

**Roanoke Public Libraries**  
**Virginia Room**  
**Horton / Goodykoontz Genealogy Collection**

**Collection Description:** Genealogy and family photograph collection of William Terrell Horton and Neal Goodykoontz Horton.

**Repository:** Roanoke Public Libraries, Virginia Room

**Accession Number:** 2008.6.1

**Title:** Horton Genealogy Collection

**Physical Characteristics:** 2 document storage cases

**Donated by:** Michael Blankenship

**Arrangement:** Documents are arranged as donated in binders and folders, generally by family name.

**Creator:** William Terrell Horton, Nelle Neal Goodykoontz Horton, and Gertrude Neal Horton.

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**Processor:** Angela Stiefbold, July 2024.

**Biographical Note:**

The collection consists of genealogical records and family photographs likely compiled by William Terrell Horton and Nelle “Neal” Goodykoontz Horton. Their daughter Gertrude Neal “Trudye” Horton may have also added to the collection.

William Terrell Horton was born February 24, 1910, in Cave Spring, Roanoke County, Virginia, to Charles William Horton and Olya Agatha Altizer Horton. Nelle Neal Goodykoontz was born July 24, 1912, in Norton, Wise County, Virginia, to Robert Goodykoontz and Nell Neal Goodykoontz. By 1920 both their families had moved to Roanoke City. Neal graduated from St. Anne’s School in Charlottesville. William graduated from Roanoke’s Jefferson High School and studied at Virginia Military Institute and Harris Military Institute before beginning work with Roanoke Hardware Co.

William and Neal married in 1933, and daughter Gertrude Neal Horton was born 1934. William served in the US Army in World War II. The family moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, in 1948, where he worked for a hardware wholesale distributor. They returned to Roanoke in 1957, where William became a salesman for a paint company. In 1961 he purchased and ran Vinton Hardware; for a time he served as president of the Vinton Chamber of Commerce. Neal’s death certificates states that her occupation had been x-ray technician. Neal died in 1984; William in 1988.

Trudye Horton also attended St. Anne’s School in Charlottesville, Virginia, as well as Holton-Arms Junior College in Washington, DC, and graduated from the University of South Carolina with a BS in Business Administration. Trudye passed away in 2007.

The Hortons all had an interest in genealogy. William was a member of the Fincastle Resolutions Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution; Fincastle Rifles Camp, Sons of the Confederate Veterans; and the American Legion. Neal belonged to the Roanoke Valley Chapter DAR and the William Graves Chapter UDC. Trudye was a member of the Roanoke Valley DAR and the Colonial Trails Chapter of Colonial Dames XVII Century.

This collection was obtained by Michael Blankenship from a sale at their former home, 3528 Winding Way Road, Roanoke; he donated the papers to the Virginia Room.

### **Scope and Content:**

The collection includes genealogical information and family photographs. The information is well-organized and well-documented. It includes copies of bible records, newspaper articles, and excerpts from published materials, as well as correspondence. Photographs are all labeled with names of persons or locations of buildings.

### **Container List:**

#### Box 1 of 2

Folder 1: Horton-Altizer-Peterman Binder, "Genealogy" – Genealogy of the Lucas, Lester, Peterman, Elkins, Shelor, Altizer, Horton, Kendrick, and Steel families. First Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary card.

Folder 2: Horton-Altizer-Peterman Binder, "Bible Records" – Copies of records from bibles of Benjamin Franklin Horton and Ellen Peterman; John Lafayette and Rhoda B. Catherine Altizer; and William C. Horton and A. Oyla Altizer.

Folder 3: Horton-Altizer-Peterman Binder, "Horton" – Genealogical records of the Horton family. Photographs: homestead of John and Isabel Horton; Benjamin Franklin Horton, Sarah Ellen Peterman, and their home; William Charles Horton and Olya Altizer; William T. Horton; Neal Goodykoontz; Trudye Horton; 536 / 2630 Rosalind Ave., 2429 Crystal Spring Ave., and 3528 Winding Way, Roanoke; 1213 Harding Place, Charlotte, NC.

Folder 4: Horton-Altizer-Peterman Binder, "Peterman" – Genealogical records of the Peterman, Champe, Lucas and Lester families. Photographs of Penadine Lester Peterman, Kate Peterman Altizer, Lester Peterman, Giles Peterman, Mabel Horton, Olya Horton, and Mike Altizer.

