Collection Summary

Title
Midwest Genealogy Center Collection

Date
1927 - Current

Extent
8 archival boxes, 1 oversized tube

Name and Location of Repository
Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)

Reference code: MGC 1067-MGCC
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Name of Creator
Midwest Genealogy Center staff

Biographical History

The Midwest Genealogy Center (MGC) is one of the United States' preeminent resources for family history, providing access to almost three-quarters of a million on-site materials. MGC features 52,000 square feet of space that houses all of the free resources needed to research your family history.

MGC’s collections offer resources for genealogy research that span the United States and countries around the world. MGC also houses a uniquely expansive circulating collection and almost completely open stacks. You’ll find access to databases, scanning and digitization stations, oral history recording kits, microfilm reader scanners, and more.

MGC is part of the Mid-Continent Public Library (MCPL) system which has a long history of providing outstanding genealogy resources. In 1971, MCPL acquired a collection of Missouri county histories, and the "Missouri Room" was opened at the Independence Branch to accommodate patrons pursuing local historical information. By the mid-1970s, the North Independence Branch became the home of MCPL’s genealogy collection. This collection was moved to the lower level of the North Independence building in 1996 and became known as the Genealogy and Local History Branch. In June 2008, MGC opened at 3440 S. Lee’s Summit Road in Independence, Missouri.

MGC’s circulating collection is donation based and began with contributions from genealogy organizations such as American Family Records Association (AFRA), the Missouri State Genealogical Association (MoSGA), the Heart of America Genealogical Society (HAGS), and the Gann Historical Society & Library, Inc.
**Scope and Content**

This collection primary covers the history of the genealogy branch of Mid-Continent Public Library, which has been located in several buildings in Independence, Missouri over the years. Included in this collection are photographs of staff, events, customers, and buildings. Many of the photographs have been scrapbooked. Other items in the collection are representative of the work done at the library including programs, newsletters, sign-in sheets, and thank you cards.

**Collection Inventory**

**System of Arrangement**

These records are arranged in 4 series.

**Box 1**

Item 1, Scrapbook, 1988 to 2001  
Item 2, Scrapbook, undated pages circa 2002  
Item 3, Scrapbook, 2004 to 2006  
Item 4, Haiku, 2008

**Box 2**

Item 5, Scrapbook, 1927 to 2001  
Item 6, Scrapbook, Annette Curtis Retirement, 2001

**Box 3**

Item 7, Scrapbook, Midwest Genealogy Center, Ground Breaking, Construction, and Grand Opening, 2006 to 2008—Some loose scrapbook pages from Midwest Genealogy Center

**Box 4**

Item 8, Scrapbook, 2002-2007  
Item 9, Scrapbook, 2004-2011

**Box 5**

Series 2, History  
Folder 1, MGC information packets  
Folder 5, Microform Holdings Guides (2016/2017)  
Folder 6, Genealogy from the Heartland Catalogs  
Folder 7, Interlibrary Loan Sources Guide (1993)  
Folder 8, Roots of a Nation Docents Training Handbook  
Folder 9, Guest Sign-In Sheets from events

**Box 6**

Folder 10, Thank you cards  
Folder 11, Access Guide and Beyond the Books  
Folder 12, Genealogy branch suggestion box (1977-1984)  
Folder 13, Family History Contest for Students (2004)  
Folder 14, MGC Programs and Outreach  
Folder 16, Marketing flyers/brochures created for MGC
Folder 17, Volunteer dinner program and photos (2010)
Folder 18, Annual Workshop program (2009)
Folder 19, Annual Workshop program (2010)
Folder 20, Ancestry Day program (2013)
Folder 21, Wooden book marker for books kept in warehouse
Folder 22, MCPL History
Folder 25, Groundbreaking ceremony invitation for Community Hall, 2018
Folder 26, *Interlibrary Loan Sources*, 1998
Folder 28, Staff memories
Folder 29, Newspaper clippings
Folder 30, Misc.

**Box 7**

Series 3, Photographs
Folder 1, Negatives
Folder 2, MCPL-various branches
Folder 3, MCPL-North and South Independence
Folder 4, Genealogy at North Independence
Folder 5, Groundbreaking—New Genealogy Wing at North Independence
Folder 6, Janice Schultz’s Retirement Party
Folder 7, MGC Staff

**Box 8**

Series 4, Oversized
Item 1, Framed Photo of Senior Administrative Staff (2010) [oversized]
Item 2, 50th Anniversary Newspaper Advertising Supplement (2 copies) [oversized]
Item 3, MGC groundbreaking poster, 2007 [oversized]

Oversized Tube
Item 4, MCPL 50 year anniversary banner [Oversized Tube]

**Rights and Access**

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

**Physical Access**
Most records within this collection are housed in archival boxes and file folders

**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 created from items from the Midwest Genealogy Center and Mid-Continent Public Library.

Accruals
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: