

**PRELIMINARY INVENTORY
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KALIKOW FAMILY COLLECTION
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Dates: 1800s-2017
Creator: Kalikow Family
Collection Size: 6 cubic feet

Introduction

Papers of the Kalikow family of Greater Kansas City, Missouri, include correspondence, photos, scrapbooks, and genealogical records. Some of the diaries and photos from Nancy Kalikow Maxwell were created when she lived in Broward County, Florida and Middlesex County, Massachusetts from 1979-2019.

Betty Lee (Pucker) Kalikow, 1926-2021, owned Kalikow Catering Co., and was the author of two Jewish cookbooks, *Mom's Best Recipes: 151 Jewish-American Dishes* and *Grandma's Kosher Recipes*. She was involved in the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City's Heritage Center (running a lunch program) and the Kansas City Chapter of B'nai Brith Women's Organization (including as president). In the 1940s she worked for Metro-Goldwyn Mayer.

Nancy Kalikow Maxwell, 1952-, worked as a reference librarian at the Kansas City Public Library and then the Grandview Branch Head at the Mid-Continent Public Library. She was also a writer for Jewish media, including six books and funny cards for Hallmark's Tree of Life Jewish card line. Her work appeared in *Forward*, *Lilith*, the Israeli *Haaretz* newspaper, *Hadassah*, *National Catholic Reporter*, and *American Libraries*, among others.

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Donor Information

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Nancy Kalikow Maxwell on Jan.19, 2026 (Accession No. KA2705).

Note

The binding on the scrapbook in Box 5 was removed for preservation purposes.

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Box List

Box 1

Al Kalikow Photos, 1943-1997
Al Kalikow Papers, 1943-1997
Amanda Maxwell Photos, 1988-2017 (2 folders)
Barbara Kalikow-Schwartz Family Photos, 1955-2007
Barbara Kalikow-Schwartz Family Papers, 1955-2007
Betty Kalikow Ancestors, 1800-
Betty Kalikow Catering Co. Photos, 1966-1999
Betty Kalikow Catering Co. Papers, 1966-1999
Betty Kalikow B'nai British President Photos, 1965-1966
Betty Kalikow Photos, 1926-
Harvey Kalikow Photos, 1949-
Idealla Stolov and Sam Pucker Photos
Kalikow Family Group Photos
Kansas City Photos, 1920s-1940s
Leroy Pucker Family Photos
Friends of the Kalikow Family
Nancy Kalikow Photos, 1952-
Nancy Kalikow Photos with Obama and State and Federal Legislators, 1984-2009
Nancy Kalikow Photos with Obama and State and Federal Legislators, 1984-2009; CD of Photos
Nancy Kalikow Photos with Obama and State and Federal Legislators, 1984-2009;
Photos Nancy Kalikow Maxwell with U.S. President Barack Obama, Congresspeople, and Mass. Governor
Parties, Holidays (Jewish and Secular) Photos
Parties, Holidays (Jewish and Secular) Papers
Stolov Family Photos, 1942-
Kalikow Family Trips, Vacations, Cruises
Weddings, Bar Mitzvahs, Namings, etc.
Nancy Kalikow and Rod Maxwell Letters, 1978
Amanda Maxwell Letters from Camp Shalom, 1999-2004
Cards and Letters from Betty Kalikow, 1996-2008
Cards and Letters from Friends of Nancy Kalikow, 1997-2007
Betty Pucker Photo Album, 1943

Box 2

Photo Album, 1944-
Bettye and Al Kalikow Photo Album, 1946-1948
To my sweet love Barbara – Mommy, 1960-1961
Nancy Kalikow and Robert Wise Wedding Scrapbook, Dec. 1973
Wedding Anniversary Album for Sam and Idella Pucker, Mar. 1974
Betty Pucker and Al Kalikow Wedding Scrapbook, May 1946

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Photo Album, 1930-1956
Jack Stolov Memorial Book, 1953
Grandchildren of Idella and Sam Pucker Photo Album, 1962-
Photo Album, 1950-
Photo Album, 1940-1942
Al's Grandchildren, 1992
Betty Kalikow's Travel Abroad Book, Feb. 1970
Kalikow Family Trip Photos, 1955

Box 3 (oversize)

Same and Idella Pucher Scrapbook, 1924-1956
Cards Scrapbook, 1938-1943
Betty and Al Kalikow Wedding Album, 1946
Photo Album of Betty Kalikow's Grandchildren, Nieces, and Nephews

Box 4 (oversize, partially full)

Kalikow Family Photo Album
Nancy Kalikow Library Career Papers, Letters, Photos, 1972-1980

Box 5 (oversize)

Betty and Al Kalikow Letters, 1945-1950

Box 6 (oversize, partially full)

Betty and Al Kalikow Letters, 1945-1950