Collection Summary

Title
Schuenemeyer Family collection

Date
1796 - 2002

Extent
2 archival boxes

Name and Location of Repository
Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence, MO

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Names of Creators
Denniston, Ivon
Denniston, Selma Schuenemeyer

Biographical History
Selma Schuenemeyer was born on May 3, 1924 in Syracuse, Nebraska. She married Ivon Denniston in St. Louis, Missouri in 1948. Selma was part of the extended Schuenemeyer family, who settled in the Woollam, Missouri area in Gasconade County. While she and Ivon eventually settled in Texas, Selma retained a keen interest in family and genealogy, regularly visiting her Missouri cousins and searching for abandoned cemeteries containing family resting places. She and Ivon took an interest in traveling, and their journeys are well documented. They had one daughter, Diane (known as Dee) in 1952. The chronology of the collection ends not long after Dee’s wedding in 1982, so it is likely Selma left this collection of family history to Dee when she began her own family.

Scope and Content
The collection consists of documents and photographs of the Schuenemeyer family and extended relations. It is organized into 2 series. Series 1 contains documents pertaining to various members of the extended Schuenemeyer family. Included are some photographs of particular family members. The series is further divided into the following subseries, arranged by date. Series 2 largely consists of photographs of the collection’s creators, Ivon and Selma Denniston. There are also photographs pertaining to various members of the extended Schuenemeyer family and their activities. The series is further divided into the following subseries, arranged by date and then alphabetically.
Collection Inventory

System of Arrangement
These records are arranged in 2 series:

Box 1

Series 1 – Documents (1796 – 2002)
Subseries 1 – Schuenemeyer/Wilkens branch (1796 - 1938)
  Folder 1 – Schuenemeyer, Christian and Marie (Grothaus) 1796
  Folder 2 – Schuenemeyer, Claus and Anna (Oterson) 1800
  Folder 3 – Wilkens, Henry and Gesine (Schuenemeyer) 1832
  Folder 4 – Schuenemeyer, Christian and Meta (Boettcher) 1845
  Folder 5 – Kruse, John and Margaretha (Rust) 1846
  Folder 6 – Schuenemeyer, Herman and Alana (Biehle) 1858
  Folder 7 – Lahmeyer, Dick and Catherine (Wilkens) 1859
  Folder 8 – Wilkens, Henry and Gesina (Biehle) 1869
  Folder 9 – Hanne, August and Marie (Wilkens) 1873
  Folder 10 – Thomann, Oscar and Hattie (Schuenemeyer) 1882
  Folder 11 – Kruse, Fred and Emma (Wilkens) 1883
  Folder 12 – Schuenemeyer, Louis and Clara (Carver) 1883
  Folder 13 – Schuenemeyer, Franklin and Lydia (Wilkens) 1883
  Folder 14 – Schalk, August and Ella (Hanne) 1900
  Folder 15 – Kreutzer, John and Pearl (Schuenemeyer) 1901
  Folder 16 – Kruse, Joy and Mabel (Wellman) 1911
  Folder 17 – Schuenemeyer, Lee and Dorothy (Hale) 1912
  Folder 18 – Von Behren, Clarence and Florence (Thomann) 1913
  Folder 19 – Schuenemeyer, Neal and Ruby (Hollick) 1914
  Folder 20 – Andrews, Leonard and Lucile (Schuenemeyer) 1914
  Folder 21 – Garner, E. F. and Muriel (Schuenemeyer) 1914
  Folder 22 – Denniston, Ivon and Selma (Schuenemeyer) 1915
  Folder 23 – Kruse, Virgil and Leila (Liesemeyer) 1916
  Folder 24 – Kruse, Ernest and Veona (Vollertson) 1920
  Folder 25 – Queckboerner, Jess and Dorothy (Schuenemeyer) 1921
  Folder 26 – Schuenemeyer, Norman and Wanda (Stafford)/Betty Ann (Gaskin) 1938

Subseries 2 – Unknown Connections (1813 – 1871)
  Folder 1 – “Seba” 1813
  Folder 2 – Boettcher, Wichmann and Margaretha (Unknown) 1828
  Folder 3 – Boettcher, George and Christine (Michels) 1860
  Folder 4 – Boettcher Herman and Caroline (Strehlman) 1867
  Folder 5 – Mellies, Edward and Lydia (Unknown) 1871

Subseries 3 – Wellensiek/Wilkens branch (1814 – 1889)
  Folder 1 – Wellensiek, Johann and Margaretha (Kramer)/Marie (Mueller) 1814
  Folder 2 – Wellensiek, Herman and Louise (Brandt) 1844
  Folder 3 – Wilkens, Herman and Maria (Wellensiek)/Frieda (Finke)/Mary (Frank) 1864
  Folder 4 – Schact, Edward and Ella (Wilkens) 1889
Subseries 4 – Boettcher/Schuenemeyer branch (1815 – 1908)
   Folder 1 – Boettcher, Casten and Gesche (Dreuchor) 1815
   Folder 2 – Boettcher, George and Anna (Renken) 1857
   Folder 3 – Schulte, Lee and Wilhelmina (Schuenemeyer) 1880
   Folder 4 – Boettcher, John and Sophia (Abel) 1885
   Folder 5 – Boettcher, William and Olinda (Finke) 1887
   Folder 6 – Liles, Charles and Ruth (Schulte) 1904
   Folder 7 – Garner, Claude and Esther (Schulte) 1908

Subseries 5 – Miscellaneous Documents (1878 – 2002)
   Folder 1 – Real Estate Documentation (1878 – 1934)
   Folder 2 – Woollam Methodist Church (1896)
   Folder 3 – Personal Correspondence (1905 – 2002)
   Folder 4 – Maps

Box 2

Series 2 – Photographs (1880s – 1986)
   Subseries 1 – Schuenemeyer and Extended Family (1880s – 1986)
      Folder 1 – Schuenemeyer 1880s – 1986
      Folder 2 – Family 1979 – 1982
      Folder 3 – Family 1983 – 1984
   Subseries 2 – Ivon and Selma Denniston and Family (1930s – 1985)
      Folder 1 – Denniston, Ivon and Selma 1930’s – 1945
      Folder 2 – Denniston, Ivon and Selma 1947
      Folder 3 – Denniston, Ivon and Selma 1948
      Folder 4 – Denniston, Ivon and Selma 1949 – 1955
      Folder 5 – Denniston, Ivon and Selma 1962 – 1966
      Folder 6 – Denniston, Ivon and Selma 1967 – 1975
      Folder 7 – Friends and Neighbors 1943 – 1981
      Folder 8 – Homes 1948 – 1976
      Folder 9 – Denniston, Diane 1952 – 1954
      Folder 10 – Denniston, Diane 1955
      Folder 11 – Denniston, Diane 1956 – 1959
      Folder 12 – Denniston, Diane 1960 – 1970
      Folder 13 – Denniston, Diane 1971 – 1982
      Folder 14 – Pets 1952 – 1983
      Folder 15 – Vehicles 1962 – 1983
      Folder 16 – Travel 1971 – 1981
      Folder 17 – Travel 1982
      Folder 18 – Travel 1983
      Folder 19 – Travel 1984
      Folder 20 – Travel 1985
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The collection is open for research use by appointment.

Physical Access
Records within this collection are housed in file folders.

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Languages and Scripts of the Material
Materials in the collection are mostly in English, with a few documents in German.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
This collection was donated by Catherine Zook.

Accruals
No further accruals are expected for this collection.

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

Notes
The following sources were consulted during the preparation of the biographical history:

- Information found within collection