

**RICHARDSON, JUANITA L.**  
**Juanita L. Richardson papers, 1969-2017**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Richardson, Juanita L.  
**Title:** Juanita L. Richardson papers, 1969-2017  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1410  
**Extent:** 2.25 linear feet (3 boxes), 1 oversized papers box (OP), and AV Masters: .25 linear feet (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Papers of Juanita ("Nyta") L. Richardson documenting her relationship with Congressman Charles Weltner, including correspondence, photographs, printed material, audiovisual material, and memorabilia.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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Charles Longstreet Weltner papers, Atlanta History Center

#### **Source**

Gift of Juanita Richardson, 2017.

#### **Citation**

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**Processing**

Arranged and described at the file level by Sarah Quigley, August 2017. The files within the collection remain in the order they were in when the collection was received from Juanita Richardson. Folder titles in quotation marks were transcribed from the original folders.

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**Collection Description****Biographical Note**

Juanita ("Nyta") Lynn Richardson was born in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1937 to William McKinney Lynn, an athletic goods salesman, and Juanita Osbourne Lynn. She graduated from Hillsboro High School (Nashville), then attended Southern Methodist University (Dallas, Texas), and Vanderbilt University (Nashville) in the 1950s. She received her bachelor's degree in 1988 from Georgia State University. She worked as an administrative assistant at Emory University (Atlanta, Georgia) for over 20 years.

In 1965, Richardson moved to Atlanta, Georgia, with her first husband and their two children, Richard and Laura. She became involved in local politics and public service, including as a founding member of the Northside Fair Housing Committee. She met Charles Weltner in 1968 at a political event supporting his congressional campaign. Richardson and Weltner began a romantic relationship in 1971 following her divorce and in the midst of his separation from his first wife. Weltner's divorce was finalized on February 14, 1972, and Richardson and Weltner married on February 15, 1972. They divorced in 1977 but remained romantically involved off and on until Weltner's death in 1992.

Charles Weltner was a Georgia congressman and lawyer. He is known for his denunciation of fellow Democrat, Lester Maddox, in 1966. He also successfully defended Ezekiel Torres against criminal charges associated with the My Lai Massacre in Vietnam. Weltner unsuccessfully ran for Congress again in 1968 and for Mayor of Atlanta in 1973.

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of the papers of Juanita ("Nyta") L. Richardson, documenting her relationship with Georgia Congressman Charles Longstreet Weltner. The collection includes notes and mementos from Weltner to Richardson, documents relating to the couple's marriage and divorce, speeches and other writings by Weltner, clippings and other printed material documenting Weltner's career as a lawyer and politician, photographs of Weltner and Richardson, and sound and video recordings of Weltner's speaking engagements. Richardson annotated the majority of the items in the collection, providing additional contextual information about the items and her relationship with Weltner.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in the original order as received from Juanita L. Richardson.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Introductory note to material in box 1, 2017
1	2	"Photographs from when we [were] married," circa 1973-1978
1	3	"Appointment to the bench," 1976
1	4	"Campaign for mayor," 1973
1	5	"Decision to run for mayor," 1973 April
1	6	"Poems, drawings, musings," circa 1972-1976
1	7	Paintings, undated
1	8	Notes and letters, circa 1974-1975
1	9	"Charles' writings from the time we became involved until we divorced," circa 1972-1977 [1]
OP1	1	"Charles' writings from the time we became involved until we divorced," circa 1972-1977 [2]
1	10	"Diary," 1974 November-December
1	11	"Articles written before and after we were married," 1970-1975
1	12	"Before we married," circa 1969-1971
1	13	Newspaper clippings, circa 1970-1971
OP1	2	Newspaper clippings, 1973-1975
1	14	"We get married," 1972
1	15	"Divorce correspondence," 1974-1992
1	16	Loose material from box 1, 1970-2006 [1]
1	17	Loose material from box 1, 1970-2006 [2]
1	-	Memorabilia from Charles Weltner and Nyta Richardson's relationship
2	1	Introductory note to material in box 2, 2017
2	2	Photographs of Charles Weltner, 1983, 1992
2	3	"Correspondence with Bill Kovach re: his article about <i>Charles in Profiles in Courage for Our Time</i> ," 2003
2	4	<i>Profiles in Courage for Our Time</i> , 2002
2	5	"Correspondence and gifts from Charles after he was diagnosed with cancer until he died," 1990-1992
2	6	"After Charles' death," 1992-1993
2	7	"Items, correspondence with/from Charles from shortly after our divorce until he ended the relationship because of Pepper," 1977-1982 [1]
2	8	"Items, correspondence with/from Charles from shortly after our divorce until he ended the relationship because of Pepper," 1977-1982 [2]
2	-	Charles Weltner, <i>A Textual Analysis and Comparative Study of the Joseph Narrative in the Ethiopic Book of Jubilees</i> , dissertation, 1988
3	1	Northside Fair Housing Committee, 1968-1970

- AV1 - Charles Weltner for Mayor, campaign jingle, circa 1973 [original: cassette tape]
  - AV1 - "Loudermilk political primary (thru 85)," undated (side 1); "J. Welk [illegible], 1972 July 17 [original: cassette tape]
  - AV1 - "Matthews Songs" (?), 1972 July 16 [original: cassette tapes]
  - AV1 - Weltner, Charles, "Charlie's Auf Wiedersehen," WAGA News, 1973 October 2 [original: film reel]
  - AV1 - Weltner, Charles, interview with Joe Jones, undated [original: cassette tape]
  - AV1 - Weltner, Charles, Laura [], and Nyta Richardson, undated [original: cassette tape]
  - AV1 - Weltner, Charles, "Out of the Shackles of Regionalism to Witness to All," undated [original: open reel tape]
  - AV1 - Weltner, Charles, speech, Montreat College (North Carolina) [original: CD]
  - AV1 - Weltner, Charles, speech, possibly at Montreat College (North Carolina), 1967 [original: cassette tape]
  - AV1 - Weltner, Charles, speech after loss of Atlanta, Georgia, mayoral race, 1973 October 2 [original: cassette tape]
  - AV1 - Weltner, Charles, speech after loss of Atlanta, Georgia, mayoral race, WAGA News, 1973 October 2 [original: VHS]
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