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Biographical Note

Ellen Sylves '66 married Rodney David Ruddock '65 at the First Methodist Church in Swissvale, Pennsylvania, on April 2, 1966. They are both graduates of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and were teachers at Penn Hills High School. Ellen Sylves grew up in Swissvale, and she is the daughter of C. Lysle Sylves and Margaret Beck Tilley Sylves who was born in Wishaw, Scotland. Rodney Ruddock grew up in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and he is the son of Robert and Verdun Ruddock. Rodney Ruddock worked for 35 years in public education retiring as high school principal from the Indiana Area School District. He served in the U. S. Army for 37 years, retiring as a Major General in the United States Army Reserve in 2002.

Ellen Ruddock, a retired entrepreneur, graduated from IUP in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Education. She also graduated from the Entrepreneurial Management Program at Carnegie Mellon University's Tepper School of Business in 1995 and the MBA Certificate Program at IUP in 2009. She is the founder, owner and operator of a successful children's retail store in Indiana and an award winning management development firm in Pittsburgh.

She served the IUP Alumni Association as a two-term member of its Board of Directors. She also served the Foundation for IUP as a volunteer, consultant and Manager for the 34 million dollar Gateways to Opportunity Capital Campaign 2001-2005. She served as an advisor to the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority and has facilitated many student leadership events. Ellen and her husband Rod were awarded the President's Medal of Distinction, the highest non-degree award in 2008. Ellen was honored as one of IUP's Distinguished Alumni in 2011.

Ellen Ruddock has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to serving her community and to advancing women in business. Although retired from ownership of Career Dynamics consulting firm, she continues her role as consultant helping leaders of business, government, communities and nonprofit organizations in western Pennsylvania develop strategic plans and strengthen their leadership teams. Since 1975, she has served on the board of directors of Downtown Indiana, Inc., since 1975. She was honored with the title of Director Emeritus in 1995. Ellen Ruddock has been principal to the success of the current Renaissance Indiana Capital Campaign for Downtown Indiana and was the initiator of Indiana for the 80's Project.

She was the first woman elected to the Indiana Borough Council and the first ATHENA Award Recipient in Pennsylvania. She was selected as one of Pennsylvania's 50 Best Women in Business in 1999, one of Pennsylvania's Most Influential People by the Pennsylvania Central Business Magazine in 1999 and was selected as Indiana County's Civic Leader of the Year in 2000 for her lifetime of contributions to the community.

Ellen Ruddock is past chair of the Board of Directors of the ATHENA International and has been active with every program and initiative on the local, national and international level. Locally, she has been involved in the ATHENA Club at Indiana High School since its inception. She has

traveled regionally and to China to present the first ATHENA Awards for leadership in Beijing and Shanghai.

She is past president of PowerLink, Inc. a business owner's advisory program. Due to her efforts and initiative, an ongoing partnership between the two organizations has been forged and the program has been established nationally in 30 cities as ATHENA PowerLink. In recognition of her contributions to both organizations, she was honored with the title of "Director Emeritus," and actively continues in service to both groups.

Ellen Ruddock is a former director and life member of the Indiana County Chamber of Commerce. She initiated the Greater Indiana Strategic Planning Commission in 1994 sponsored by the Chamber and through the encouragement of the late Congressman John Murtha facilitates the group's community planning sessions and the IUP-Indiana County Area Chamber of Commerce Working Together Forums. Mrs. Ruddock served as a member of the Farmer's Bank, PNC Advisory Board from 1986 to 2000.

She has been an active member of the Indiana Arts Council and has twice served as chairperson of the New Growth Arts Festival. She is a 20-year member of Quota International of Indiana and past president of the club. She initiated "Today's Woman" program sponsored by Quota and the publication of the *Indiana County Women of Distinction-Twentieth Century Edition*. She received the Alice Paul House Service Award in 1987 from the organization.

