



Fleta Ryder Papers (SP0145)

Collection Number: SP0145

Collection Title: Fleta Ryder Papers

Dates: 1789-1988

Creator: Ryder, Fleta Isabella Harrell, 1903-1983

Abstract: The Fleta Ryder Papers contain genealogical research created and compiled by Fleta Isabella Harrell Ryder, including surname files, correspondence, family histories and charts, and manuscripts. The materials date from 1789 to 1988 and include the Ryder, Cadle, Caldwell, Caudill, Harrell, Holland, Merrill, Lea, Mauldin, and Trammell families of the Missouri Ozarks.

Collection Size: 1.3 cubic feet
(66 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research but may be stored offsite. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at springfield@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

Restrictions on Use: Materials in this collection may be protected by copyrights and other rights. See [Rights & Reproductions](#) on the Society's website for more information and about reproductions and permission to publish.

Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Fleta Ryder Papers* (SP0145); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Springfield].

Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by the Ozarks Genealogical Society on October 2, 2024 (Accession No. SPA0143).

Custodial History: The collection was originally donated to the Ozarks Genealogical Society in Springfield, Missouri, in 1988. After the organization closed in 2024, all manuscript collections were transferred to the State Historical Society of Missouri-Springfield Research Center.

Processed by: Processed by Elayna Eastin, September 3, 2026

Historical Note:

Fleta Isabella Harrell Ryder was born August 21, 1903, in Jackson County, Missouri to William Price and Sarah Ann Lea Harrell. She married Reverend George Emmett Loudon Ryder, born 1904, in Jackson County, Missouri on August 3, 1958. Fleta was a member of the 20th Century Club, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and president of the Methodist Working Women's Society of the Wesley Service Guild. She passed October 6, 1983, and is buried in Marionville IOOF Cemetery in Lawrence County, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into 1 series and 7 subseries:

Genealogical Research

Cadle
Cardwell
Harrell
Holland
Lee
Mauldin
Trammell

Scope and Content Note:

The Fleta Ryder Papers contain genealogical research created and compiled by Fleta Harrell Ryder, including surname files, correspondence, family histories and charts, and manuscripts. The materials date from 1789 to 1988 and include the Ryder, Cadle, Caldwell, Caudill, Harrell, Holland, Merrill, Lea, Mauldin, and Trammell families of the Missouri Ozarks. While some folders contain original documents, the majority of the collection contains photocopies. Folders 1 and 2 contain general newspaper clippings, photographs, and family documents that are not associated with one specific family. The collection has been arranged into 7 subseries that are organized by family name. The materials have been left in original order.

Container List:

Genealogical Research

Box 001	f. 1	Newspaper clippings, 1907-1983
	f. 2	Photographs and family documents, 1840-1973
	f. 3-6	Cadle family

- f. 3 Correspondence, 1974-1982
- f. 4 Military records, 1832, no date
- f. 5 Tennessee, no date
- f. 6 Land and Marriage records (photocopies), 1834-1855, 1977
- f. 7-17 Cardwell family
 - f. 7-8 Undated genealogical materials, no date
 - f. 9 Historical materials (photocopies), 1799-1871
 - f. 10 Military records, 1974, no date
 - f. 11 Coat of Arms, no date
 - f. 12 Printed sources, no date
 - f. 13-16 Correspondence, 1974-1979
 - f. 17 Pendergraft Manuscript, 1973
- f. 18 Caudill family, no date
- f. 19-33 Harrell family
 - f. 19 Family papers, 1855-1976
 - f. 20-21 Undated genealogical materials, no date
 - f. 22 Military records, 1961, no date
 - f. 23 Census (photocopies), 1830
 - f. 24 Harrell, John, no date
 - f. 25 Misc., 1970-1977
 - f. 26 Printed sources, no date
 - f. 27 Ramsey family correspondence, 1973-1977
 - f. 28 Paschal family notes, no date
 - f. 29 DAR correspondence, 1974
 - f. 30 Cherokee Nation correspondence, 1975-1976
 - f. 31-33 Correspondence, 1973-1982
- f. 34-36 Holland family
 - f. 34 Merrill family, no date
 - f. 35 Merrill family correspondence, 1974-1979
 - f. 36 Merrill family, census and land records, 1852-1872
- f. 37-52 Lea family
 - f. 37 Historical materials, 1789-1893 (photocopies), 1976-1988
 - f. 38 "The Lea Family of Tennessee and Newton County, Missouri," Fleta Ryder, 1976-1982
 - f. 39 "How I'm Kin to Whom: Lea Family," Martha Lea Hayes Gardner, 1979
 - f. 40 "The Lea Family: Researched and Compiled," Frances Lea Harris, 1978
 - f. 41 English records, 1978, no date
 - f. 42 Published materials, 1926-1978
 - f. 43 Missouri, 1850-1888 (photocopies), 1952-1973
 - f. 44 Misc. notes, no date
 - f. 45 Lineage charts, no date
 - f. 46 North Carolina and Virginia, 1971-1974, no date
 - f. 47 Tennessee, 1820-1897 (photocopies), 1973-1979
 - f. 48 Correspondence, surnames A-G, 1973-1982

