



Vera Wood Papers (SP0159)

Collection Number: SP0159

Collection Title: Vera Wood Papers

Dates: 1953-2003

Creator: Wood, Vera Luella Fouch, 1913-2003

Abstract: The Vera Wood Papers contain genealogical research created and compiled by Vera Luella Fouch Wood, including surname files, correspondence, family histories and charts, and manuscripts. The materials are dated from 1953 to 2003 and include the Avis, Brasington, Decker, Fouch, Holt, Schemerhorn, Specht, and Winchester families.

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic foot
(10 folders, 2 photographs)

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 2004. 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:

Vera Luella Fouch Wood was born June 23, 1913, in Jackson County, Missouri, to John Frank and Xenie Luella Holt Fouch. Throughout the 1940s and 1950s, Vera owned the Kansas City Slide Company, making and producing glass slides for advertisements in theatres. She married William L. "Bill" Wood on March 12, 1960, and they later moved to Strafford, Missouri in 1972. Both Vera and Bill were active in genealogical work, serving as members of both the Ozarks Genealogical Society and the Missouri State Genealogical Society, and published a book on the Wood family lineage. Vera was also involved in many other social organizations, such as the Daughters of the American Revolution, Women of Motion Pictures Industry, and the Sons of the American Revolution. Vera Luella Fouch Wood passed on August 11, 2003, and is buried in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into 10 folders.

Scope and Content Note:

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Container List:

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