Appointment, and the last was given to Kearns by the Dayton Children's Medical Center in appreciation for her work.

Series XIII contains oversized material from the collection. There are three boxes in this series, one contains oversized documents and certificates, the second contains oversized photographs, and the last contains an oversized cardboard campaign poster.

# Box and Folder Listing

# Series I: Biographic/Personal Material

Box	File	Description			
1	1	Biographical Sketch			
	2	Personal Memorabilia			
	3	Personal Event Programs			
	4	Personal Files- Misc.			
	5	Business Cards			
	6	Letterheads- Various			
	7	Blank Letterheads			
	8	Women's History Month			
	9	Women of Achievement			
	10	Women in Government			
	11	Merle Kearns Qualifications			
	12	Resignations of Office Aids			
Series 1	II: Cour	nty Commissioner Material			
1	13	1978 Campaign Notebook			
	14	Campaign Committee Report: Kearns for Commissioner			
	15	1978 Campaign- County Commissioner			
	16	Map of Springfield and Clark County			
	17	This is Clark County Ohio 1978, 1982			
	18	Meet the Staff They Represent You: Kearns Overview			
	19	List of Supporters			
	20a	Public Safety Building Advisory Committee			
	20b	Public Safety Building Advisory Committee			
	21	Application for County Commissioner			
	22	Dedication of New City Hall 1979			
	23	1980 Campaign			
	24	Letters of Endorsement 1980			
	25	Elect Kearns for County Commissioner Letters 1980			
	26	IR Bonds for O'Briens			
	27	1982 County Commission President			
	28	1983 Budget Freeze Mandatory Binding Arbitration- 1985			
	29	County Home Task Force Valley View Villa			
	30	County Commissioners Questionnaire 1988			
	31	Campaign Fundraising 1988			
	32	County Corrections Subcommittee 1989			
	33	Board of County Commissioners Research			
	34	County Commissioners Association of Ohio			
	35	Kearns as County Commissioner			
	36	Letters of Resignation 1990			
Series III: Campaign Material					
1	37	Certifications of Nomination and Election			
	38	1990 Nomination to Senate			

- 39 Letters and Newspaper Articles- Applying for Senate 1990
- 40 Letters of Recommendations for Kearns to Replace Hobson
- 41a Political Congratulations 1990 Replacement of Sen. Hobson
- 41b Congratulations on Replacing Sen. Hobson 1990
- 42 State Senate Campaign Ads and Flyers
- 43 Elect Kearns for State Senator Letters
- 44 Certified for Office of State Senator- Certification of Election 1992
- 45 Press Release- County Chairs Election 1992
- 46 1995-96 Campaign
- 47 Candidacy for State Senator 1996
- 48 Kearns Ohio Senate 1996 Swearing In
- 49 1998 Majority Whip Nomination/ Appointment
- 50 Re-Elect/Elect Kearns for Representative Letters 2000
- 51 Republican Primary 2000- Flyers, Mailers, Interviews, Ads
- House District 72 Kearns Campaign Plan
- 53 Flyers
- 54 Certificates of Nomination and Election 2002
- 55 Re-Election Campaign 2002
- 56 Swearing In 2004 House of Representatives
- 57 Resignation- Ohio House of Representatives 2005
- Republican Campaign Flyers- Others
- 59 Legal Matters Concerning Widener and Landon and Virginia Viles 1999-2000
- 60 Republican Party
- Widener vs. Kearns Republican Party Split
- 62 Letters of Support and Endorsement 1990
- Endorsement Applications and Questionnaires- Endorsement Letters 1992
- 64 Birthday Fundraiser 1992
- 65 1992 Campaign Ads and News Article Endorsements
- 66 Letters of Endorsement 1992
- 67 Letters of Endorsement 1994
- Endorsement Applications and Questionnaires- Endorsement Letters 1996
- 69 Letters/ Clippings of Endorsement 1996
- 70 1998 Endorsements
- 71 2000 Campaign Endorsements
- 72 Endorsement Letters 2002
- 73 Letters of Endorsement 2004
- 74 2004 Endorsements
- 75 Fundraisers
- 76 Donations from Kearns

