



## Charles Claude Guthrie Sr. Family Papers (C3549)

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**Collection Title:** Charles Claude Guthrie Sr. Family Papers

**Dates:** 1896-1978

**Creator:** Guthrie family

**Abstract:** The papers of Charles Claude Guthrie, Sr. contain college essays and notes, correspondence, and miscellaneous personal papers of Guthrie. The bulk of the collection is letters written between Guthrie and his mother and sisters living in Columbia and Marthasville, Missouri.

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(202 folders)

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[\*Charles Claude Guthrie Sr. Family Papers\*](#), (CA4253)

[\*Charles Claude Guthrie Sr. Scientific Papers\*](#), (C3108)

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### **Biographical Note:**

Charles Claude Guthrie was born May 13, 1880, the fourth of five children of Robert McCluer and Fannie Hall Guthrie. The family lived in Gilmore, Missouri, until 1899, when the family moved to Columbia, Missouri. In 1904 Guthrie married Maude Glidden Walker and in 1907, their son, Charles Claude Guthrie, Jr., was born.

Guthrie was a physician, professor of physiology, inventor and pioneer researcher in the field of vascular surgery with Alexis Carrel. He received his B.S. degree from Woodlawn Institute in 1896. In 1902 he graduated from the University of Missouri School of Medicine. From 1902 until 1903, Guthrie worked as a demonstrator in physiology at Western Reserve University. In 1903, he accepted a position as instructor in physiology at the University of Chicago. He left there in 1907 to become a professor of physiology and pharmacology at Washington University, St. Louis. In the fall of 1909, Guthrie went to the University of Pittsburgh as professor of physiology and pharmacology and chairman of the department. Guthrie remained at the University of Pittsburgh until his retirement in 1950.

Guthrie died June 16, 1963, and is buried in Columbia, Missouri.

### **Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following four series:

Essays and Notes

Correspondence

Miscellaneous

Photographs

### **Scope and Content Note:**

#### **Essays and Notes**

This series contains Essays and notes written by Charles Claude Guthrie while at Woodlawn Institute in 1896. Essays include "Sojourn on an Island," "Cedric of Rotherwood," "Brick," "Luck," and "Bravery."

#### **Correspondence**

This series contains letters, arranged chronologically, written to and from Charles Claude Guthrie. The letters deal primarily with Guthrie family activities in Columbia, Missouri, family health, the weather, gardening and Charles Claude Guthrie's progressing professional career.

## Miscellaneous

This series contains miscellaneous papers of Charles Claude Guthrie, including two memo books dated 1902-1903, business mail, insurance policies, and postcards of a 1928 trip by Fannie and Claude through the South.

## Photographs

This series contains photographs of Fannie V. Guthrie, Charles Claude Guthrie, Frances Elizabeth Emberson, the Hupmobile and a view from the old home in Rock Mounty, Virginia.

## Container List:

- f. 1-7                    Essays and Notes, 1896 - Essays and notes written by Charles Claude Guthrie while at Woodlawn Institute in 1896. Essays include "Sojourn on an Island," "Cedric of Rotherwood," "Brick," "Luck," and "Bravery."
- f. 1-2                    Sojourn on an Island
- f. 6                        Geometry notes
- f. 8-83                   Correspondence, 1896-1906 - Letters, arranged chronologically, written to and from Charles Claude Guthrie. Main correspondents are: Fannie Guthrie, Lulu Guthrie, Eliza Guthrie Lavendar and Frances Hall Guthrie. There are also letters from friends and professional acquaintances, among them C.L. Parkhurst, C.W. Greene and E.K. Harris. The letters deal primarily with Guthrie family activities in Columbia, Missouri, family health, the weather, gardening and Charles Claude Guthrie's progressing professional career. There are many references to activities at the University of Missouri, particularly the Medical Department and its faculty.
  - f. 20-22                Guthrie Home, 814 Hitt Street, floor plans
  - f. 26-29                Death of Robert Maury Guthrie
  - f. 50-52                Death of Helen Guthrie Lavendar
- f. 84-85                   Correspondence, 1907-1911 - No personal letters for this period survive. The letters are to and from Charles Claude Guthrie and several insurance, moving, and rental firms.
- f. 86-134                Correspondence, 1912-1919 - Letters to Fannie Guthrie and Charles Claude Guthrie in Pittsburgh from Fannie Hall Guthrie, Lulu Guthrie Emberson and Eliza Lavender. Fannie returned to Columbia in 1913 and began laboratory work at the University of Missouri. Many letters from her concern her work and studies. Letters from 1914 to 1918 deal with war news and how World War I affected the University of Missouri. There is much discussion of the influenza epidemic of 1918 and its impact on Columbia. Letters continue to mention health, weather and gardening as well as the family automobile.
- f. 135-187               Correspondence, 1920-1930 - Letters to Charles Claude Guthrie from Fannie Guthrie, Lulu Emberson, Eliza Lavendar and his niece, Frances Guthrie Emberson. There is no correspondence from August, 1925, to March, 1931.
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- f. 188-192 Correspondence, 1931-1943 - Scattered letters from Charles Claude Guthrie to his niece, Frances Emberson, concerning his activities in Pittsburgh, family news, the New Deal and World War II.
- f. 193-201 Miscellaneous - Miscellaneous papers of Charles Claude Guthrie, including two memo books dated 1902-1903, business mail, insurance policies, and postcards of a 1928 trip by Fannie and Claude through the South.
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