

Lois Allen Collection

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Lois Turner Allen

Dates: c. 1890s-2000

Identification: MGC1127

Extent: 2 linear feet (5 boxes)

Language: Materials in the collection are in English.

Repository: Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence, Missouri

Biographical Sketch or Administrative History

Lois Turner was born in Lafayette County, Missouri on March 19, 1913 to Roy Turner and Nell Strodman. She grew up in Independence, Missouri, where she married Frank S. Allen. Lois was a family historian and involved in many genealogical and historical societies.

Scope and Content

This collection contains historical and research materials collected by Lois Allen regarding her family history. This includes genealogical research and research correspondences related to the Turner, Allen, Boone, Shouse, Drake, Stovall, Miller, Farvis, and Braden families. The collection also contains photographic materials documenting various family members, some of whom are identified and many who are not. Many of those identified in these photographs relate to the Turner Family. There are also some more location-based photographs including some of locations in Independence, Missouri. There are also a number of materials related specifically to Phillip Turner – a musician and owner of the Turner Music Store in Independence – and his family. Other items in this collection also include a memoir written in 1945 by an unknown author, a scrapbook, letters, financial documents, a funeral book, and an autograph book.

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 Jason Barrett, 2016, and Susan Bowman, 2024.

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Container List

Series 1: Photographs

Box 1

f 1-4: Portrait Photographs [4 folders]

f 5-6: Photographs [2 folders]

Box 2

f 1-5: Photographs [5 folders]

Series 2: Shouse Family

f 6: Items related to the Shouse Family

Series 3: Turner Family

Box 2

f 8-9: Family Photographs

f 10: Financial Documents, 1891-1936

f 11: Phillip Turner Children

Box 3

f 1: Phillip Turner Children

f 2-3: Turner Family History [2 folders]

f 4-5: Evelyn "Eva" Turner [2 folders]

Series 4: Boone Family

f 6: Research Correspondence, 1974-1990

f 7: Newsletter, 1975

Series 5: Drake Family

f 8: Family Research, c. 1970s-1990s

f 9: Correspondence, 1980-2000

Series 6: Stovall Family

Box 4

f 1: Bartholomew to Thomas Stovall

f 2: Jesse Stovall

f 3: Land Transactions – Hatcher, Burton, Stovall

f 4: Stovall Lineage of Agnes Parker Banks

f 5: Genealogy Journals

f 6: Misc. Genealogy Research

Series 7: Allen Family

f 7: Items related to the Allen Family

f 8: Biographical Writing

Series 8: Miller Family

- f 9: Newsletter, 1987-1991
- f 10: Research Correspondence

Series 9: Farvis Family

- f 11: Family History
- f 12: Images

Series 10: Negatives

- f 13: Negatives

Series 11: Braden Family

Box 5

- f 1: Genealogy Research

Series 12: Other Items

- f 2: Misc Writing
- f 3: Cassette Tapes
- f 4: Janet Close Baby Scrapbook, 1918
- f 5: Band Photos
- f 6: Memoir by Unknown Author
- f 7: Newspaper Poetry Scrapbook
- f 8: Items Relating to Leta (Cook) Gillespie
- f 9: Misc. Independence (Mo.) Church Programs, 1926, 1946
- f 10: Liberty Street Church, 1924-1947