Ressie M. Wallace Papers
(SP0168)

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Collection Title: Ressie M. Wallace Papers

Dates: 1754-2008

Creator: Wallace, Ressie Mae Wommack, 1921-2008

Abstract: The Ressie M. Wallace Papers contain genealogical research created and compiled by Ressie Mae Wommack Wallace including surname files, correspondence, family histories and charts, and newspapers. The materials date from 1754 to 2008 and relate to the surnames of the Wallace and Wommack families throughout the Ozarks.

Collection Size: 2.0 cubic feet
(81 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Ressie Mae Wommack Wallace was born October 30, 1921, in Fair Grove, Missouri to John Leslie and Yulah Bessie Bass Wommack. On April 20, 1943, she married Claude Eugene Craker. They later divorced in February of 1954. On September 6, 1961, she married Paul Thomas Wallace. Ressie worked as a bookkeeper for Maytag Sales in Springfield, Missouri until she retired. Following her retirement, she became involved in different social organizations, including the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Ozarks Genealogical Society. Ressie Mae Wommack Wallace passed July 23, 2008, and is buried in Bass Chapel Cemetery in Greene County, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 2 series:

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Wallace

Scope and Content Note:

Wommack

This series contains materials related to Wommack family surnames including Bass, Fairchild, Headlee, Highfill, Jones, Mason, Norton, Owen, Rogers, Smith, Snider, and Wiseman. This series also contains general records related to the Wommack line, including funeral home records from Klinger Funeral Home in Springfield, Missouri, and correspondence from Margy Granger from 1996 to 2000. Of particular note are the records about the Bass Chapel Baptist Church and Cemetery, as well as the Bass Mill in Bassville, 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.

Wallace

This series consists of materials pertaining to the Wallace and Thomas families. This series also contains records related to the Eastern Cherokee Tribe including family members' applications for membership, records of the Indian Claims Commission, and Ressie's enrollment into the Chickamauga Cherokee Nation from 1992 to 2002. 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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