In recognition of her support to military families, Ellen Ruddock was honored with the Department of Defense Outstanding Civilian Service Medal in 1997 and in 2001 for her volunteer instructor training and work in five states with the U.S. Army Reserves Family Readiness Program for eight years.

Prior to her work as CEO of Career Dynamics and the Foundation for IUP, Ellen Ruddock was the founder and owner of a downtown retail business and was named Retailer of the Year by Kids Magazine in 1978. She was a top producing sales consultant for RMS Media Management and achieved national and world sales records with Leadership Management Inc. through Career Dynamics in 2000 and 2001. Ellen Ruddock works part time as Director of the Center for Family Business at IUP.

Rodney David Ruddock is a lifelong resident of Indiana, Pennsylvania. In 1965, he graduated from Indiana State College (IUP) with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Safety Education. He earned a Master's Degree in Counseling Education from IUP and a Secondary Administrative Certificate from Duquesne University. He completed an MBA Certificate Program from the IUP Eberly College School of Business. He was elected to the position of Indiana County Commissioner in 2004 and currently serves as Chairman, <http://www.countyofindiana.org/commissioners>.

His professional organizations include the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP), vice-chair of the CCAP Economic Advisory Committee, vice-chair of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, Intergovernmental Affairs Committee and Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Regional Policy Planning Committee. He continues to serve as

advisor to both the John P. Murtha Homeland Security Institute and Research Institute at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Rodney Ruddock serves on the Board of Fellows for the Institute of Politics at the University of Pittsburgh, and he currently co-chairs the Educational Committee. He also serves as chairman of the Indiana County Hospital Authority. He is a recipient of the IUP Distinguished Alumni Award in 1996 and the IUP President's Medal of Distinction in 2005. Major General Ruddock received the Minuteman Award from the Reserve Officers Association in 2005, and in 2006 he was honored with the Penns Woods Council Boys Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award. Mr. Ruddock is a life member of BSA.

He is also an advisory board member to the Salvation Army and to the Indiana Regional Hospital Authority, a member of the League of Women Voters, the Indiana Arts Council, the Alliance for Business and Educational Leadership, Indiana County Community Action County Program and a life member of NAACP. Mr. Ruddock has served on the IUP Presidential Advisory Committee on Athletic Policy for the past 25 years serving as committee chair for 10 years.

Rodney Ruddock has been actively involved in athletics throughout his career. He was a three-sport athlete in high school and a four-year letterman, NAIA All American in baseball at IUP. In April 2002, Mr. Ruddock was inducted into the Indiana County Sports Hall of Fame and in 2005 into the IUP Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Ruddock coached baseball at the high school level and officiated football, basketball and baseball at both the interscholastic and collegiate levels.

Major General Ruddock retired from military service in November 2002. He served on active duty with the Army Security Agency during the Vietnam Conflict. He was called to active duty in August 1966, and they moved to Fort Lee in Petersburg, Virginia. In January 1967, Ellen and Rodney Ruddock were transferred to Bangkok, Thailand, where they lived until March 1969 when the Ruddock family returned to Indiana, Pennsylvania. General Ruddock's last assignment with the United States Army was Commanding General of the 99th Regional Support Command with an estimated strength of 22,000 soldiers spanning five states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

During his military career, General Ruddock was awarded the following: the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Gold Hourglass Device, Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and Vietnam Service Medal with four Service Stars. He is also a graduate of the Army War College, Command and General Staff College, the Engineer Officer Advanced Course and the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course.

His professional military associations include the Senior Army Reserve Commanders Association, Military Order of World Wars, life membership in the Army War College Alumni Association, life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, AMVETS and life member of the American Legion. Raised as an avid sportsman, Rodney Ruddock is a member of Ducks

Unlimited and the National Rifle Association. He is also a member of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Evergreen Conservancy, Blackleggs Ceek Watershed Association, and Blacklick Creek Watershed Association.

