



Mary J. Briscoe-Reisberg Papers (CG0030)

Collection Number: CG0030

Collection Title: Mary J. Briscoe-Reisberg Papers

Dates: 1993-2015

Creator: Briscoe-Reisberg, Mary J., 1923-2017

Abstract: The Mary J. Briscoe-Reisberg Papers includes papers, maps, photographs, and audio cassettes related to the Missouri Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association from 1993 to 2015.

Collection Size: 0.8 cubic feet
(6 folders, 13 cassette tapes)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Cape Girardeau](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at capegirardeau@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Biographical Note:

Mary Josephine Briscoe was born on July 15, 1923, in West Plains, Missouri. She was the daughter of Francis L. and Mary A. Patten Briscoe. She graduated from Southwest Missouri State University in 1945, where she majored in English and minored in Speech and Commerce.

She furthered her studies at New York Phoenix School of Design, Hofstra University (Bachelor of Science Art Education in 1956), New York University (Master of Arts Education in 1961) and University of Missouri-Columbia (Phd. Religion student). Upon completion of her degrees, Riesberg became an instructor in Art History at Adelphi University, Nassau Community College, University of Missouri-Columbia and East Meadow High School from 1956-1970.

She was heavily involved with the Missouri Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association. Her involvement took her to several states for annual conferences and audio interviews.

Briscoe married John Charles Riesberg Sr. on April 25, 1944. The couple had two children. She passed away on August 8, 2017 and is buried in South Fork Cemetery in West Plains, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged in two series:

Trail of Tears Association Records
Audio cassettes

Scope and Content Note:

Trail of Tears Association Records

This series contains photographs, ephemera related to the Missouri Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association, highway maps of St. Francois County and state of Missouri, research notes of Mary J. Briscoe-Reisberg, and a partial transcript of an audio interview with Bob Friedrich of Jackson, Missouri.

Audio cassettes

This series includes thirteen audio cassettes, all digitized, of Mary J. Briscoe-Reisberg's conversations with Robert C. (Bob) Friedrich, Andrew and Ellenora Barker, Will Quiner, Quentin Bass, Kathy Tucker, and Dr. Linda Hudson from 1993-2007.

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	f. 3	Partial transcript of conversation with Bob Friedrich, June 1994
	f. 4	Mary J. Briscoe-Riesberg notes, 2015
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- a.c. 7 Trail of Tears - Will Qunier [?], Cherokee Elder lunch with girls at Rocheport, Missouri, March 10, 2000
- a.c. 8 Trail of Tears - Quentin Bass (United States Forest Service) with Dr. Linda Hudson, Cherokee notes, no date
- a.c. 9 Love Valley (North Carolina) with Andrew and Ellenora Barker, November 10, 2007
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