Collection Summary

Title
Ralph Preston collection

Date
2005-2015

Extent
2 boxes

Name and Location of Repository
Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)
Reference code: MGC 1063-RPC
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Name of Creator
Preston, Ralph

Biographical History
Ralph Preston began work on his genealogy and family history in the 1990s. His work started at the Genealogy branch of the Mid-Continent Public Library system; then located at the North Independence branch. The focus of his work is on his Preston ancestors and his wife’s, Joyce Crichton, ancestors. Preston discovered many connections between the two sets of ancestors during his research. This collection is a culmination of the many years of research and work that went into discovering these families’ history.

Scope and Content
This collection consists of genealogy and family history compiled by Ralph Preston. Major surnames found within this collection are Preston, Crichton, Wells, Bryant, and Smith. Other surnames can be found in the index of surnames in Series I. In addition there are many pieces of artwork consisting of coats of arms for various surnames.
Collection Inventory

System of Arrangement
These records are arranged in 3 series.

Series 1, Crichton and Preston Families Heraldry
  Item 1, Index of surnames
  Item 2, Volume I
  Item 3, Volume II

Series 2, Family Group Charts
  Folder 1, Preston Family
  Folder 2, Crichton Family
  Folder 3, Smith Family
  Folder 4, George Smith descendancy chart
  Folder 5, Rockwood family
  Folder 6, Minnis family

Series 3, Six Generation Pedigree Charts
  Item 1, Preston Family and related families
  Item 2, Crichton Family and related families
  Item 3, Wells Family and related families
  Item 4, Bryant Family
  Item 5, Smith Family

Rights and Access

Conditions Governing Access
The collection is open for research use by appointment.

Physical Access
Records within this collection are housed within archival boxes.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use
Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Languages and Scripts of the Material
Materials in the collection are entirely in English.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
This collection was donated by Ralph Preston.

Accruals
No further accruals are expected for this collection.

Existence and Location of Originals
Originals owned by the Midwest Genealogy Center.