Ellen and Rodney Ruddock reside in Indiana, Pennsylvania. They have two sons and four grandchildren. They are both members of Grace United Methodist Church of Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Scope and Content

The Ellen and Rodney Ruddock Collection contains correspondence, memorabilia, photographs, and oversized materials. Series I: Ellen Ruddock contains photographs of Career Dynamics. Series II: Rodney Ruddock contains information and photographs about his career in education and military service.

Provenance

The Ellen Sylves Ruddock and Rodney D. Ruddock Collection was donated to the Special Collections & University Archives at Indiana University of Pennsylvania by Ellen Sylves Ruddock and Rodney David Ruddock in 2013.

Restrictions

None.

Processor

Date unknown; records arranged and inventory written in 2013.

Container List

Series I: Ellen Ruddock

Box 1 Career Dynamics (8 folders)

1. Career Dynamics Clients, A-F
2. Career Dynamics Clients, G-J
3. Career Dynamics Clients, K-M
4. Career Dynamics Clients, N-U
5. Career Dynamics Clients, V-Z
6. Career Dynamics Retreats and Focus Groups
7. Career Dynamics LMI
8. Career Dynamics Employees

Series I: Ellen Ruddock

Box 2 Awards, Citations, and Plaques

1. Giving Back, "I am sometimes surprised at how the remembrance of this honor continuously motivates me to set bigger goals when it comes to giving back – especially to my community," Ellen Ruddock, 1987 Recipient
2. President's Club, be it known by these presents that Ellen Ruddock duly recognized as having completed all steps of the LMI Club is hereby awarded membership in the President's Club, 1991

3. Presented to Ellen S. Ruddock, 20 years, continuing service to the Board of Directors, Downtown Indiana, Inc., 1975-1995
4. Citations from the U.S. Department of the Army
 - a. Ellen Ruddock is awarded the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, 99th Regional Support Command Family Readiness Program, April 16, 1997
 - b. Ellen Ruddock is awarded the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, 99th Regional Support Command, Family Support Program, May 5, 2001
5. LMI Top Ten All Star Team presented to Career Dynamics for having successfully achieved the position of first in the LMI national sales organization, 2000
6. LMI Top Ten All Star Team presented to Career Dynamics for having successfully achieved the position of first in the LMI national sales organization, 2001
7. Power Link, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Ellen S. Ruddock, President, 2000-2001, in appreciation of your leadership and service to women business owners and Power Link Board of Directors
8. Forces Command Certificate of Achievement is presented to Ellen Ruddock, Dr. Mary E. Walker Award, May 5, 2001
9. Presented to Ellen Ruddock, in appreciation of your inspiring guest appearance at our Day of Empowerment, Indiana County Commission for Women, October 25, 2007
10. IUP President's Medal of Distinction, Ellen Sylves Ruddock, 2008

Series II: Rodney Ruddock

Box 1 Military Service (36 folders)

1. Biographical Information
2. Awards, Citations, Commendations, Diplomas, 1966-2002
3. U. S. Army Field Manuals FM 21-100 (1941) and FM 21-11 (1943)
4. Personnel File
5. U. S. Army Medical Records
6. Nomination Forms and Disposition Files
7. Officer Evaluation Reports (OER), 1983-2000
8. Receipts, 1980
9. Receipts, 1986-1987
10. Receipts, 1989-1990
11. Receipts, 1994-1995
12. U. S. Army War College (Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania) Corresponding Studies Course (CSC), Class of 1992 Directory, 1990-1992
13. U. S. Army War College (Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania) Corresponding Studies Course (CSC), Correspondence, 1990-1991
14. U. S. Army War College (Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania) Corresponding Studies Course (CSC), Correspondence, 1992
15. U. S. Army War College (Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania) Course Publications
 - a. Leadership in Combat Seminar, cartoons, 1982
 - b. Generalship Historical Perspectives: U. S. Army Center of Military History
16. 99th Regional Support Command, U. S. Army Reserve, Brigadier General Ruddock, 1996
17. Deployment to Bosnia, 1999-2000
18. Deployment to Bosnia, information about Germany, 1999-2000
19. Iraq – Operation Desert Shield map and cartoons

