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**Introduction**  
Collection of family research files and obituaries of a professional genealogist from Marceline, Missouri, largely concerns Chariton, Linn, and surrounding counties.

**Donor Information**  
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