

## Collection Summary

### Title

Beal and Thomas Families Papers

### Date

1864-1993

### Extent

6 folders

### Name and Location of Repository

Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)

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### Names of Creators

Beal Family

Thomas Family

### Biographical History

Winfield Beal and his second wife, Permelia, left Virginia in March 1886, following Samuel Beal, Winfield's son from his first marriage, who had moved to Missouri in 1884. The Beals originally settled in Independence, Missouri before moving to Lee's Summit, Missouri. Winfield established a farm outside of Lee's Summit before he died August 28, 1888 at the age of 62. Winfield was buried in Lee's Summit. Permelia died April 13, 1910 and was also buried in Lee's Summit.

Samuel married Bodie Ellen Selvey on November 24, 1887 in Independence, Missouri. Samuel farmed on land in Jackson County and they continued to live in the area. Bodie died in June 4, 1929 and Samuel died 11 years later on April 1, 1940; both are buried in Blue Springs, Missouri.

James D. Thomas was born May 13, 1858 in Fluvanna County, Virginia. Gazelle Beal was born March 10, 1868 in Albemarle County, Virginia. James and Gazelle were married in 1886 in Virginia. Two years later in March 1888, they emigrated from Virginia to Lee's Summit, Missouri. The Thomas family were following Gazelle's father, Winfield Beal, who had emigrated with his family previously. Like Winfield Beal, James farmed rented land outside of Lee's Summit. James died October 15, 1935 and was buried in Lee's Summit. Gazelle died 20 years later on July 17, 1955 and was also buried in Lee's Summit.

### Scope and Content

This collection consists of family reunion documents for the Beal family and Beal/Thomas families. Included are: photographs; family newsletters; family reunion newsletter; family reunion programs; family reunion letter; family reunion project questionnaire; letter concerning questionnaire; Beal reunion mailing list; photographs; family record; newspaper articles; funeral program; miscellaneous Irwin/Lincoln family research; letter asking for family stories; Beal reunion guestbook; and Beal reunion minutes. Significant gaps for which no photographs or newsletters exist from 1864-1930 and 1936-1974.

## Collection Inventory

### System of Arrangement

These records are arranged in six series.

#### Series 1, Beal Family Newsletters and Reunion Ephemera, 1930-1993

- Item 1, Beal Family Newsletter, April 1993
- Item 2, Beal Family Newsletter, 1992
- Item 3, Beal Family Newsletter, June 30, 1991
- Item 4, Beal Reunion Newsletter, January 20, 1991
- Item 5, Beal Family Reunion program, May 27, 1990
- Item 6, Beal Family Reunion program, May 28, 1989
- Item 7, Beal Family Reunion program, May 24, 1987
- Item 8, Beal Family Reunion program, May 25, 1986
- Item 9, Beal Family Reunion program, May 26, 1985
- Item 10, Beal Family Reunion program, May 27, 1984
- Item 11, Beal Family Reunion program, May 25, 1980
- Item 12, Beal Family Reunion letter, July 8, 1930

#### Series 2, Beal Family Reunion Project, 1986-1987

- Item 1, Letter regarding questionnaire, March 25, 1987
- Item 2, Questionnaires from 57<sup>th</sup> Beal Reunion, May, 1987
- Item 3, Beal Reunion mailing list, possibly 1986 or 1987

#### Series 3, Photographs, 1864-1993

- Item 1, Emma Beal, 1864
- Item 2, Samuel Beal family, undated
- Item 3, Beal/Thomas family, March 8, 1936
- Item 4, Beal/Thomas family, March 8, 1936
- Item 5, Thomas/Templeton family, undated
- Item 6, Beal/Thomas family, undated
- Item 7, Beal/Thomas family, undated
- Item 8, Beal/Thomas family, undated
- Item 9, Leonard Beal with family, undated
- Item 10, Charley & Eliza Beal Brownfield family, undated
- Item 11, Jim Thomas and his sons, undated
- Item 12, James D. Thomas & Gazelle Beal Thomas family, 1930
- Item 13, Brownfield family, 1930
- Item 14, Inez Beal McCary and family, undated
- Item 15, Amanda Scott Beal & Robert Joseph Thomas, undated
- Item 16, Negatives from 1980 Beal Reunion, May 1980
- Item 17, Negatives from 1981 Beal Reunion, 1981
- Item 18, Unknown individual, undated
- Item 19, Waverly Thomas at 105 years old, undated
- Item 20, Mrs. Judith McCary Bass, undated
- Item 21, Photographs from 1993 Beal Reunion, 1993
- Item 22, Photocopy of photograph from 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion, 1990

## Series 4, Beal/Thomas Family History

Item 1, Family Record, Undated

Item 2, Newspaper articles regarding Waverly Thomas, 1989, 1993

Item 3, Program from Waverly Thomas' funeral, November 17, 1993

Item 4, Misc. Irwin/Lincoln family research, undated

Item 5, Letter asking for family stories, 1990

## Series 5, Beal Reunion Guest Book, 1977-1994

## Series 6, Beal Reunion Minutes, 1974-1990

## 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 file folders. Individual postcards and photographs are housed within plastic sleeves.

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### Languages and Scripts of the Material

Materials in the collection are entirely in English.

### Finding Aids

Name index is available from the archivist.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated to the Midwest Genealogy Center.

### 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:

Ancestry.com. "Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002." Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2007.

Ancestry.com. "Web: Missouri, Find A Grave Index, 1812-2011." Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012.