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Descriptive Summary

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| Title: | Jenny Sanford papers |
| Date(s) | 1989-2012 |
| Creator: | Sanford, Jenny, 1962- |
| Abstract: | Correspondence, scrapbooks, photo albums, artifacts, political ephemera and other materials relating to Jenny Sanford, former First Lady of South Carolina and former wife of politician Mark Sanford. Topics include Mark Sanford's political career, Sanford family life, United States presidential ephemera, the divorce of Jenny and Mark, and Jenny's memoir, <i>Staying True</i> . |
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Biographical Note

Jennifer Sullivan Sanford was born on September 11, 1962 in Winnetka, Illinois. Sanford's great grandfather, Joseph W. Sullivan, founded the Skil Corporation, which manufactured the first portable electric saw.

Sanford earned her degree in 1984 from Georgetown University, and then went on to work six years (1984-1990) at the Wall Street investment banking firm Lazard Freres & Company in New York. During her time in New York, she met her future husband, then-businessman Mark Sanford. The two were married in 1989, and she moved to South Carolina shortly thereafter.

After Mark Sanford announced he would run for political office, his wife became heavily involved with managing his political campaigns. She managed his successful 1994 campaign for the United States House of Representatives and his successful gubernatorial campaign in 2002, and later co-managed his re-election campaign in 2006. In addition to assisting him during his Governorship and her duties as First Lady of South Carolina, she launched the Healthy South Carolina Challenge (2005), and served on boards at the Medical University of South Carolina's Children's Hospital Advisory Fund, the Coastal Community Foundation and the Drayton Hall Site Council.

On June 24, 2009, after being absent from South Carolina for six days, Mark Sanford publicly admitted to an extramarital affair with an Argentinian woman, Maria Belén Chapur. Jenny Sanford became aware of the infidelity in January 2009, and filed for separation two weeks prior to her husband's public confession. On August 7, 2009, she moved out of the South Carolina Governor's Mansion with the couple's four sons, Marshall, Landon, Bolton, and Blake, and returned to the family home on Sullivan's Island, South Carolina. She announced that she was filing for divorce on December 11, 2009, and the divorce was finalized on March 19, 2010.

Sanford published her bestselling memoir, *Staying True*, released on February 5, 2010, which details her experience of her husband's affair and the effect it had on her own life.

Collection Overview

Correspondence, scrapbooks, notebooks, photo albums, clippings, political ephemera, and other materials relating to Jenny Sanford, former First Lady of South Carolina and former wife of politician Mark Sanford. Overwhelming public support for Jenny Sanford after her husband's extramarital affair is shown through a large amount of correspondence, magazine articles, and television interviews. Bound scrapbooks (1989-2010) compiled by Jenny Sanford include data on Mark Sanford's political campaigns and office (1993-2008), First Lady of South Carolina materials, Sanford wedding materials including a facetious prenuptial contract signed by Mark Sanford (1986 May 16) and a limited marital agreement (2009 May 29), and autographed materials and photographs of politicians such as Newt Gingrich, Oliver North, Michelle and Barack Obama, Laura and George W. Bush, and Margaret Thatcher. This collection also includes 9 photo albums compiled by Jenny Sanford, including Mark and Jenny's 1989 wedding albums, South Carolina First Lady's Easter egg hunts (2005-2006), and Mark Sanford's second term as Governor of South Carolina (2007-2009). Published materials include materials for her bestselling memoir, *Staying True*, including drafts, correspondence, notes, and photo release forms. Artifacts include jewelry given to Sanford as personal gifts from supporters, political materials from her husband's career such as Republican Governor's Association cufflinks and three Congressional pins, and also a Voo Doo doll with pins included.

Collection Arrangement

This collection is arranged in six series.

1. Correspondence, 1995-1998, 2009-2012, undated
2. Bound volumes, 1989-2010
3. Published materials, 2007-2012
4. Audiovisual materials, 2001-2010
5. Artifacts, 1989, 1999-2012, undated
6. Miscellaneous materials, 2003-2009, undated

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Separated Material

Published books originally with the collection have been removed and catalogued separately.

Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

Names

Sanford, Jenny, 1962-
Sanford, Mark, 1960-

Subjects

Governors' spouses--South Carolina
Politicians' spouses--South Carolina
Presidents--United States

Places

South Carolina

Types of Material

Artifacts (object genre)
Clippings (information artifacts)
Color photographs
Compact discs
Correspondence
DVDs
Printed ephemera
Scrapbooks
Videotapes

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Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Correspondence, 1995-1998, 2009-2012, undated

From Jenny Sanford supporters, 1995 June-2012 March, undated

Printed emails and handwritten and typed letters sent to Jenny Sanford regarding Mark Sanford's extramarital affair, with a majority in support of Jenny.

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| Box 1 Folder 1 | 2009 June |
| Box 1 Folder 2 | 2009 July |
| Box 1 Folder 3 | 2009 August |
| Box 1 Folder 4 | 2009 September |
| Box 1 Folder 5 | 2009 October |
| Box 1 Folder 6 | 2009 November |
| Box 1 Folder 7 | 2009 December |

Includes note from television personality Barbara Walters regarding their recent interview and offering her support.

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| Box 1 Folder 8 | 2010 January |
| Box 1 Folder 9-11 | 2010 February |
| Box 2 Folder 1 | 2010 March |
| Box 2 Folder 2 | 2010 April |
| Box 2 Folder 3 | 2010 May |
| Box 2 Folder 4 | 2010 July |
| Box 2 Folder 5 | 2010 August |
| Box 2 Folder 6 | 2010 September |
| Box 2 Folder 7 | 2010 October |
| Box 2 Folder 8 | 2010 November |
| Box 2 Folder 9 | 2010 December |

Includes letter from actor William Shatner, offering praise for *Staying True* and requesting Sanford's appearance on a cable television show.

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| Box 2 Folder 10 | 2011 January |
| Box 2 Folder 11 | 2011 March |
| Box 2 Folder 12 | 2012 March |

Box 2 Folder 13-14

Undated

Box 3 Folder 1

From Mark Sanford, 1995-1998, 2009

Handwritten and email printouts include general correspondence from Mark Sanford to Jenny Sanford and their sons. Includes printed email (2009 April) between them, discussing their relationship. Also includes printed email (2009 May) from Mark Sanford about family real estate and a printed email (2008 July) from Sanford's assistant regarding various purchases.

Box 3 Folder 2

Miscellaneous correspondence, 1995, 2009-2011

Mostly thank yous, birthday cards, and holiday cards. Includes notes from South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, South Carolina Lieutenant Governor André Bauer, First Lady of California Maria Shriver, and a blank "compliments of" card from First Lady of the United States Laura Bush. One typed note (1995) from Leo J. O'Donovan, S.J., congratulates the Sanfords on their sixth wedding anniversary.

Box 3 Folder 3

Sanford holiday cards, blank

2. Bound volumes, 1989-2010

Scrapbooks and related materials, 1989-2010

Scrapbooks include clippings, correspondence, photographs, campaign ephemera, and related material. Topics include Mark Sanford's political campaigns and office (1993-2008), Jenny Sanford First Lady and *Staying True* materials, the Sanford's 1989 wedding and their 2010 divorce.

Sanford wedding, 1989

Box 4 Folder 1

"November 4, 1989" scrapbook

Includes correspondence, clippings, invitations, ephemera, notes regarding wedding of Mark and Jenny Sanford. Includes homily written by Leo J. O'Donovan, S.J.

Box 4 Folder 2

"November 4, 1989" scrapbook loose materials

Includes wedding announcement clipping, Sanford marriage license, and a facetious prenuptial agreement signed by Mark Sanford (1989 May 16).

Box 4 Folder 3

1993-1994 scrapbook

Includes articles and photographs, with many annotations, documenting Sanford's entry into politics, forcing a runoff in the primary, and his eventual seat in the US House of Representatives.

Box 12

"The Congress Years," 1994-1998 scrapbook

(Oversize)

Scrapbook includes photographs, correspondence, clippings documenting Mark Sanford's career in United States Congress. Includes autographed photo of President Bill Clinton, autographed photo of Speaker of the United States House of Representatives Newt Gingrich, photo of Iran-Contra constituent Oliver North, and White House memorabilia.

Box 12 Folder 1-2

"The Congress Years," 1994-1998 scrapbook loose materials

Mark Sanford Gubernatorial campaign, 2001

Box 4 Folder 4

2001 scrapbook

Includes includes clippings, original photographs, materials regarding Republican Primary and runoff, campaign and victory against South Carolina Governor Jim Hodges, and some statistical campaign breakdowns. Also includes George W. Bush fundraiser materials.

Box 4 Folder 5

Election statistics and projections, 2001

Box 13

2003-2004 scrapbook

(Oversize)

Includes clippings, correspondence, photographs documenting First Lady Jenny Sanford. Includes First Lady of California Maria Shriver letter, First Lady of the United States Laura Bush signed photograph, President George W. Bush inauguration materials.

Box 4 Folder 6

2004 scrapbook

"15 Years of Bliss" scrapbook compiled by Jenny Sanford for 15th wedding anniversary.

Mark Sanford reelection campaign, 2006

Box 4 Folder 7

"Election night 2006" scrapbook

Contains signatures of supporters congratulating Mark Sanford on his 2006 South Carolina Gubernatorial win.

Box 4 Folder 8

"Sanford for Governor 2006" scrapbook

Includes ephemera, clippings, correspondence, fund raising materials, quotes from Sanford children, photographs, budget printouts for Mark Sanford's 2006 campaign. Includes South Carolina poet laureate Marjory Wentworth inaugural poem.

Box 4 Folder 9

Election statistics and projections, 2006

Jenny Sanford First Lady materials

Box 14

2006-2008 scrapbook

(Oversize)

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| | | Scrapbook includes includes clippings and correspondence regarding role as First Lady, data on Sanford's children's book <i>Mischief in the Mansion</i> , White House invitations, ephemera signed by George W. Bush. |
| Box 14 Folder 1 | 2006-2008 scrapbook loose materials | |
| Box 3 Folder 5 | First Lady materials | |
| | | Includes certificates, articles, photographs, press releases, notes. Also includes press release issued from First Lady Jenny Sanford about trial separation (2009 July 2). |
| Box 3 Folder 6 | Jenny Sanford speeches | |
| | | Typed and handwritten speech notes. |
| Box 3 Folder 7 | Governor's mansion | |
| | | Clippings and photocopies regarding Jenny Sanford's involvement with mansion renovations and a small number of other topics. |
| Box 3 Folder 8-9 | "Listening to our Health" presentation materials | |
| | | Printouts of presentation slides, notecards, talking points. |
| | Sanford divorce, 2009 | |
| Box 15 | 2009 scrapbook | |
| | | (Oversize) Scrapbook includes internet printouts and newspaper and magazine clippings regarding divorce of Jenny and Mark Sanford. |
| Box 15 | "Limited marital agreement," 2009 May 29 | |
| | | Document regarding terms of Sanford separation |
| Box 16 | 2010 scrapbook | |
| | | (Oversize) Scrapbook includes clippings and printouts regarding divorce of Jenny and Mark Sanford. Includes printed emails, interview schedules, and articles regarding her book, <i>Staying True</i> . |
| | Photo albums and related materials, 1989-2009 | |
| Box 5 | "Jennifer and Marshall," 1989 November 3 | |
| | | Sanford rehearsal dinner. |
| Box 5 | "Jennifer and Marshall," 1989 November 4 | |
| | | Sanford wedding. |
| Box 5 | Sanford honeymoon, Africa, 1989 | |

