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Historical Note:

Arthur Paul Moser was born on September 26, 1901, to John and Pearl Moser in Jefferson, Iowa. His family moved to Springfield, Missouri, where he attended Springfield High School. Arthur served in World War II and later worked as a printer. After he retired, Arthur began researching the origins of Missouri towns. His research consisted of more than 60,000 place names throughout the state. Before his death, he compiled his research and published *Directory of Towns, Villages and Hamlets Past and Present of Missouri*. Arthur Paul Moser died on May 4, 1987, and was buried at Springfield National Cemetery.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 1 series:

Missouri Place Names Research

Scope and Content Note:

This series contains complied research related to all 114 counties in Missouri and was created for Moser's publication *Directory of Towns, Villages and Hamlets Past and Present of Missouri*. The folders include drafts from Moser's *Directory*, as well as related correspondence, maps, newspaper articles, and photocopied reference material. This series is arranged by county and the materials have been left in original order.

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