



George Family Papers (C4385)

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Historical Note:

The following historical note covers several prominent members of the George family, but is not a complete sketch of all family members, or related families listed or described in this collection. David B. George was born in December of 1851, at Ottumwa, Iowa. He was the son of Mathew and Sarah Ann Vanskike George. He spent his early childhood years in Ottumwa and moved to Jackson County, Kansas, with his parents in the 1860s. On March 11, 1877, David B. George married Marcena White at the home of the bride's parents. For a time they resided in Milan, Sullivan County, Missouri.

The couple left Milan in 1878, first moving to Jackson County, Kansas, and then to Pottawatomie County, Kansas, in 1882. After 1900, David and his family took part in the land rush to Oklahoma, first settling around Ponca City in 1901, and then moving west to the Quinlan area of Oklahoma in 1902. They filed a claim on 160 acres of land approximately seven miles north of Quinlan and stayed there on the farm until 1918, when they moved into Quinlan. They sold their farm later to a Harry and Carrie Barkley.

David and Marcena had five children, three sons and two daughters. Guss Pleman born in Missouri on December 2, 1877; Celie Delia born April 19, 1881 in Kansas; Grover C., no birth date; Samuel C., born August 7, 1887, and Sadie, no birth date.

James George was born in Ohio on December 28, 1823, the eldest son of Mathew and Nancy Leonard George. In the 1830s he and the family lived in Indiana and by the 1840s they were living in Illinois. Sometime prior to 1845, James' mother passed away and Mathew remarried in Shelby County, Missouri, in 1848. James George married Mary Franklin, daughter of Conrad and Elizabeth Sparrow Franklin. They were married April 12, 1848, in Lewis County, Missouri, by Reverend William Whipple. In 1850 James George, his wife, and daughter Susan were living in Sullivan County, Missouri, with her father and brother in law Rollins Harrelson and family.

James George and his wife were the parents of six children. Jane George, born June of 1849, in Sullivan County, Missouri; Elizabeth Agnes George, born June 3, 1851, in Sullivan County; William Marion George, born in Iowa in 1854; Charles P. George, born June 30, 1858; Mathew Douglas George, born in Iowa in October of 1860, and Francis Lutisha George, born in Sullivan County on May 24, 1864. James George died on December 23, 1911.

John Thomas George was another son of Mathew and Nancy Leonard George. He was born in Indiana in 1831. John Thomas George married Lucinda Harmon on May 13, 1852, in Sullivan County, Missouri. Sometime around 1858, John left his family for the California Gold Rush. In 1860, Lucinda Harmon George filed for divorce and was granted it in 1862. She was given the property John abandoned, and custody of their daughter, Margaret, who was born September 7, 1853 in Sullivan County.

Lewis George was born in Cass County, Illinois, on March 15, 1843. He moved to Ottumwa, Iowa, where he spent his childhood. Lewis joined the Union Army on May 11, 1863, in Ottumwa. He served in Company E of the 7th Iowa Cavalry. Depending on which source is to be believed, he was injured either on the 20th day of December, 1863, or in October of 1864, when he fell with his horse and was thrown against the pommel of the saddle, causing a rupture on the right side, resulting in a strangulated hernia.

Lewis George married Nancy Debra Stull on August 10, 1872, in Sullivan County, Missouri. They were married by D.A. Wilson. They had five children: Mathew Anton, born May 24, 1873;

Daisey Bell, born February 23, 1876; John Elmer, born May 16, 1880; Cyrus Otto, born February 27, 1884, and Lewis Francis, born August 21, 1886. As a result of the injury he received during the Civil War, Lewis George died on December 2, 1886.

William S. George was born on November 26, 1839, in Cass County, Illinois. He was the son of Mathew and Nancy Leonard George. He is listed in the 1850 Federal Census of Wapello County, Iowa, as living in the household of Mathew George and his second wife Sarah Ann. William married Angeline Walker on April 6, 1863, in Ottumwa, Iowa. William George was a veteran of the Civil War. He entered the Union Army in Company H, 36th Iowa Infantry Volunteers on March 23, 1864, and left the service on August 24, 1865. After leaving the service, William and his wife lived in Ottumwa for less than a year and then settled in Nebraska for a few years before finally moving to Kansas.

William and Angeline George had six children: Mathias George; Harry B. George; Osman B. George; John Harvey George; Frank George, and Gertrude George. William S. George died of chronic heart disease on April 30, 1918. His burial place on his death certificate is Meridian, Kansas. His occupation was listed as retired farmer.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following six series:

- Correspondence
- Personal
- Photographs
- Research Material and Notes
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Scope and Content Note:

Correspondence

This series contains Hall family letters between David and John Hall, Margaret Hall, Paulina Hall, Betty, Rob, Lisa, Lori, Mildred, Anne, and other members of the Hall family, as well as Mary Agnes and Walt Bunch, the Berger family, Betty and Ted Stearn. There is one letter from 1938 from David Hall with a proposal for a continuous scale drafting device. The rest of the correspondence consists of family and personal matters. 1938-1986.

Personal

This series consists of the 1st through 12th grade report cards of Gail Frances Edwards, Ruth Ann Edwards, and Dixie Dean Edwards, 1946-1964.

Photographs

This series contains photographs of the Harrelson, George and McGee Families; David B. George and family; Fanning family; Charles George and Rebecca McKinney; Arnold family; Parker-Johnston family; Creason family; Cecil George family; John and Pearl George and family; George family Reunion; Fay George; Jurd and Margaret George; grandchildren of

William George, son of Charles George; Byrdce Ethyl and Arthur Huchison; Kenneth Jerome and wife, and Harvey George. Also included is a series of cemetery headstone photographs inscribed with the names of members of the Reser and George families, 1880-1991.

Research Material and Notes

This series includes handwritten notes taken while doing genealogical research, along with letters, family group sheets, copies of newspaper obituaries, registers, wills, probate records, settlements, biographies, family histories, photos, census and marriage records including, but not limited to, the George family; