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**Dates:** 1824-2020  
**Creator:** Fretwell, Shela S., collector  
**Collection Size:** 4.3 cubic feet, 1 card file, 1 CD, 2 computer discs, 2 oversize items, 1.03 MB of digital files

**Introduction**  
Correspondence, photographs, and other genealogical research material related to the Fretwell family of Lewis County, Missouri.

**Donor Information**  
The collection was donated to the University of Missouri by Shela S. Fretwell on July 5, 2001. Six additions were made to the collection by Shela S. Fretwell from 2012 to 2020. An addition was made by Mary Jameson on 11 December 2020.

**Historical Sketch**  
Leonard Fretwell arrived in Lewis County in 1834. His descendants included E.K. Fretwell, who began his teaching career in Canton, Missouri, and eventually became a professor at Columbia University in New York; E.K. Fretwell Jr., who was also an academic and served as the chancellor at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte; and Estil Fretwell, who served as a state legislator in Missouri in the 1980s.

**Box List**

**Box 1**  
Donald Baker  
E.K. Fretwell, Jr./Jim Fretwell  
E.K. Fretwell, Jr.  
Miscellaneous correspondence  
Charles Hinds  
Barbara Susman  
Nathalie Cooley  
Stan Fretwell  
Harvey family  
Bob Fretwell  
Terry and Estil Fretwell  
Miscellaneous correspondence  
Roberta O. Johnson  
Hazel Johnson  
Earl Fretwell  
Marion Fretwell  
Ruth Kent  
Henrietta Fiatte
Wagner family
Clover Fossum
Thrasher
Ford
Miscellaneous correspondence
Computer discs [Backed up on NAS, 2020—see Born Digital Files]
  Homestead Land Patents, 1824-1967
E.K. and Jim Fretwell in Missouri
James T. Fretwell
BLM records
Fretwell family genealogy

Box 2
Kay Morris
Christine Fretwell/Kurt H. Diesch
James H. Fretwell
David Harvey
Stanley Fretwell
Terry Fretwell
E.K. Fretwell
Mitch Ryder
Marion Fretwell (email)
Mark E. Fretwell
Howard J. Fretwell, Jr.
Illustrations
Fretwell family genealogy
“Descendents of Leonard Fretwell (1787-1836) of Lewis County, Missouri,” compiled by
  Shela S. Fretwell
Leonard’s death
Newspapers
Native American (2 folders)
Marion County—Palmyra
History of Missouri
Weather
Fretwells
Missouri State Genealogical Association Journal, Winter 1989
Military
Lewis County Historical Society
State Historical Society of Missouri
Missouri
Fretwells—Missouri
Land
Correspondence, 1970s-1980s
Cecil Fretwell
  Diary, 1989-1991
Box 3

Fretwell history and documents
Leonard Fretwell (1787-1836) and his descendants (4 folders)
Clarence Fretwell (4 folders)
“The Family Chart Book”
Leonard Fretwell and descendants
   Land records, Lewis County, MO
   Leonard’s sons, Honey War/Lewis County, MO
   Heirs, Land records, Lewis County, MO

Box 4

Leonard Fretwell and descendants
   James S. (1811-1887), Lewis County, MO
   Charles Franklin Hinds (1923- )
   Roby (1913-2003)
   Lawrence D. (1879-1951)
   Elbert K. Sr. (1878-1962)
   Clarence Leroy Fretwell (1880-1954)
   Clarence (1877-1962), Lewis County, MO
   Elbert K. Jr. (1923- )
   James H. (1928- )
   Vincel (1910- )
   Olen (1918-1992)
   Charles Cecil (1936- )
   Christine (1961- ) (2 folders)
   Lorraine (1965- )
   Robert (1940- )
   Rachel (1964- )
   Stephanie (1968- )
   Julia (1970- )
   Richard (1942- )
   Angela (1965- )
   Cynthia (1967- )
   Terry (1946- )
   Tara (1970- )
   Estil (1952- )
   Anita (1954- )

Photograph albums
   c. 1930-1965
   Hazel, Vincel, Gladys, Roby, and Olen Fretwell (2 folders)
Box 5 (gray—partially full)
Photograph albums
   Hazel, Vincel, Gladys, Roby, and Olen Fretwell
   Adeline, Robert, and Richard Fretwell (3 folders)
Missouri reunion

Card file 1
Research notes

Born Digital Files (Location: NAS)
Photographs
   Gladys Fretwell Watson family
      Clarence Russell Watson and Mary Viola Watson Jameson, June 2017
      Paul Vernon Watson and Gladys Marie Fretwell Watson, c. 1995

AUDIOVISUAL MATERIAL (Location: Unprocessed A/V)
CD 1     E.K. Fretwell interview

OVERSIZE MATERIAL
LOCATION: UO-13:
   Item #1     Color photograph of Roby Ellery Fretwell (1913-2003), n.d.

LOCATION: UO-14:
   Item #2     Photograph, Shela and Cecil Fretwell family, 2003