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MARY JOHNSON BLAND PAPERS

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Introduction
Approximately 3 cubic feet.

The collection contains photocopies of *Bits and Pieces from the Mary Johnson Bland Files on The Cox, Harris, and Johnson Families of St. Clair County, Missouri, 1700-1925.* Also included are research on the Bland family and a journal kept by Mary Johnson Bland while traveling in England and France with the Red Cross in 1944. Additional materials include Bland's work with the Red Cross as well as other organizations.

Mary Johnson Bland was born in 1892 in Kansas City, Missouri, to William T. and Agnes Harris Johnson. In the fall of 1917, she married William J. Bland. In 1918, William Bland, a major in the American military during World War I, was reported missing-in-action while serving in France. At the conclusion of the war, Bland searched for and eventually located her husband's body, after which she assisted other persons not able to travel to Europe in locating relatives missing-in-action during the war.

Bland was an avid supporter of the Red Cross and taught safety courses and oversaw the preparations of surgical dressings during World War II. In addition, during World War II, Bland traveled to Europe at her own expense in order to direct the operations of the American Red Cross Service Clubs in England and France. Expressing a lifelong interest in historical and genealogical matters, Bland was very active in several ancestral-related organizations. Mary Johnson Bland died on June 7, 1977, in Kansas City, Missouri.

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Box List

Box 1-3
Bits and Pieces from the Mary Johnson Bland Files on The Cox, Harris, and Johnson

Families of St. Clair County, Missouri, 1700-1925, with index (3 folders)
Journal, England and France, 1944
On the Blind Side, with index (3 folders)
Correspondence, 1821-1873 (2 folders)
Notebooks, genealogy
Correspondence, notes, Mary J. Bland, 1931-1962
Transcript of diary kept by Margaret Cox Harris on return trip from Texas, 1865
"In Memoriam, Mrs. Margaret Ann Harris," 1833-1914
"Some Osceola History," undated
Correspondence, 1938
Announcements, William T. Johnson confirmation as a Knight of St. Gregory, 1924
Clipping and obituary concerning Robert Waldo Johnson, undated; Speech, "An Independent Judiciary: Guardian of Freedom," sent to R.W. Johnson from Judge Roscoe P. Conkling, 1953
Clippings, chiefly about Agnes (Harris) Johnson, 1800s
Obituary, William T. Johnson,
Deeds, Johnson/Harris/Cox/Waldo Families, 1842-1918 (3 folders)
American Red Cross
First Aid manuals, 1937, 1940
Correspondence, manuals, course materials, Accident Prevention, 1942-1943
Knitting instructions, volunteer timecards, 1939-1942
Knitting instructions for French, Canadian, British items, 1939-1942
Volunteer rosters, notes, clippings, memos, War Relief Production Program, 1941
Patterns for uniform details, undated
Correspondence, printed material, financial information, fundraising campaign, 1951
Reports and statistics, fundraising campaign, 1951
Ward lists, Special Gifts Committee, fundraising campaign, 1951
Clippings, fundraising campaign, 1951
Correspondence, Activities Committee roster, printed material, 1958-1961
Ancestral Organizations
United States Daughters of 1812,
James Kearney Chapter, Historian's Handbook, 1934-1935
United States Daughters of 1812, yearbooks, newsletters, constitution and bylaws, application materials, correspondence, clippings, notes, 1931-1948
Daughters of the American Revolution, Kansas City Chapter, yearbooks, invitation to membership, 1940-1962
Dames of the Court of Honor, yearbooks, invitations, programs, correspondence, membership cards, application materials, 1957-1964
United Daughters of the Confederacy, application materials, 1939
Colonial Dames, Kansas City Chapter, yearbooks, rules for membership, 1940-1960
Colonial Dames, national directories, eligibility lists, correspondence, council programs, printed material, 1928-1954
Colonial Dames, speeches about the United Nations, by Mary Johnson Bland,

1953
First Families of Virginia, correspondence, genealogical notes, invitation to membership, 1961-1962
The Plantagenet Society, genealogical notes, application materials, invitation to membership, undated
Other Organizations
American Legion, William J. Bland Post No. 50, rosters, printed materials, handwritten remarks by Mary J. Bland, 1947-1956
89th Division Society, national directory, 1951
Society of American Archivists, invitation to membership, program of 20th annual meeting, 1960
Alumni Association of Trinity College, national directory, 1937
Class of 1914 roster, 1948
Sample constitution for a Kansas City regional chapter, undated
College Club of Kansas City, rosters, 1954-1961
University Club, yearbook, 1954
Native Sons, correspondence, yearbooks, 1938-1953
American Pioneer Trails Association, roster, 1948
Around the World Club, rosters, membership card, newsletters, clipping, 1959-1964
Blotters, 1951-1954
Missouri History
Notes
Tourism publications, 1940s-1950s (2 folders)
Missouri Airport Directory, 1951-1952
"Missouri, Heart of the Nation," 1950s
Missouri Conservationist, 1951
State parks publications
Wildlife Code, 1951
Executive Mansion publication
Brochures
Independence, Missouri, Santa-Cali-Gon program, 1947, "Historic Independence," "Independence, Queen City of the Trails," 1947
EBT 74th Anniversary program, 1937
Maps, Missouri and Kansas, 1940s-1950s
Civil War History
Notes (2 folders)
Publications, "Dixie Dates" chronology, 1912, "The Returned Battle Flags" (Confederate), 1905
"Autographs of Prominent Men of the Southern Confederacy and Historical Documents," published by the Passenger Department of Southern Pacific Railroad, undated
"The Battle of Westport" by Rev. Paul B. Jenkins, 1923
Calendars, 1961-1962
Morley and Bland
Income taxes, 1957-1959

Deeds, 1944, CPA bill, 1958
Ledger, 1955-1958
Liberty National Bank and Trust Co., reports, 1952-1953

Photographs
Moore Family
Agnes Harris Johnson
Johnson Family
William T. Johnson and Family, stereoscopes (2 folders)
Mary Johnson Bland
Mary, Robert, and Margaret Johnson (2 folders)
Margaret Ann Cox Harris
Harris and Johnson Houses, Osceola, Missouri
Ware and Johnson Houses, Virginia and West Virginia
Harris/Cox/McClanahan Families
Waldo/Moore Families, unidentified
Arkansas, family cemeteries, houses, Elkhorn Tavern
Bland Family
"Friends," Lillis, Harvey, Keyes
Lt. C.P. Conrad, 1917

Remainder of box contains Eastern historical publications and a wood card file containing notecards on the Civil War

Oversize

Deed, 1880
Land grants, 1843-1884
Photograph, confirmation of William T. Johnson as Knight of St. Gregory, 1924
Sheet music, "My Missouri," 1921