Folder 5: Horton-Altizer-Peterman Binder, "Altizer" – Genealogical records of the von Althausen/Altizer family. Photographs of Castle Althausen, John Elkins Altizer; John Lafayette Altizer; Rodabelle Katherine Peterman Altizer, Olya Altizer, Otho Altizer, M. Gray Altizer, William T. Horton, Gertrude Neal Horton.

Folder 6: Horton-Altizer-Peterman Binder, “Shelor” – Genealogical records of the Shelor family.

Folder 7: Horton-Altizer-Peterman Binder, “Lucas” – Information about Capt. John Lucas and DAR marker honoring his service, including genealogical information.

Folder 8: Horton-Altizer-Peterman Binder, “Lester” – Genealogical records of the Lester family; information about John Lester and DAR marker honoring his service.

Folder 9: Horton-Altizer-Peterman Binder, “Simmons” – Genealogical records of the Simmons family.

Folder 10: Goodykoontz-Neal Binder – Genealogical information on Goodykoontz, Horton, Neal, and associated families.

Folder 11: Goodykoontz-Neal-McCrory Binder, part 1 –Genealogical information on Goodykoontz, Horton, Neal, McCrory, and associated families.

Folder 12: Goodykoontz-Neal-McCrory Binder, part 2 – Genealogical information on Goodykoontz, Horton, Neal, McCrory, and associated families.

Folder 13: Bible Records – Goodykoontz, Woolwine, McCrory, Neal, Horton, Altizer, Charlton family bible records (photocopies and transcriptions).

Folder 14: Bible Records (originals) – Goodykoontz, and Woolwine family bible records (poorly laminated original pages). For research purposes, use copies included in Folder 13.

Folder 15: Early Marriages, Wills & Some Revolutionary War Records, Botetourt Co., Va. – typescript and manuscript indexes.

Folder 16: Huguenot Society Certificate – Neal Goodykoontz Horton, descended from Johnnes Georg Bieber.

## Box 2 of 2

Folder 1: Photographs – Gertrude Neal; Stoddie Winter; Emily Winter; Wills Goodykoontz; Luke F. Wilson; Bill Neal; Mary Ellen Chambers (Mrs. James McCrory); Clara McCrory; Mary McCrory; Bertha McCrory; James McCrory; May McCrory; Will Neal; Charlie Neal; Louise Sibyl Horton; W. E. Hill; Clariss/Clara McCrory (Wescott); Billy Neal; Sara Nelle Neal; unidentified couple; Will E. McCrory.

Folder 2: Photographs – Bertha McCrory (Mrs. James Lee Wilson); Group photo (Pearl Fuller (Barnfield), Anna Hobbs (Myers), Irma Bradley (Voile), Nelle Neal (Goodykoontz), Stella Petersen); Kit Shufflebarger (McLeod) “Aunt Kitty”; Frank McCrory; J. W. Neal; Will Ed McCrory; Mary McCrory Pierce; Group photo (Emma Threlkeld, Nell Wilson, Hannah Monroe, Lizzie McCrory, Talbott Children, Kate McCrory, Nettie Folk, Viola Kennedy, Stoddie, Nora Hill, Myra Tooke, Nabbie Talbott, Ora McCrory, Mother); Group photo “Silent 16.”

Folder 3: Photographs – “Uncle Will”; Mary McCrory Pierce; “Aunt May, Uncle Dick, Margo?, their home”; Wells Goodykoontz; Group photo (Mrs. Crews, Aunt Fannie Winter, Cousin Nan Hill, Mrs. H. E. Bradley, Aunt Myra, Stoddie, Aunt Nettie, Mother); Group photo “Bachelor Girls” (Nell McCarthy, Clara McCrory, May Wansley, Myrtle Bradley Payne, Grace Sefton, Pearle Fuller, Gertrude Wamsley, Gertrude Shoot, Gertrude Neal, Cora Wyeth Norfolk, Nelle Neal, Hat Johnston, Mary Troutman, Grace Muller Williams, Dora Alexander, Ola Wyeth, unknown); Henry McCrory “Uncle Dick”; Mrs. H. M. McCrory “Aunt May”; Clara McCrory Wescott; Group photo (Emmette, Wells and Wilmer Goodykoontz; Oakey Bishop and Robert Goodykoontz; William McK, Lucinda Woolwine Goodykoontz and Willie; Lake Goodykoontz Woody)