

Martha Ruth Burgess Papers

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Martha Ruth Burgess

Dates: c.1900-2003

Identification: MGC1241

Extent: 4.3 linear feet (7 boxes)

Language: Materials in the collection are in English.

Repository: Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence, Missouri

Scope and Content

This collection contains the genealogical research of Martha Ruth Burgess, family and personal photographs, and scrapbooks. There are also materials from George Washington High School in Los Angeles, California, and from Limon High School in Limon, Colorado. There are also documents such as old passports, immunization records for travel, and correspondences from Martha Burgess's travels through Europe, Turkey, and Egypt in the 1950s and 1960s. The collection also includes photographs of Frank Sinatra playing softball as part of Sinatra's Swooners, a celebrity softball team in Hollywood, California.

Restrictions

Access: This collection is open for research.

Conditions governing reproduction and use: Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Administrative Information

Immediate source of acquisition: This collection was donated by Bob Stewart, 2022.

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Processing Information: This collection was processed by John Mason, 2025.

Container List

Series 1: Scrapbooks

File Name	Box(es)
Scrapbook 1	1
Scrapbook 2 (2 folders)	1
Scrapbook 3 (2 folders)	1
Scrapbook 4	1

Series 2: Family History Research

File Name	Box Number(s)
Albright Family	1
Bailey-Mitchell Families	1
Baskin Family	1
Burgess Family (7 folders)	1, 6
Chambers Family	1
Clapp Family	1
Crawford Family	1
Coles Family	1
Day Family	1
Dexter Family (4 folders)	1,2
Feland Family	2
Foust/Faust Family (5 folders)	2
General File	2
Graves Family	2
Hardwick Family	2
Holt Family	2
Howell Family	2
Jones Family (6 folders)	2
Lakin Family	2
Loy Family	2
Mansfield Family (4 folders)	2
Mitchell Family (2 folders)	2
Neighbors Family	2
Peden Family	5
Perkins Family	2
Preston Family	5
Reed Family	5
Rittenhouse Family (2 folders)	4
Search Family	4
Sharp Family	4

Smith Family (2 folders)	5
Tribble Family (3 folders)	5
Watkins Family	5
Williams Family	4
James K. Simmons	3
Peden, Pratt Families	3
Jones, Mansfield, and Mitchell Families (2 folders)	3
Baskin, Burgess, Chambers, Feland, and Jones Families	3
Barren County, KY Census	3
Miscellaneous Research (3 folders)	3, 4
Family Trees (oversize)	7

Series 3: Photographs

File Name	Box Number(s)
Photographs	6
Photo Album, 1955	6
Sinatra's Swooners, c,1940s	6

Series 4: Velma Jones Burgess

File Name	Box Number(s)
Velma Jones Education Documents	6
Velma R. Burgess Will and Death Certificate, 1989	6

Series 5: Martha Ruth Burgess

File Name	Box Number(s)
Baby Book, 1928	6
George Washington High School Class of 1947	6
Travel Documents	6
Correspondences, 1958, 1963	6