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Abstract: The Elsie L. Doke Papers contain genealogical research created and compiled by Elsie L. Woods Doke, including surname files, correspondence, family histories and charts, and newspapers. The materials date from 1770 to 1988 and relate to families throughout the Ozarks of both Elsie's lineage and the lineage of her husband, Galen Doke.

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Historical Note:

Elsie Louise Woods was born October 28, 1925, in Springfield, Missouri to Allie Raymond and Vivian L. Byrne Woods. She married Galen Clay Doke in 1942 and at least two sons were born of the union, Terry and Kelly Doke. Elsie worked as a department store clerk at Dillards for several years before she passed May 8, 1988, preceded by her husband who passed in 1978. She is buried in Hickory Grove Cemetery in Polk County, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 2 series:

Elsie Woods Doke Lineage
Galen Doke Lineage

Scope and Content Note:

Elsie Woods Doke Lineage

This series contains genealogical research created and compiled by Elsie L. Woods Doke, including surname files, correspondence, family histories and charts, and newspapers. The series focuses on Elsie's lineage, encompassing multiple family lines such as the Cave, Kelley, Rawlings, and Wood families. While some folders contain original documents, the majority of the collection contains photocopies. This series has been arranged by surname and left in original order.

Galen Doke Lineage

This series consists of genealogical research created and compiled by Elsie L. Woods Doke, including surname files, correspondence, family histories and charts, and newspapers. The series focuses on the lineage of Elsie's husband, Galen Doke, and includes multiple lines such as the Brown, Doke, Gott, Randles, and Wollard families. While some folders contain original documents, the majority of the collection contains photocopies. This series has been arranged by surname and left in original order.

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