20. 99th Regional Support Command, U. S. Army Reserve, Report on Readiness Projections, Major General Ruddock, 2002
21. 99th Regional Support Command, U. S. Army Reserve, Brochures
22. 99th Regional Support Command, U. S. Army Reserve, Major General Ruddock Biographical Information
23. 99th Regional Support Command, U. S. Army Reserve, Contact Information, 1990s-2000s
24. 99th Regional Support Command, U. S. Army Reserve, World War Two Commemorative information and memorial, 1992-2001
25. Ruddock Military Correspondence, 1984-1996
26. Ruddock Military Correspondence, 1997-1998
27. Ruddock Military Correspondence, 1999-2000
28. International Driving Permit, 1988
29. Speeches: Armed Forces Day, 1999
30. Speeches: Rotary Youth Leadership Award, 2002
 - a. Quotations by General Colin Powell
31. Speeches: IUP ROTC Banquet – Leadership, 2003
32. Photographs: Colonel and Brigadier General, 1980s-1990s
33. Photographs: Major General Ruddock, 1990s-2002
34. Promotion to Colonel, 1987
35. Promotion to Brigadier General, 1995
36. Promotion to Major General, 1997

Series II: Rodney Ruddock

Box 2 U. S. Army Memorabilia (16 items)

1. Fly Swatter – Operation Desert Shield
2. Miniature U. S. flags and U. S. Army flag
3. Pewter mug inscribed to Captain Ruddock from Company B 458th Engineer Battalion
4. Plaque inscribed to Major Rodney Ruddock from the Association of the United States Army, 1980
5. Carved wooden plaque, to Colonel Rodney D. Ruddock from HQ, 308th Engineer Group, 1986-1990
6. Plaque presented to Colonel Rodney D. Ruddock, Commander 308th Engineer Group, 1990
7. Clock and Pen set with bulldozer, presented to Colonel Ruddock, Commander of Engineers, 1986-1990
8. Wooden plaque, inscribed to Colonel Ruddock, Oldenburg, 1989
9. Plaque for outstanding leadership, Career Dynamics, 1994
10. Wooden clock, inscribed to General Ruddock, in appreciation, Bellaire, Ohio, 1998
11. Plaque with Red Apple, presented to Rodney Ruddock for his leadership as principal of Indian Area Junior High School, 1998
12. Flag and pin presented to Major General Ruddock at 14th Quartermaster Detachment Operation Desert Storm Soldiers and Families, 2001 (box)
13. Glass plaque inscribed to Major General Ruddock, Commander, 99th Regional Support Command, from the 55th MMC, 2001

14. Glass plaque inscribed to Major General Rodney D. Ruddock, 99th Regional Support Command, from the 326th Maintenance Battalion in Owings Mills, Maryland
15. Name badge, Rodney D. Ruddock, Major General, U. S. Army Reserve, Commanding General, 99th Regional Support Command
16. Flag Banner of the 99th Regional Support Command (fabric), no date
17. Name plate, Colonel Rodney D. Ruddock, Commander 308th Engineer Group, from the 458th Engineer Battalion Task Force, August 4, 1990
18. Name plate, presented to Colonel Rodney D. Ruddock from the soldiers of the 429th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), July 21, 1990

Series II: Rodney Ruddock**Box 3 U. S. Army Memorabilia (1 item)**

1. Army boot (mounted) complete with dog tags, 99th Regional Support Command, U. S. Army Reserve, presented to Brigadier General Ruddock, 1996

Series II: Rodney Ruddock**Box 4 Indiana Area School District Principal Day Books (7 books)**

1. 1990-1991
2. 1992-1993
3. 1994
4. 1995
5. 1996
6. 1997
7. 1998

Series II: Rodney Ruddock**Box 5 Indiana Area School District (5 books and 8 folders)****A. Principal Day Books:**

