



Joseph Huskey Papers (CG0075)

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Collection Title: Joseph Huskey Papers

Dates: 1940-2022

Creator: Dr. Joseph Huskey, 1949-2024

Abstract: The collection contains a mix of books, letters, reference sources, and newspaper clippings kept by Dr. Joe Huskey. Most of the collection includes Missouri rural schools. The newspaper clippings and a letter discuss World War Two and related topics. The rest of these clippings range in date from 1950 to 2022 and include local, state, national, and international information.

Collection Size: 0.8 cubic feet
(73 folders, 46 photographs, 16 negatives)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Dr. Joseph Huskey was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on October 8, 1949, to Freeda VanMatre Huskey and Thomas Herbert Huskey, Jr.

After graduating from Woodland High School in 1967, Joe received a BS in Education from SEMO University in 1971, a MA in Education in 1976 from SEMO, and a Ph. D in Curriculum from SIU at Carbondale in 1993. Joe attended Kage, a one room school near Cape Girardeau, for one and a half years. While serving in the Education Dept at SEMO, he received permission from Cape Public schools to take his classes to visit the old Kage School and show the books, desks, and other materials that were still in place.

Joe taught 17 years in the public schools of Missouri before joining the faculty and staff at Southeast Missouri State in 1990. He was the Coordinator of Advising for Education at Southeast University until his retirement in 2010, although he continued teaching part-time for SEMO until 2013. In addition to advising he taught courses dealing with the education of special-needs students.

He was a member and officer of the local 4-H club in Marble Hill during his high school years and belonged to FFA. He attended the 4-H camp near Lake Wappapello and later was a counselor at the camp during the summer months.

While in high school and college, he helped his father and other farmers in his community with hay hauling and other farming tasks. During the summers of 1968 and 1969 he was employed at the Blue Mountain Methodist Camp near Arcadia, Mo.

He was a long-time member of Harmony Church, having joined in 1960. He had been a member the longest of any active members at the time of his death. He liked to reminisce about being baptized near the Hog Creek Bridge when he was around 10 years old. He was a former board member of the church and taught Sunday School. He also was a teacher for the Calvary Hill Top camp during the 1970s and 80s. In addition, he was the president of the Bollinger County Library Board for 10 years and helped implement the use of technology at the library, working with then-librarian Velma Polen.

After retirement Joe delivered meals for the local Senior Nutrition Center in Marble Hill. He was a member of the Cape Chapter of the MO Retired Teachers Association, and a former member and officer of the SEMO Phi Delta Kappa Chapter; Joe also belonged to Kappa Delta Pi. He sang with the Bollinger County Community Choir for several years and participated in the Harmony Church Choir. He was the treasurer of the Lessley Ridge Cemetery for many years. Joe served as a supervising judge at each election held in Marble Hill after retirement from SEMO.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Personal papers
Schools

Scope and Content Note:

Personal Papers

This series contains materials related to personal items collected by Joe Huskey. These include letters and materials from his father, Thomas Huskey; newspaper clippings and records related to the 4H club; several obituaries of friends of his mother, Freeda Huskey, as well as several newspaper clippings related to her life; poetry and short writings; and photos of unidentified buildings. Also of interest to researchers are several World War II newspapers and clippings from both during and after the war. The items in this series are arranged chronologically by individual, then by publication; items range in date from 1944 to 2014.

Schools

This series houses materials related to rural schools within Southeast Missouri. There are several newspaper clippings related to the history and preservation of these schools. Institutions of interest include but are not limited to: Buchanan school, Hawn school, Hog Creek school, Kage school, St. Denis Catholic school, and Van Matre school. The items in this series are organized in alphabetical order by name of school, then chronologically by associated school publication. The items in this series range in date from 1935 to 2019.

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