

Biography of Adeline Barry Davee

Adeline Barry was born on August 20, 1909 in Cleveland, Ohio. Her parents were Barbara (nee Adams) and William Barry. She was raised by a cousin, Irene Hizer, and her husband, Willis. She graduated with a B. A. from Flora Stone Mather College (later part of Western Reserve College and then Case Western Reserve University) in 1931, Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a major in English and a double minor in Spanish and History. While an undergraduate at Flora Stone Mather College, she was President of the Spanish club, a member of the literary club "Parnassus", as well as the French, League of Women Voters and YWCA clubs. She also served as an aide on the Adelbert College newspaper The Reserve Weekly, the first year students from Flora Stone Mather could work at the paper. She was a member of the Alpha Theta Epsilon Sorority.

In 1932 she earned a Master's degree in History from Flora Stone Mather College. She received her Master's degree in the same ceremony her cousin, Irene Hizer, received her Master's degree. After graduation, Adeline was hired by the History Department at Flora Stone Mather College where she helped raise scholarship dollars.

She went to Columbia University to work on a Ph.D. on facilitating the inexpensive reproduction and distribution of academic research documents. She finished her course work, but while working on her dissertation, her sponsor, Dr. Robert C. Brinkley, formerly of Western Reserve, passed away from cancer and she dropped her work on the Ph.D.

She then began a year-long project for the Library of Congress dealing with implementing cooperation between the Library and university libraries throughout the country. She was then appointed to an archivist position on the staff of the National Archives, which she held until World War II, when she became an archivist for the Navy, continuing her interest in both operational and historical records management.

During World War II, her office was near that of Lieutenant, J.G. USNR Ken M. Davee. They were married on November 21, 1945, shortly after the war ended.

She then worked on the staff of McKinsey & Co., before joining her husband at Davee, Koehnlein & Keating Co., an international marketing research company, as a Vice President.

In 1964, Adeline and Ken started The Davee Foundation, with Ken as President, and Adeline on the board.

She worked at Davee, Koehnlein, & Keating Co. until the company was sold in 1969 to IMS. She remained on the board of The Davee Foundation until her death on April 19, 1987 in Honolulu, Hawaii.