NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG5949.AM: Colvin, Rod

Papers, manuscripts: ca. 1992
Omaha, Douglas County, Neb.: Author
Size: 0.4 cu.ft.; 1 box

BACKGROUND NOTE

Rod Colvin worked for WOW radio news from 1979-1989 in Omaha. Finding a new career as a writer, he founded Addicus Books in the early 1990s, locating it Omaha, Nebraska. His publications include Evil Harvest (1992), First Heroes (1987) and Overcoming Prescription Drug Addiction (1995). After losing a brother to long-term drug abuse, Colvin made this his life’s calling. He has appeared on NBC Nightly News, MSNBC News, and Medstar, along with being interviewed by Redbook Magazine and Family Circle Magazine.

Colvin’s non-fiction crime book, Evil Harvest, recounts the story of Mike Ryan, leader of a survivalist religious cult near Rulo, Nebraska, in the 1980s. Ryan was arrested in 1982 after a criminal investigation indicated that he had abused and killed five-year-old Luke Stice and later killed fellow cult member James Thimm. Ryan was convicted and sentenced to death. Mike Ryan died of brain cancer on May 24, 2015 while awaiting execution on Nebraska’s death row.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of the copy edited manuscript and page proofs for Colvin’s book, Evil Harvest. See the NSHS Library for various editions of the book.

DESCRIPTION

Box 1
Folder

1. Bantam Copy edited Original Manuscript pages - front sales to page 182
2. Bantam Copy edited Original Manuscript pages - pages 183-366
3. Bantam Copy edited Original Manuscript pages - pages 367 to end
4. Bantam Proof Pages - cover to page 146
5. Bantam Proof Pages - page 147 to end

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