



Amy Bradfield Sefrit Letters (K0876)

Collection Number: K0876

Collection Title: Amy Bradfield Sefrit Letters

Dates: 1976-1993

Creator: Sefrit, Amy Bradfield

Abstract: Sefrit's letters document the life of a rural Missouri farm family in Atchison County, MO during the late twentieth century.

Collection Size: 0.3 cubic feet
(18 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Amy Sefrit was born on April 22, 1948, to Wayne and Phyllis (Graves) Bradfield of Fairfax, Missouri. After graduating from Fairfax High School, Amy attended Northwest Missouri State

College in Maryville, Missouri, graduating with a Secondary Education Degree. Robert G. (Bob) Sefrit and Amy were married in 1971. Bob graduated from Mt. Ayr High School in Mt. Ayr, Iowa, and also from Northwest Missouri State College. Bob's father, Robert Harold Sefrit, had passed away in 1962. His mother, Kathleen (Garrett) Sefrit was living in Delphos, Iowa. In 1973 Bob and Amy moved to a farm south of Fairfax, Missouri.

The Sefrits raised cattle, hogs, oats, alfalfa, corn and soybeans. Their daughter, Rachel, was born in 1976 and their son, Robert, in 1980. Amy wanted to keep her mother-in-law informed about all the happenings on the farm and the activities of the Missouri grandchildren by writing a weekly letter. In 1988, the Sefrit family moved to Amy's parents' farm east of Fairfax. Rachel and Robert were the fifth generation to live on this farm. Mentioned often in the letters are Amy's sister, Alice (Kemerling), and Bob's sisters Barbara (Shields) and Nancy (Brauch). Rachel would later marry Sean Betz of Greeley, Colorado, and Robert would marry Carly Stratton of Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note:

Amy Sefrit writes about the daily life of her family, her husband's work and the activities and development of her children. She also references her work as a substitute teacher in the local schools, condition of the crops, weather, and news of other family members.

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