	f. 49	Correspondence, 1971-1979
	f. 50	Correspondence, surnames H-O, 1973-1982
	f. 51	Correspondence, surnames P-Z, 1973-1982
	f. 52	Misc. correspondence, 1971-1979
Box 002	f. 53-54	Mauldin family
	f. 53	Correspondence, 1977-1979
	f. 54	Printed materials, no date
	f. 55-66	Trammell family
	f. 55	Undated materials, no date
	f. 56	Manuscript, 1980
	f. 57	Manuscript (duplicate), 1980
	f. 58	"Trammell family of Virginia," Katherine Gottschalk, 1948
	f. 59	Correspondence, surnames A-L, 1969-1982
	f. 60	Correspondence, surnames M-P, 1974-1982
	f. 61	Correspondence, surnames R-Z, 1974-1983
	f. 62	Correspondence, 1974-1980
	f. 63	Military records, no date
	f. 64	Misc., 1974-1975, no date
	f. 65	Virginia Historical Society Bulletin, 1973
	f. 66	Trammell, Barbara (photocopies), no date

Index:

Index Terms	Folder
Alleger family	2
Aurora (Mo.)	6
Barry County (Mo.)	6
Bible records	9
Cadle family	3-6
Cadle, Zachariah, 1797-1855	3-4
Cardwell family	7-17
Cardwell, Richard Wilson, 1785-1872	7-10
Caudill family	18
Cedar County (Mo.)	2
Census data	23, 36, 47
Cherokee Nation	30
Cooper County (Mo.)	2
Correspondence	3, 13-16, 27, 30-33, 35, 47-53, 59-62, 64
Daughters of the American Revolution--membership	10, 22, 29, 34-37, 42, 44, 52, 64
Death certificates	19

Index Terms	Folder
Deeds	2, 36-37
Genealogy	1-66
Genealogy--Charts, diagrams, etc.	7, 20, 45, 64
Harrell family	2, 19-33
Harrell, Eli	20
Harrell, Enoch	22
Harrell, Jeremiah, 1756-1834	26
Harrell, Paschal G., 1834-1868	19
Harrell, Rev. John, 1806-1876	22, 24
Harrell, Robert	29, 31-32
Harrell, Sarah Ann Lea, 1877-1970	37, 44
Harrell, Wiley B.	30-31
Harrell, William Sterling Price, 1863-1925	19, 26, 30, 32, 37
Holland family	34-36
Holland, Sallathiel, 1822-1870	34, 36
Howard County (Mo.)	13, 55
Jefferson City (Mo.)	32
Joplin (Mo.)	48
Kansas City (Mo.)	2
Land grants	37
Lea family	1-2, 34, 37-52
Lea, Elizabeth Cadle, 1797-1860	3
Lea, Homer, 1876-1912	44
Lea, Major, 1742-1832	37, 44, 47
Lea, Samuel	37
Lea, William	43
Lea, William Franklin, -1882	2, 37, 43
Legal documents	9
Loyd, Peggy	9
Manuscripts	17, 38-40, 42, 54, 56-58
Maps	43, 47
Marriage records	6, 9, 19
Mauldin family	53-54
Merrill family	34-36
Merrill, Mary, 1816-	34
Military records	4, 10, 22, 63

Index Terms	Folder
Missionaries--Indian Territory--Biography	24
Neosho (Mo.)	33, 48, 51
Newton County (Mo.)	2-3, 20, 26, 34, 36-38, 43
Ozark (Mo.)	51
Paschal family	24, 28
Paschal, George Washington, 1812-1878	28
Paschal, Sarah D.	30
Pendergraft, Allen	14
Pettis County (Mo.)	55
Photographs	2
Plumee, Robert	15
Polk County (Mo.)	21
Ramsey family	27
Ryder, Fleta Isabella Harrell, 1903-1983	1-66
Ryder, George F.	1
Schuyler County (Mo.)	55
Shoal Creek (Mo.)	2
Spencer family	2
Springfield (Mo.)	39, 48
Trammell family	55-66
Trammell, Fields, 1797-1829	55
Trammell, John Joshua, 1804-	55
United Daughters of the Confederacy	29
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865	22, 32, 37, 63
United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783	3-4, 10, 22, 37, 63
United States--History--War of 1812	22, 37
Vanhorn family	2
Wills	9, 37, 47