Collection Summary

Title
Striffler Family Bible

Date
1699

Extent
1 box

Name and Location of Repository
Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)
Reference code: MGC 1024-SFB
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Name of Creator
Striffler Family

Biographical History
The Striffler family originated in Switzerland and migrated to Alsace sometime after the end of the Thirty Years War. The Striffler Bible was printed in Switzerland in 1699 and was brought to Alsace with the family.

Anton Striffler and his wife, Margaretha, settled in Kirrberg, Alsace after their wedding in the 1770s. They had several children who also settled around Kirrberg. One of these children, Joseph, married Ottillia Zimmerman in 1809. Anton passed the Bible to Joseph sometime after Joseph’s marriage. Joseph and Ottillia led a prosperous life in Kirrberg; however they decided to leave the area for America.

Joseph and Ottillia Striffler immigrated to the United States in 1830, bringing their family Bible with them. They and their six children settled in Lancaster, New York. They established a farm outside of the town which became successful. As Joseph and Ottillia’s children married, all but one left the Lancaster area. They moved to other states such as Colorado, Michigan, and Iowa. The Bible was passed down through the Christian Striffler family line.

Scope and Content
This collection consists of a family Bible and supplemental materials. The Bible was printed in German, contains notes written by the family, also in German, and dates from 1699. The supplemental materials include; history of Striffler Bible, photocopies of Striffler records, genealogy information, oral history, Striffler family history, and a descendant chart of William and Elizabeth Striffler. These supplemental materials are undated.
Collection Inventory

System of Arrangement
These records are arranged in 2 series.

Series 1, Striffler family Bible, 1699

Series 2, Supplement material, undated
  Item 1, History of Striffler Bible
  Item 2, Striffler family history
  Item 3, German birth records for Jacob and Christian Striffler (photocopies)
  Item 4, Genealogy information for American Strifflers
  Item 5, Descendant chart of William and Elizabeth Striffler
  Item 6, Oral History of Elsie Buehrly Anthes
  Item 7, Description of an Umlaut and its uses

Rights and Access

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

Physical Access
Materials are fragile and are housed in the Midwest Genealogy Center’s Rare Book room.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use
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Languages and Scripts of the Material
Most of the material in this collection is in German; with some Latin. The supplemental material is in English.

Finding Aids
Name index is available from the archivist.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
This collection was donated by Florence Joyce Willard.

Accruals
No further accruals are expected for this collection.

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