



Settle Family Papers (CG0026)

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Abstract: The Settle Family Papers include correspondence, photographs, and genealogy charts of the Settle, O'Bannon, and Rhodes families of Wayne County, Missouri. This collection focuses on Virgil Edward Settle and includes reports cards, photographs, correspondence, and service awards during his tenure as clerk for Natural Gas Pipeline of America for thirty-one years.

Collection Size: 1.25 cubic feet
(41 folders, 1 oversize)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

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Historical Note: Virgil Edward Settle was born December 5, 1917, in Greenville, Missouri. He was the son of William A. Settle and Mary “Mayme” O’Bannon. Settle graduated from Greenville High School in 1934 and spent a few years at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. When World War II broke out he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in January 1942. He initially trained as a pilot but “washed out” a year later. He rose to the rank of sergeant while serving stateside in Missouri, Texas, Nevada, and Illinois prior to being honorably discharged in January 1946.

After being discharged, he moved to Tulsa where his brother, William A. Settle, Jr. and his wife lived. He enrolled in classes at the University of Tulsa. He graduated from there in 1950 with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration. The following year, he began working for Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America in Jackson and Poplar Bluff, Missouri. He retired from the company in 1981 after 31 years of service. Settle married Opal Fay Mabrey on April 12, 1962, in Marble Hill, Missouri. The couple had no children.

Settle died on March 21, 2008, at the age of 90, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He is buried in Russell Heights Cemetery in Jackson, Missouri. He is buried next to his wife, who died in April 1985.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into four series:

Virgil Settle Papers
Settle, O’Bannon, Rhodes Family Papers
Photographs
Oversize

Scope and Content Note:

Virgil Settle Papers:

This series includes grade school and high school report cards, diplomas and programs from Greenville, Missouri, from 1923-1934. Additionally, there is correspondence and membership cards relating to Virgil Settle’s service during World War II in the Army Air Corps. Also includes service awards for his employment with Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America for thirty-one years, employment applications, University of Tulsa papers, and get-well soon and sympathy cards on Settle’s passing away in 2008. Also, a Bible is included that contains Settle’s notations in the margins.

Settle, O’Bannon, Rhodes Family Papers:

This series includes genealogical information on the Settle, O’Bannon and Rhodes families. Also included is correspondence, memorial cassette tape, photographs, and programs relating to William A. Settle, Jr. and his father, William A. Settle, Sr. Of interest is the Settle family sale of land along the Wappapello Reservoir (now Lake Wappapello State Park) from 1939-1942. This series also includes around twenty copies of original deeds from prior to the Wayne County courthouse fire of 1893.

Photographs:

This series includes nearly 400 photographs of members of the Settle, Rhodes, and O'Bannon families from 1934-1990. Individuals included are Virgil Settle, William A. Settle Sr., William A. Settle Jr., Mary E. "Mayme" Settle, Robert Franklin (Frank) Settle, and several photographs of the "Mayme" O'Bannon Settle's sisters and brothers. Of interest also are photographs of employees of Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America in Jackson and Poplar Bluff from 1958-1959, St. Louis Cardinals baseball game at old Sportsman's Park in St. Louis, old Cape Girardeau Mississippi River bridge, and five photographs of the 1935 flood of old Greenville, Missouri.

Oversize:

This series includes a scrapbook of photographs, programs, and letters from Virgil Settle's early childhood growing up in Greenville, Missouri from 1919-1934. There are several photographs of Settle family members that are not identified, school photographs of Settle in grade school and high school. Also included are several rolled and folded negative rolls, and an oversize photograph of Company C, 57th Infantry Training Battalion at Camp Wolters, Texas (dated?) March 1942. Settle was briefly a member of this unit.

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