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Title: Kenneth R. Petrucci papers
Collection No: MSS.233
Extent: 0.25 cubic feet
Inclusive Dates: 1970-1975

Abstract: This collection contains the papers of Kenneth R. Petrucci regarding his poetry writings, correspondence with publishers, book signings, and features in newspaper articles in Memphis, Tennessee, and Houston, Texas.

Access: Open to all researchers.
Language: English
Preferred Citation: Kenneth R. Petrucci papers, Special Collections Department, University Libraries, University of Memphis

Publication date: 2023 August
**Biographical Information**

Kenneth R. Petrucci, a psychotherapist and native of Providence, Rhode Island, earned an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts from the Community College of Rhode Island. In addition, he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a major in Oral Interpretation from the Speech and Drama Department at Memphis State University (now the University of Memphis), and a Master of Social Work from the University of Houston. *Soul's Eye*, a book of poetry by Petrucci, was published by Braden Press on 1975 January 1, and is currently out-of-print. The illustrations in *Soul’s Eye* were completed by Glenn Pacitto.

Petrucci hosted “The Creative Connection”, a self-development talk show for four years on KPFT 90.1 FM in Houston, Texas. His guests included leaders in human potential and self-improvement, along with stars such as Ray Charles, Carol Channing, Mickey Rooney, Joan Rivers, and author Richard Bach. Petrucci's interview with Ray Charles is registered in the United States Copyright Office in the Library of Congress.

Petrucci designed and taught classes at the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy involving psychological principles to new recruits. He was a psychotherapist for over ten years in the Providence School System in Rhode Island. He was a salesman in educational sales, and is the founder of the Kenneth Petrucci Seminars, which were presented for twenty years at corporations, organizations, and colleges such as Brown University, the University of Houston, and the Rhode Island Dental Association. In 2015, his book “What to Do When People Become Difficult: Even if the Difficult Person is You” was published by Wisdom Wagon.

**Scope and contents**

This collection contains the papers of Kenneth R. Petrucci, including a copy of his published poetry book, *Soul’s Eye*. There is correspondence with publishers, documents about a book signing at Memphis State University’s bookstore, and notes about Petrucci’s book display at Memphis State University’s Brister Library. In addition, there are clippings of Petrucci from newspaper articles published in Memphis, Tennessee; Chicago, Illinois; and Houston, Texas. There are also two images of Petrucci circa 1970s.

**Subject terms**

Petrucci, Kenneth R.

**Inventory**

Box 1
Folder
1 Photographs: Kenneth R. Petrucci, circa 1970s (2).
3 Correspondence (photocopies): response letters from publishers, 1970-1974 (13).
5 Pamphlet: “Around MPLIC This Month”, sponsored by the Friends of the Memphis & Shelby County Libraries, 1972 May, Memphis, Tenn. Includes notice of poetry reading by Petrucci, Main Library auditorium, 1972 May 5.

Newspaper clippings: