

Rufi Family Collection

Descriptive Summary

Creator: John Rufi, Joan Rufi Imes Craig, Jacob Rufi

Dates: c.1900-1993

Identification: MGC1264

Extent: 0.417 linear feet (1 boxes)

Language: Materials in the collection are in English and German.

Repository: Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence, Missouri

Biographical Note

Jacob Rufi was born in Switzerland in 1842 and immigrated to the United States as a child. In 1861, he enlisted to fight in the U.S. Civil War for the Union. He served with the Missouri State Home Guard, the Fifth Iowa Cavalry, and the Missouri State Militia. He passed away in 1918 in Neosho County, Kansas.

John Rufi was born in Neosho County, Kansas in 1892. He received degrees from the Kansas State Teachers College and Columbia University, and joined the faculty of the University of Missouri in 1928. John Rufi was a professor of education until his retirement in 1962.

Joan Rufi Craig was born in 1924 in Brooklyn, New York and lived most of her life in Missouri. She received both an English/Sociology and Journalism degree at the University of Missouri, and worked as a copywriter in the field of advertising. She passed away in Lee's Summit in 2016.

Scope and Content

This collection contains family history records for the Rufi family, including a brief autobiography of Civil War veteran Jacob Rufi, a scrapbooks with images dating from the 1900s to the 1960s, and correspondences. The collection also contains family history research and family trees for the Rufi and Wolf families. John Rufi, whose materials make up much of the collection, was a professor at the University of Missouri. The materials of Joan Rufi are included as well, including papers written as a student of journalism at the University of Missouri and a scrapbook documenting her wedding in 1955.

Restrictions

Access: This collection is open for research.

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Container List

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Series 1: Correspondence

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Series 2: Genealogy Information

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Series 5: Rufi Family

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f 9: John Rufi, 1951-1983

f 10: Joan Elizabeth Rufi, 1937-1993

f 10: Joan Rufi Brides' Book, 1955

f 11: Rufi Family Scrapbook, c.1900 – 1960s