### Series IV: Senate/Legislation Material

- 1 77 The Making of a Law
  - 78 List of House and Senate Bills
  - 79 Senate Bill 1

- 80 Senate Bill 1 cont.
- 81 Am. Sub. Senate Bill 6
- Senate Bill 7
- 83 Senate Bill 11
- 2 1 Am. Senate Bill 46
  - 2 Senate Bill 51
  - 3 Am. Senate Bill 54
  - 4 Senate Bill 63
  - 5 Senate Bill 115
  - 6 Senate Bill 128
  - 7 Sub. Senate Bill 128
  - 8 Senate Bill 134
  - 9 Senate Bill 154
  - 10 Senate Bill 154 Advance Practice Nurse
  - News Clippings/Letters Regarding Senate Bill 154
  - Senate Bill 162
  - 13 Senate Bill 180
  - 14 Senate Bill 188
  - 15 Senate Bill 199
  - 16 Sub. Senate Bill 216
  - 17 Senate Bill 223
  - 18 Senate Bill 229
  - 19 Senate Bill 239
  - Am. Sub. Senate Bill 266
  - Am. Sub. Senate Bill 266 Fiscal Note
  - Senate Bill 289
  - 23 Birthplace of Aviation Bill
  - 24 Senate Bill 291
  - 25 Senate Bill 343
  - Am. Sub. Senate Bill 343
  - 27 Senate Bill 365
  - Sub. House Bill 7
  - House Bill 30
  - 30 House Bill 35
  - 31 House Bill 66
  - House Bill 90
  - 33 House Bill 125
  - 34 Am. Sub. House Bill 167
  - 35 House Bill 223
  - 36 House Bill 224
  - 37 Synopsis of Comments by Greg Quinlan and Robert Odna on Representative Kearns' Bill L-125-0853
  - 38 House Bill 228
  - 39 House Bill 237
  - 40 House Bill 435
  - 41 House Bill 435

- 42 House Bill 445
- 43 House Bill 474
- 44 Am. Sub. House Bill 474
- 45 Sub. House Bill 481
- 46 Ohio Legislators
- 47 Opening Day Ceremonies Senate Chambers 119<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- 48 1991 Inauguration of Governor and Lt. Governor
- 49 119<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Ohio Senate Tour Book
- Legislative Status Sheet- 119<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- 51 Final Legislative Status Sheet- 119<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- 52 Committee Attendance/ Voting Record- Senator Kearns 119<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1991
- 53 120<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Ohio Senate Opening Day Ceremonies
- The Ohio Senate 120<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- 55 120<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Ohio Legislative Directory
- Final Legislative Status Sheet 120<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- 57 Legislative Status Sheet 120<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- Opening Day Ceremonies Ohio House of Representatives 121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly
- 59 Ohio Legislative Directory 121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly
- 60 Legislative Status Sheet 121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly
- Opening Day Ceremonies Senate Chamber 122<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly
- 62 122<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly Ohio State Senate Tour Book
- 63 122<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly Committees
- 64 122<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly Travel Allowance
- Final Legislative Status Sheet 122<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly
- Ohio Senate Journal- Tues. May 28<sup>th</sup> 1996
- 67 1999 Inauguration of Governor and Lt. Governor
- Opening Day Ceremonies Senate Chamber 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly
- 69 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly Ohio Senate Tour Book
- 70 Ohio Legislative Service Commission New Member Orientation Nov. 27- Dec. 1 2000
- 71 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly Senate Calendar and Agenda for Dec. 7, 2000
- 72 Ohio Legislative Directory 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly
- 73 Final Status Report of Legislation 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly
- P.A.C.E. Voting Record 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly
- Rules of the Senate/House of Representatives and Joint Rules of the 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly
- 76 Representatives Voting Record 2000
- 77 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, 1997-2000 Subcommittee and Committee Assignments
- 78 The Ohio Senate 124<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- 79 Status Report of Legislation 124<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- The Ohio House of Representatives 124<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- P.A.C.E. Voting Record 124<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- 82 124<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Ohio Senate/House of Representatives Tour

