



William K. Hall Papers (SP0148)

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Abstract: The William K. Hall Papers contain genealogical research created and compiled by Dr. William Kearney Hall including surname files, correspondence, family histories and charts, and newspaper articles. The materials are dated from 1865 to 1988 and relate to families throughout the Ozarks.

Collection Size: 0.9 cubic foot
(52 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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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 1989. After the organization closed in 2024, all manuscript collections were transferred to the State Historical Society of Missouri-Springfield Research Center.

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Historical Note:

Dr. William Kearney Hall was born in Springfield, Missouri, on October 9, 1918, to Edward Hall and Mary Kearney. He attended Springfield schools and later earned a bachelor's degree from Yale University. After graduating from Harvard University in 1942 with his Doctor of Medicine degree, Dr. Hall enlisted in the United States Navy. In 1962, he retired from the Navy as a Captain of the Medical Corps and moved to St. Charles, Missouri, where he started his private practice as a dermatologist. Dr. Hall was an avid genealogist and local historian. In addition to his own genealogy research, he also compiled an index of obituaries from Springfield newspapers dating from 1865 to 2008. He also authored several books related to Springfield's local history and Ozarks genealogy. Dr. Hall died on March 2, 2011, and is buried in Hazelwood Cemetery in Springfield.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into 52 folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The William K. Hall Papers contain genealogical research created and compiled by Dr. William Kearney Hall including surname files, correspondence, family histories and charts, and newspaper articles. The materials are dated from 1865 to 1988 and are related to families throughout the Ozarks. While some folders contain original documents, the majority of the collection contains photocopies. The collection has been organized by surname and left in original order. Folders containing surnames that begin with the same letter, but are not large enough to warrant their own folder, have been compiled into the same folder.

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