

## 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 Ottilia Zimmerman in 1809. Anton passed the Bible to Joseph sometime after Joseph's marriage. Joseph and Ottilia led a prosperous life in Kirrberg; however they decided to leave the area for America.

Joseph and Ottilia 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 Ottilia'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

Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the Midwest Genealogy Center.

### 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.