- Book
- 83 124<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Member Attendance Statistics
- Prayers- 124<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 2001-2002
- The Ohio House of Representatives 124<sup>th</sup> General Assembly- First Six Months in Review, August 1, 2001
- 86 124<sup>th</sup> General Assembly House Calendar
- 87 Fiscal Note and Local Impact Statements, 124<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- Opening Day Ceremonies House of Representatives 125<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- The Ohio Senate 125<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- 90 The Ohio House of Representatives 125<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- 91 Ohio Legislative Directory 125<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- 92 State Representative Kearns Accomplishments from 125<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- 93 125<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Senate and House Districts
- 94 Assembly on State Issues Spring 2002 Agenda
- 95 Ohio Legislative Directory 126<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- 96 126<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Ohio House of Representatives Tour Book
- 97 126<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Ohio Senate Tour Book
- House Speaker Jon Husted Begins 126<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- 99 126<sup>th</sup> General Assembly House Calendar Aug. 2, 2005
- 100 Ohio House of Representatives Admission
- 101 State House Floor- 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Floor Plans
- Legislative Report House Bill 275 College Scholarships
- Legislative Report House Bill 225 Mental Health
- Legislative Report House Bills 3, 231 Environment
- Governor's Committee on Prison and Jail Crowding, Final Report April 1990
- 106 Ohio Report No. 247 and No. 248
- 107 Ohio Report No. 42 Vol. 72
- The Use of Community Corrections and The Impact of Prison and Jail Crowding on Sentencing Jan. 1989- Jail Crowding in Focus- June 1989
  - 2 Governor's Committee on Prison and Jail Crowding 1989-90
  - 3 Governor's Committee on Prison and Jail Crowding April 1990
  - 4 Prisons and Punishment
  - 5 Report of The Supreme Court of Ohio Domestic Violence Task Force, Oct. 18, 1996
  - 6 Direct-Entry Midwifery 1998
  - 7 Direct-Entry Midwifery Study Council Final Report and Recommendations
  - 8 2002 Petitions Submitted for Certification
  - 9 Year End Review
  - 10 Select Committee Appointments 2003
  - 11 The Huntington Bank's Board of Directors
  - 12 Resignation from Huntington Bank Board 1994
  - Resignation from Ohio Literacy Network 2000

- 14 Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
- 15 Early Childhood Education Center
- 16 Schools Visited
- 17 Letters from Schools Merle Visited
- 18 Thank-you Letters and Notes from Schools Visited 1991
- 19 Ohio Veterans' Children's Home
- 20 Education Teachers/Awards
- 21 Ohio Education Association
- 22 Education News Clippings Schools/Programs
- 23 Education- Funding
- 24 Campaign Money Reforms/Education Reforms
- 25 Ohio Education Standards
- 26 Ohio Daycare Advisor Council
- 27 Childcare Issues
- 28 Public Breast-Feeding News Clippings
- 29 Breast-Feeding
- 30 Pro-Life
- 31 Pro-Life Support Letters
- Healthcare for the Aging News Clippings
- 33 Kearns and the Committee on Aging
- Committee Notice, Health, Human Services and Aging Committee
- 35 Department of Aging 2005
- 36 Ohio Department of Aging
- 37 Aging Committee
- 38 Advanced Practice Nurses Letters/ News Clippings
- 39 Ohio Nurses Association
- 40 Ohio Nurses Association Political Action Committee
- 41 Thank-you Letters, Healthcare
- 42 Environmental Issues
- 43 Environmental-Dove Bill
- 44 Farming Issues
- 45 E-Check Program 1996
- 46 Domestic Violence
- 47 Drug Restrictions News Clippings
- 48 Governor Taft's Strategic Plan to Improve Long Term Services and Supports for People with Disabilities
- 49 1992 NRA Candidate Questionnaire
- National Rifle Association
- 51 Veterans
- 52 Welfare Reforms
- 53 General Assistance Program
- Memorial Hall Rehabilitation Committee 1991
- 55 Business Advisory Council 1991
- 56 Assistant President Pro-Tem 1994
- 57 American Legislative Exchange Council 1993
- 58 Committee to Keep Judge Capper

	59	The Ohio Court's Futures Commission
	60	Agenda for Press Conference 1997
		Committee on Public Affairs 2002
	61	Report of the Ohio Compassionate Care Task Force 2004
	62	2001 Redistricting-Letters
	63	National Conference of State Legislatures Guide Books Building
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	64	1997 NCSL AFI Committees
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	68	2000 National Conference of State Legislatures NCSL 2000-2001 Executive Committee Member Roster
	69	Legislative Reception
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	78	Heritage Center
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	80	Tecumseh Council- By Scouts of America
	81	Tours Given by Senator Kearns
	82	Society of the American Institute of Architects (AIA)
	83	Theodore M. Gray The Ohio Senate 1951-1994
	84	State Flag Presentations
	85	2000 District Profile House and Senate
	86	Undated Legislative Related Documents
	87	Ohio Report No. 148 Vol. 68
	88	Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review
	89	Kearns Advisory Council Folder
	90	Speeches
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	94	Women's History Month S and D Speech
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- 6 Kearns vs. Tackett vs. Schira
- 7 Kearns vs. Rhine
- 8 Kearns vs. Haines
- 9 Kearns vs. Spangler
- 10 Kearns vs. Dunlevy
- 11 Kearns vs. Austria
- 12 Kearns vs. Henry
- 13 Kearns vs. Widener
- 14 Problems with Kearns News Clippings
- 15 Special Edition "City Looks to the Future"
- 16 State Fish and Snake News Clipping
- 17 Home News Letter
- 18 Renaming Highways
- 19 Kearns Turning Apple Butter in Enon
- 20 Redrawn District Lines
- 21 Electronic Filing
- 22 Kearns and Police
- 23 Letters to the Editor 1996 Election
- 24 Letters to the Editor 2002 Election
- 25 Letters to the Editor
- 26 Record-Herald
- 27 Attendance Problem in Legislature
- 28 Press Clippings 2002
- 29 Press Releases
- 30 Press Releases 2002
- 31 Press Releases 1988-2000
- Weekly Reports by Senator Kearns 1991-1999
- Weekly Reports by Senator Kearns 1993-1997
- Weekly Reports by Senator Kearns 1997-1998
- Weekly Column by Senator Kearns 1998-1999
- Weekly Column by Senator Kearns 1999
- Weekly Column by Senator Kearns 2000
- 38 Guest Columns by State Representative Kearns
- 39 Ohio House of Representatives- Guest Column 2000-2001
- 40 Request for Letters to the Editor

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  - 42 1988 Election Results
  - 43 1988 Primary Election Results
  - 44 1990 Election Results
  - 45 1992 Poll Results
  - 46a 1992 Election Results
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  - 47 1996 Primary

- 1996 Elections Debate 48
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- 1999 Survey of Voter Attitudes 67
- 68 2002 Survey of Voter Attitudes
- 69 2002 Voter List for Precinct MR-5
- 2004 Voter List for Precinct MR-4 70
- P.A.C.E. Voting Record 1995-1996 71

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- 1 1972 Calendar
  - 2 1973 Calendar
  - 3 1974 Calendar
  - 1975 Calendar 4
  - 5 1976 Calendar
  - 6 1977 Calendar
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  - 9 1979 Calendar
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  - 1980 Events 11
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  - 13 1982 Calendar
  - 1983 Calendar 14
  - 15 1984 Calendar
  - 16 1985 Calendar
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  - 1988 Calendar 18
  - 19 1991 Calendar
  - 20 1992 Calendar

