



## Betty Valle Gegg Papers (CG0046)

**Collection Number:** CG0046

**Collection Title:** Betty Valle Gegg Papers

**Dates:** 1966-2015

**Creator:** Gegg, Betty Valle, 1939-

**Abstract:** The Betty Valle Gegg Papers contains original and photocopied newspaper clippings of articles written by her in the *Ste. Genevieve Herald* from 1966 to 2015.

**Collection Size:** 0.01 cubic feet  
(1 folder)

**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](mailto:capegirardeau@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Betty Valle Gegg Papers* (CG0046); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Cape Girardeau [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Cape Girardeau].

**Donor Information:** The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Betty Valle Gegg on March 9, 2020 (Accession No. CGA0045).

**Processed by:** Processed by Garret B. Kremer-Wright, June 8, 2020

### Historical Note:

Elizabeth Louise Valle was born on February 23, 1949, in Quarry Town, Missouri, a daughter of Leo August Valle and Elizabeth Breig. She received her elementary education in two one-room schoolhouses in Quarry Town and Bourbon, later moving to Ste. Genevieve Parochial School

and later Ste. Genevieve High School. When she was nineteen years old, she married Cletus Bernard Gegg and resided in Staabtown, Missouri. The couple had three children. Gegg took a correspondence course from the Newspaper Institute of America in New York. She began writing columns in 1965 for the *Ste. Genevieve Herald*, where she wrote a weekly column which progressed to two-days a week. She wrote for the paper until 1981. The following year, she wrote for the *Perryville Republic Monitor* where she was a staff writer and later, editor, where she covered civic meetings, school events, and social gatherings. She remained with the paper until May 1987, when she took a sabbatical. In the fall of 1987, she rejoined the *Herald* to write sports and feature articles. Her second time with the paper lasted until 1994. In 1997, she worked part-time for Mid-America Farm Publications in Perryville.

### Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into a single folder.

### Scope and Content Note:

The Betty Valle Gegg Papers include original and photocopied newspaper clippings from the *Ste. Genevieve Herald* from 1966 to 2015. This collection includes an album of newspaper articles on River aux Vases, Missouri (formerly Staabtown) from 1966 to 1969. Other topics of in this collection are German heritage, history of the *Ste. Genevieve Herald*, Jacques Guibourd, Valle High School class reunions of 1942 and 1956, and Odile Bauman. This collection also includes articles on the exchange program between Zell, Missouri, and Zell-Weierbach, Germany.

### Container List:

Box 001    f. 1            *Ste. Genevieve Herald* newspaper clippings, 1966-2015

### Index:

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