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| Box 5 | "2005 First Lady's Easter Egg Hunt" | |
| Box 5 | "Giant Cement Holding Inc., Harleyville, Plant Commissioning," 2005 June 13 | |
| Box 5 | "First Lady's Easter Egg Hunt," 2006 | |
| Box 5 | "Second Term, 2007" | Includes candid photos of inauguration, post-inaguration newspaper clippings, family photos. |
| Box 5 | "Second Term, 2008" | Mostly family photos in Bejing, South Carolina, and elsewhere. Also includes notes from Sanford children, educational pamphlets for various United States landmarks, signed Laura and George W. Bush photos, and a small amount of other material. |
| Box 5 | "Second Term, 2009" | Includes signed photo of First Lady Michelle Obama with Jenny Sanford, Michelle Obama signed letter on White House stationery, photos of Sanfords and Newt Gingrich, Obama inaugural invitation, various clippings from Mark Sanford's term. |
| Box 3 Folder 10 | Loose photographs | Approximately 75 candid photographs of Governor Sanford, family, and his staff at various events. Includes photo of Sanfords with Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Margaret Thatcher, signed photo of Jenny with tennis player Martina Navratilova. |
| Notebooks, 2000-2008 | | |
| 9 spiral notebooks include Jenny Sanford's personal and family notes including daily schedules, contacts, appointments, meeting notes, and notes by Jenny Sanford as Mark Sanford's campaign manager. Topics include South Carolina political policies, First Lady of South Carolina "healthy living" initiatives, talking points for speeches, and a small number of other topics. | | |
| Box 6 Folder 1 | 2002 | |
| Box 6 Folder 2 | 2003 | |
| Box 6 Folder 3 | 2004-2005 | |
| Box 6 Folder 4 | 2005 | |
| Box 6 Folder 5 | 2005-2006 | |
| Box 6 Folder 6 | 2006 | Includes brief debate notes for Mark Sanford. |
| Box 6 Folder 7 | 2008 | |
| Box 6 Folder 8 | Undated | Includes two undated notebooks. |

Box 3 Folder 4 Personal planners, 2000-2002

Three small daily planners.

3. Published materials, 2007-2012

Staying True and related materials, 2009

Box 7 Folder 1 Preliminary draft

Includes proposal, draft chapters arranged by subject.

Box 7 Folder 2 Early draft

With outline, annotations about edits.

Box 7 Folder 3 Publisher's galley with corrections

Also includes afterword draft.

Box 8 Folder 1 Research emails and handwritten notes, 2009 August-2009 September

Includes emails between Jenny Sanford and family members regarding stories about Mark Sanford.

Box 8 Folder 2 Marriage articles

Photocopies of articles about marriage/relationships, possibly for research purposes.

Box 8 Folder 3 Book release and interview materials

Box 8 Folder 4 Annotated correspondence

Photocopies of letters written to Jenny Sanford about *Staying True*, with portions circled and underlined.

Box 8 Folder 5 Photo release forms

Oversize Paper Folder 1 *Staying True* dust cover, mounted photo

(Flat storage)

Mischief in the Mansion, 2007

Materials for book about the South Carolina Governor's Mansion written by Marshall, Landon, Bolton, and Blake Sanford.

Box 8 Folder 6 Original artwork by Sanford children

Box 8 Folder 7 *Mischief in the Mansion*, 2007

Magazine articles, 2009-2012

All focus on Jenny Sanford, post-marital breakup.

Box 9 Folder "Notes on a scandal," *Vogue*, 2009 September

- Includes signed note from *Vogue* editor-in-chief, Anna Wintour.
- Box 9 Folder "I was close to breaking," *People*, 2010 February 15
- Box 9 Folder "Why leaving worked for me," *Harper's Bazaar*, 2010 September
- Box 9 Folder "Why leaving worked for me," *Harper's Bazaar*, special collector's edition, 2010 September
- Includes Jenny's handwritten notes for article, several typed drafts, and a note from *Harper's Bazaar* editor-in-chief, Glenda Bailey.
- Box 9 Folder "Let's Bridge the Divide," *More*, 2010 November
- Box 9 Folder "SR Final," *Sheridan Road*, 2012 February/March

4. Audiovisual materials, 2001-2010, undated

Videotapes, 2002-2003, undated

(3 videotapes)

- Box 10 Videotape 1 "Bringing Change to South Carolina," The Sanford Campaign, 2002
- Box 10 Videotape 2 Governor's Mansion annual Easter egg hunt, 2003 April 17
- Box 10 Videotape 3 "Mr Sanford goes to Congress," CBS Eye to Eye, undated

DVDs, 2001-2007

(22 DVDs)

- Box 10 DVD 1 Sanford campaign footage, 2001-2006
- 6 clips from South Carolina news stations
- Box 10 DVD 2 "Governor's Carol Lighting, 2002"
- Christmas tree lighting ceremony.
- Box 10 DVD 3 "Bringing Change to South Carolina," The Sanford Campaign, 2002
- Box 10 DVD 4 Bob Redfern's Outdoor Magazine Sanford Family feature, 2004
- Box 10 DVD 5 "Inside America's Executive Mansions," 2005
- Box 10 DVD 6 Governor Mark Sanford's election coverage, 2006 November 11
- Clips from 21 news stations.
- Box 10 DVD 7 "Governor Mark Sanford," CNN Headline News, 2006 November 11
- Box 10 DVD 8 "Governor Mark Sanford's 2nd Inauguration Coverage," 2007 January 9
- Clips from 33 South Carolina news stations.
- Box 10 DVD 9 "The Inauguration of Mark Sanford," 2007 January 10
- 3 copies.