- 21 1992 Events
- 22 1993 Calendar
- 23 1994 Calendar
- 24 1995 Calendar
- 25 1996 Calendar
- 26 1997 Calendar
- 27 1997 Events
- 28 1998 Calendar
- 29 1999 Calendar
- 30 1999 Events
- 31 2000 Calendar
- 32 2000 Events
- 33 December 2005 Calendar
- 34 Schedule for Dec. 2, 2005

## Series VIII: Correspondence

- 6 1 Drafts of Letters
  - 2 County Commissioner's Assn. of Ohio Correspondence
  - 3 Correspondence (Personal)
  - 4 Correspondence 1980
  - 5 Correspondence 1981
  - 6 Correspondence 1982
  - 7 Correspondence 1987
  - 8 Correspondence 1989
  - 9 Correspondence (Business) 1990-2004
  - 10 Correspondence 1995
  - 11 Correspondence 1998
  - Housing Official to Leave (9/27/00)
  - 13 Letters and Notes to Kearns
  - 14 Personal Letters
  - 15 Letters Regarding Misc. Bills
  - 16 Correspondence With Gov. Bob Taft
  - 17 Thank-you to Supporters
  - 18 Thank-you Notes and Letters 1980-1990
  - 19 Thank-you Letters and Notes 1992
  - Thank-you Letters and Notes (Business) 1993
  - 21 Thank-you Notes and Letters 1994-1995
  - Thank-you Letters and Notes (Personal) 1996
  - 23 Thank-you Notes and Letters 1997-1998
  - Thank-you Letters and Notes 1999
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  - Thank-you Letters and Notes (Business) 2001
  - 28 Thank-you Letters and Notes 2002
  - 29 Thank-you Letters and Notes 2004
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- Thank-you Notes and Letters from Serving Military
- 35 Misc. Thank-you
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- 38 Congratulations (Business) 1992
- 39 Congratulations (Political) 1992
- 40 Congratulations (Personal) 1992
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- Congratulations to Election to House of Representatives (Personal) 2000
- 43 Congratulations (Business) 2000
- 44 Congratulations (Personal) 2002
- 7 1 Congratulations (Business) 2002
  - 2 Congratulations (Political) 2002
  - 3 Congratulation Cards 2005
  - 4 Congratulations undated
  - 5 Cards from other Politicians (Thank-you's/Congratulations
  - 6 Cards from Family
  - 7 Misc. Envelopes

### Series IX: Awards

- 8 Awards
- 9 Awards
- 10 Who's Who Application/Nominations
- 11 Certificates of Appreciation
- 12 Harris Award

#### Series X: Audio/Visual Material

- 8 1 Need You Vote on Tuesday-Radio Reel
  - 2 Kearns 60 sec. 2000 Election Radio Ad-Radio Reel
  - 3 Kearns Jingle-CD
  - 4 How to Be An Effective Legislator-Guide Book w/ Audio Cassette
  - 5 Audio Cassette- Merle Kearns for Commissioner WIZE 10/88
  - 6 Audio Cassette- Merle Kearns "Around Clark County": 5 Programs 1988
  - 7 Audio Cassette- Merle Kearns 1988
  - 8 Audio Cassette-Kearns For Congress 10/31/96
  - 9 Audio Cassette-Merle Kearns 1. Jobs 2. Education 11/09/1992
  - 10 Audio Cassette-Kearns on WALM Comm. Show
  - 11 Audio Cassette- Labeled "Dunlevy"
  - 12 Audio Cassette- Merle Kearns Spot-CP Media 2/19/2000 Charlie Morrison and Chris Wiedner-WBLY
  - 13 Audio Cassette- Kearns-WBLY 10/17/00
  - 14 How to Be An Effective Legislator: Serving Your Constituents-Audio Cassette
  - 15 VHS Video-The Ohio Senate Sept. 13, 2000. Length: 2:00:00

#### Series XI: Photographs

- Merle
  - 1980-1981

  - 1993-1994

  - June 1999

  - Summer 2003

  - Visit to Farm 5/03 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Board Fuundraiser
  - Family
  - Family
  - Christmas 1996
  - Christmas '02
  - "Burka Babe and Dorothy Kearns"
  - Newborn
  - '92 Vacation-Hilton Head
  - Shower and Vaction
  - Family Gathering/Engagement
  - **Negatives-Family**
  - **Party**
  - Party
  - Swearing-In-Co-Commissioner (?) '81 Swearing-In 119<sup>th</sup> G.A. '91

