



Duane G. O'Neal Papers (SP0161)

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Abstract: The Duane G. O'Neal Papers contain genealogical research created and compiled by Duane George O'Neal, including surname files, correspondence, family histories and charts, and newspapers. The materials are dated from 1777 to 2011 and include the Butler and O'Neal families of Christian and Greene County, Missouri.

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Historical Note:

Duane George O'Neal was born March 27, 1929, in Kinsley, Kansas to George Leonard and Nadie Alice Butler-O'Neal. He attended schools in both Kansas and Missouri before enlisting in the United States Army in 1948. During his service, Duane reached the rank of Master Sergeant and received various medals of valor for his service. He met his wife Joyce Yonker, who was also a military service member, while they were stationed in Japan, and they were married in Yokohama on August 17, 1951. The couple had four children which include Dannie Duane O'Neal, Pattie Shayne Ford, Kathie O'Neal, and Nadie Elizabeth Brooks. After his discharge in 1959, Duane worked for the United States Bureau of Prisons at the Federal Medical Center in Springfield, Missouri, from 1966 until his retirement in 1986. Duane George O'Neal passed August 1, 2002, and is buried in Wade Chapel Cemetery in Republic, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 4 series:

Duane G. O'Neal
O'Neal Ancestors
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Scope and Content Note:

Duane G. O'Neal

This series contains genealogical research created and compiled by Duane George O'Neal, including surname files, correspondence, family histories and charts, and newspapers. The research specifically follows Duane's direct O'Neal family line, including his parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. 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.

O'Neal Ancestors

This series contains genealogical research created and compiled by Duane George O'Neal, including surname files, correspondence, family histories and charts, and newspapers. The research specifically follows adjacent family lines and ancestors of the O'Neal family, including

some members in Polk and Stone counties of Missouri. 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.

Research Materials

This series contains genealogical research created and compiled by Duane George O'Neal, including cemetery records, marriage records, military records, correspondence, and various state records. The research continues following the O'Neal lineage, including both Duane's direct line and adjacent lines. While some folders contain original documents, the majority of the collection contains photocopies. This series has been left in original order.

Butler-O'Neal Families

The series contains genealogical research created and compiled by Duane George O'Neal, including surname files, correspondence, family histories and charts, and newspapers. The research specifically follows the Butler-O'Neal lineage, including the Butler family and O'Neal families separately and the combined Butler-O'Neal line. Of particular note is the photograph of the historic Scott City Hospital in Scott City, Kansas from 1936, which was where Duane's father, George Leonard O'Neal passed in 1942, as well as photographs of the memorial for Guy O'Neal, an assistant police chief shot and killed in action in Colorado. 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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