- Box 10 DVD 10 Fox News Mark Sandford interview
 Regarding the 2008 Presidential Election.
- Box 10 DVD 11 "Governor Mark Sanford press conference," ETV, 2008 March 31
- Box 10 DVD 12 "Palmetto People," Jenny Sanford interview, Time/Warner Cable, 2008 May 19
- Box 10 DVD 13 "Making it Grow!" The Governor's Mansion feature, Clemson University ETV, 2008 September
- Box 10 DVD 14 "Governor's Carol Lighting," 2009 November 30
 Christmas tree lighting ceremony.
- Box 10 DVD 15 "Barbara Walters' 10 Most Fascinating People", Jenny Sanford interview, ABC, 2009 December 9
- Box 10 DVD 16 WCSC montage of Jenny Sanford, undated
- Box 10 DVD 17 "Making it Grow!" featuring Jenny Sanford, Clemson University ETV, undated

CDs, 2007, 2010

(4 CDs)

- Box 9 CD 1 "Mischief in the Mansion", 2007
- Box 9 CD 2 Interview with author Jenny Sanford, Voice of America, 2010 May 4
 3 copies. Includes note from Voice of America journalist (2010 August 5).

5. Artifacts, 1989, 1999-2012, undated

- Box 11 Jewelry
 Personal gifts from Jenny Sanford supporters.
- Tortoise shell jewelry
 - Gift from Fidel Castro.
 - Sterling silver South Carolina charm bracelet
 - South Carolina State House pin
 - Multicolored beaded necklace, gold metal embellishments
 - Elephant pin
 - Palmetto tree pin
 - Palmetto tree pin, with embellishments
- Box 11 Political materials, 1999-2012, undated
- Congressional pins

3 pins, numbered 104, 105, 106.

Key to the City of Isle of Palms, Carmen R. Bunch, Mayor

Mark Sanford Member of Congress leather ID wallet

National Governor's Association plastic cup, 2006

Gubernatorial "funny money"

Notes Jim Hodges' and Mark Sanford's political policies.

South Carolina Inaugural BBQ 2007 beverage holder

South Carolina metal bookmark, 2001 October 25

Republican Governor's Association cufflinks

In colonial pewter box, engraved with Haley Barbour's name.

Lanyard and tags, CNN Southern Republican Presidential Debate, Charleston, South Carolina, 2012 January 19

Governor James Hodges' Governor's Mansion medallions, 1999

Two medallions.

Box 11

Miscellaneous, 1989, undated

Voo Doo doll

With pins. Includes tag "Don't get Mad, Get even!"

Wooden elephant carving

Mother with calves. Labeled "Jenny, Marshall, Landon, Bolton, and Blake."

Jenny and Mark wedding banner, 1989 November 4

Sanford family "10 years!" photo pin

Jenny Sanford lanyard and tags, Carolina Productions event

6. Miscellaneous materials, 2003-2009, undated

Oversize Paper Folder 1

Post and Courier "High Profile" Jenny Sanford article, 2003 January 11

(Flat storage)

Laminated printout. 2 pages.

Oversize Paper Folder 1

National Basketball Association and Haier Association signing ceremony photo, 2006 April 10

(Flat storage)

Global Strategic Alliance official signing ceremony. Features NBA commissioner David Stern, Haier corporation Vice Chairman Wu Kesong, Vice Premier Wu Yi, China's Ambassador to the United States Zhou Wenzhong, and First Lady Jenny Sanford. Camden, South Carolina.

Oversize Paper Folder 1

Motivational poster

(Flat storage)

Handmade for Jenny Sanford, signed "Delia."