  - 120<sup>th</sup> G.A. Swearing-In 1/4/93
  - The Whip Swearing-In 3/11/98
  - (Last) Swearing-In Ceremony- Dec. 2004 Heritage Center of Clark Co.
  - Swearing-In at New Carlisle Middle School
  - Swearing-In
  - Senate
  - House Bill 21
  - Kearns, Voinovich, Reid-Signing of H.B. 21 1994
  - Senate Bill 11-'99
  - **Bill Signing**
  - "Tropical Party" The Dock- Enon
  - Campaigning in Enon
  - Election Night 2000

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- 47 Campaigning
- 48 Vote Count
- 49 San Diego '91
- 50 Ribbon Cutting
- 51 Golf Fund Raiser 2001
- 52 Veterans Memorial
- 53 Clark Co. Fair
- 54 Little Turtle Golf Outing
- 55 American Energy Corporation Century Mine
- 56 Madison Co. Bicentennial
- 57 Ohio State House Ribbon Cutting '96
- 58 Commercial Bakery
- Habitat for Humanity
- Bob and Lois Fouble and Kearns 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary '92
- 61 Salsa Festival 8/02
- 62 Feb.-May '02
- 63 Les Femmes des Charities 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 64 Ohio Council of County Officials
- 65 M/M Harley Flack
- Ron and Olive State House Visit '93
- 67 Shawnee Lake
- 68 Martin Family Visit
- 69 Air Force Jets
- 70 Madison Co. Women's Rep. Club '95
- Award to Nurse
- 72 Defense Logistics Agency
- 73 Kearns and Newt Oliver C.C. Fair 1980
- 74 Ad. Prac. Nurses Dinner
- 75 Corsa Mtg.
- 76 Kay Hickes' B-day
- 77 Simon Kenton School, Xenia
- 78 Groups
- 79 Jr. Service League '93
- 80 Kearns at Podium
- 81 Staff
- 82 Carey, Taft, and Kearns
- 83 Kearns and Taft
- 84 C.C. Fair 1990
- 85 International Harvester
- 86 Golf
- 87 Republican National Convention
- 88 Decorated Car and Volunteers
- 89 2002-Bicentennial Barn
- 90 Home Office (?)
- 91 Enon Rd. Pump Station and Sewers

- 92 Staff and Volunteers
- 93 S. Charleston Petunia '94
- 94 Bellbrook '94
- 95 C.C. Fair '95
- 96 Memorial Day '95
- 97 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade-Beavercreek '96
- 98 Kearns and Ross McGregor
- 99 Kearns and M/M Sharp
- 100 Victoria Tilburry- Plain City-'94
- 101 Michigan
- 102 Tartan
- 103 T.F. Kelley (?)
- 104 Official White House Photos- G.H. Bush
- 105 The Bike Man 2002
- 106 New Carlisle Middle School
- 107 OCTF Bd. Conference
- 108 Kearns and Lt. Col. Oliver North '02
- 109 Fred Forbes Reception '91
- 110 Missionary Health Service
- 111 Parades
- 112 Office
- 113 Conferences
- 114 Dr. Tom's 2<sup>nd</sup> Truck
- 115 Cars and Trucks
- 116 Lily, Billy and Angela Skiles '92
- 117 Put-In-Bay
- 118 Carolyn Kiarns
- 119 Banner
- 120 View from Office
- Merle and Tom
- 122 American Cancer Soc.
- 123 Stephan Miller
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- 125 Flags
- 126 Mrs. Ohio
- 127 Barter-Lours '94
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- 130 S.E. H.S. Girls B-ball team Div. IV Champs
- 131 Limecrest Area Sanitary Sewers
- 132 A.B. Graham Bldg.
- 133 Retirement for T. Dominic
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- Women's Recovery '96
- 137 In Costume