1. Principal Day Book, 1999
2. Principal Day Book, 2000
3. Principal Day Book, 2001
4. Principal Day Book, 2002
5. Principal Day Book, 2003

B. School Files:

1. Correspondence, n. d.
2. Correspondence, 1979-1989
3. Correspondence, 1990-1992
4. Correspondence, 1993
5. Correspondence, 1994-1995
6. Correspondence, 1996-1999
7. Correspondence, 2000-2003
8. Photographs

Series II: Rodney Ruddock**Box 6 Education and IUP (8 folders)**

1. Diplomas and Certificates, 1965-2001

2. IUP Presidential Athletic Advisory Committee (PAAC), Meeting Minutes, 1986-1991
3. IUP Presidential Athletic Advisory Committee (PAAC), Controversy over Indian Mascot at IUP, 1989-1991
4. IUP Presidential Athletic Advisory Committee (PAAC), Meeting Minutes, 1991-1995
5. IUP Presidential Athletic Advisory Committee (PAAC), Meeting Minutes, 1995-1996
6. IUP Presidential Athletic Advisory Committee (PAAC), Meeting Minutes, 1996
7. IUP Presidential Athletic Advisory Committee (PAAC), Meeting Minutes, 1997-2000
8. Photographs

Series II: Rodney Ruddock

Box 7 Awards, Citations, and Plaques

1. Indiana Proud written by Susan Lepley Miller, no date
2. In appreciation to Coach Rod Ruddock for his outstanding coaching, dedication, and understanding that produced Championships Tri-County in 1975 and 1976, the 1976 Lil' Indians Baseball Team
3. The Pennsylvania School Press Association awards the 1994 Administrator Award to Rodney D. Ruddock, Indiana Junior High School, November 11, 1994
4. Presented to Major General Rodney D. Ruddock, Commander 99th Regional Support Command, after 1997
5. Presented to Mr. Rodney Ruddock, Principal, for dedication, loyalty, and support, Indiana Area Junior High School from the Social Studies Department, January 1998
6. U.S. Department of State, NCAA Final Four Basketball Tournament, permanent pass and non-immigrant visa, June 2003
7. Certificate of Appreciation, Major General Rodney Ruddock, St. Bernard School, September 11, 2003
8. Certificate of Appreciation, Major General Rodney Ruddock, 2005 Veteran's Day Keynote Speaker, Blairsville Elementary School, November 10, 2005
9. IUP President's Medal of Distinction, Rodney David Ruddock, 2008
10. The Army Engineer Association on behalf of the Engineer Regiment is proud to award the Bronze Order of the de Fleury Medal to Major General Rodney D. Ruddock, 99th Regional Support Command, for inspirational leadership to the United States Army Corps of Engineers, no date (2003)
11. Photograph: Rodney Ruddock receiving plaque from IUP President Tony Atwater in 2005, for playing on the IUP Baseball Team, 1963-1965
12. Indiana County Commissioner, elected to position in 2004, re-election mailer, includes biographical information about retired Major General Rodney Ruddock, no date (2010s)

Series III: Oversized Materials

Box 1 (9 items)

1. Plaque for Ellen Ruddock, President of Career Dynamics, 1999
2. Framed certificate for Major General Rodney Ruddock, U. S. Army Reserve, 99th Regional Support Command, from the U. S. Army Reserve Ambassadors, n.d.
3. Red Vinyl flag with two white stars, given to Ruddock upon his promotion to major general in 1997
4. Visit to Camp Challenger, U. S. Army Cadet Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky, 1999

5. State of West Virginia Legislative Citation, Major General Rodney Ruddock, for his service to the 99th Regional Support Command, U. S. Army Reserve, 2001
6. Senate of Pennsylvania, Congratulations to Rodney Ruddock for his induction into the Indiana County Sports Hall of Fame, 2002, signed letter from State Senator Don White
7. IUP Sorority Paddle: Ellen & Rod – Sigma Sigma Sigma – October 31, 1963
8. IUP Fraternity Paddle: Ellen & Rod – Sigma Phi Epsilon – October 31, 1963
9. IUP Fraternity Paddle: Rod – Sigma Phi Epsilon – Spring 1962 and Spring 1964