- 138 DeWine's Ice Cream Social '96
- 139 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion '96
- 140 Excellence in Enterprise Luncheon '98
- 141 Pony Cart and Llamas
- 142 Kearns, Ruslan Magomedov, Cathy Bales
- 143 Roger Baker's Grandson
- 144 The Long Wait
- 145 Kearns-Barber '95
- 146 Family Photos (repros?)
- 147 NCSL Reception '98
- 148 Welfare Reform
- 149 Winter Wonderland/Festival of Trees
- 150 Merle and Mom Doing Signs
- 151 Hickes 50<sup>th</sup> '94
- 152 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinical Nursing Research Symposium 11/4/94
- 153 Kearns Admin. Wing- Heritage Center
- 154 Fairborn Rep. Women's Club '90
- 155 Enon 2002
- 156 Kearns, Jesey (?) Armstron '96- Lioness Golden Anniversary
- 157 Sandy Dr....(?) '96
- 158 South Charleston
- 159 Michael's Crew and Candidate-'00
- 160 PA House
- 161 Ohio Assn. School Nurses
- 162 Elizabeth Dole '96
- 163 West Jefferson Ox-Roast Parade- '96
- 164 New Carlisle Parade
- 165 Phoenix '96
- 166 New Jersey '95
- 167 Award Ceremony '94
- 168 Staff Christmas
- 169 Kearns and Ambassador
- 170 Bicentennial
- 171 License Plate-'95
- 172 Capital Bldg.
- 173 May mtg. w/Greene E.C. re SWPC '94
- 174 Greene Co. Recreation and Parks Advisory Board 4<sup>th</sup> Vol. Recog. Program Speaker '94
- Women Legislators 2000
- 176 Groundbreaking Trinity Comm. Beavercreek '99
- 177 Pleasant Valley Gardens Grand Opening 8/1/95
- 178 Plain City Senior Housing Dedication
- 179 Madison Co. P.A.C.T. (Prevention Assistance Coalition Team-Drugs/Alcohol) 11/15/93
- 180 Honorary Fire Chief '00
- 181 Greene Co. Cancer Outing- '92

- 182 Little Miami Scenic Trail Groundbreaking-'97
- 183 Prayer Breakfast-Fairborn
- 184 Kearns, M/M Alexander
- 185 Library Volunteer
- 186 Closure Committee
- 187 Commissioner
- Harley, Marie, Kearns '96
- 189 Kylemore Abbey
- 190 SCAT Dedication
- 191 Ag. Agencies-Groundbreaking and Open House
- 192 James Family Visit to Statehouse
- 193 Coach Ayres
- 194 123<sup>rd</sup> Staff and Budget Dinner 7/99
- 195 Groundbreaking
- 196 Wittenberg Style Show -1993
- 197 Christmas and Lunches with Staff
- 198 NCSL Conference
- 199 School Visits-Various
- 200 Fairborn 1996
- 201 Clifton 1994
- 202 Photos from 9/12/2000
- 203 Wright "B" Flyer
- 204 Award Ceremony
- 205 1995 Memorial Park
- 206 Ohio Dept. of Aging
- 10 1 Clinton Co. Wilmington Breakfast
  - 2 Dinner
  - 3 Birthday-Office 5/19/97
  - 4 St. Patrick's Day 1993
  - 5 Memorial Day-undated
  - 6 Shirley Mullins
  - 7 Signs
  - 8 Speedway Groundbreaking
  - 9 Springfield Highway Patrol Post 1999
  - 10 Fundraiser (?)
  - 11 Birthdays
  - 12 Birthday/Fundraiser
  - 13 Birthday/Fundraiser
  - 14 Birthday Fundraiser
  - 15 Fundraiser/Campaign- undated
  - 16 Birthday Party 2002
  - 17 Birthday Fundraiser 2001
  - 18 2001 Fundraiser
  - 19 Birthday Fundraiser 2000
  - 20 1994 Fundraiser- North Carolina
  - 21 Greene Co. Little King (negatives)

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