Series III: Oversized Materials

Box 1 (8 items)

1. Rodney D. Ruddock: Fraternity Paddle, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Spring 1962
2. Ellen Sylves Ruddock and Rodney D. Ruddock: Fraternity Paddle, Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority and Sigma Phi Epsilon, October 31, 1963 (his)
3. Ellen Sylves Ruddock and Rodney D. Ruddock: Fraternity Paddle, Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority and Sigma Phi Epsilon, October 31, 1963 (hers)
4. Ellen Sylves Ruddock: President of Career Dynamics, May 1999, laminated newspaper article “Pennsylvania’s 50 Best Women in Business, 1999
5. Rodney D. Ruddock: framed certificate from the 99th Area United States Army Reserve Ambassadors, no date (2003)
6. Rodney D. Ruddock: red vinyl flag with two white stars for Major General, no date
7. Rodney D. Ruddock: photograph and letter framed together, presented to General Ruddock by Colonel Stephanie S. Hunter, U.S. Army, Commander of Camp Challenge, U.S. Army Cadet Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky, June 18, 1999
8. Rodney D. Ruddock: State of West Virginia Legislative Citation, 99th Regional Support Command U.S. Army Reserve, April 5, 2001 (with photograph and correspondence)

Oversized Items (14 items)

1. Sketch of Robert David Ruddock and Verdun Elizabeth Renaud Ruddock, parents of Rodney David Ruddock, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, sketch by Frank Shaffer, no date
2. Pencil Sketch of Ellen and Rodney Ruddock by Ternaux, no date (1960s)
3. 3 framed letters of Change of Command Ceremony for the 99th Regional Support Command, May 4, 1997
4. Pen Sketch of Principal Rodney Ruddock and the front of Indiana Area Junior High School by Virton, 1998
5. Character Sketch of Major General Rodney Ruddock, “PNC Park ... here I come!” New Headquarters of 99th Regional Support Command, by Steve Opet, color, 18x24, 2000
6. Oil Portrait of Major General Rodney D. Ruddock, from the Command Sergeants Major of the 99th Regional Support Command, U.S. Army Reserve, color, 24x36, portrait by Sam Thong, 2001
7. Framed Engraved Newspaper Article, “Ruddock Receives Athena” award, Indiana County Chamber of Commerce, no date
8. Framed Engraved Newspaper Article, “Four receive Leader’s Circle awards,” Ellen Ruddock, *Indiana Gazette*, April 12, 2000, page 9

9. Numbered print "The Paymaster is Here!" 246/500 signed by D. Dawdin, 1995, to MG Rodney Ruddock, for your outstanding Leadership and Exceptional Service, from the 398th Finance Group, May 5, 2001
10. Indiana County Sports Hall of Fame, Class of 2002
11. Character Sketch of Rodney Ruddock, color, 24x36, Indiana, Pennsylvania, 1970-2003
12. Framed IUP Resolution for the naming of the Major General Rodney D. Ruddock and Ellen S. Ruddock General Office Area within the John P. Murtha Institute for Homeland Security in the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, IUP Council of Trustees, May 11, 2007
13. IUP Certificate of Leadership Recognition, Ellen S. Ruddock '66, 2001-2009, IUP Alumni Association Board of Directors, June 19, 2009
14. Framed IUP Resolution for the naming of the Major General Rodney D. Ruddock Hall, IUP Council of Trustees, May 7, 2010
15. Campaign Advertisement (laminated): Ruddock for Commissioner, paid for by the Citizens for Ruddock Committee, (no date), Major General Rodney Ruddock was elected as the Indiana County Commissioner in 2004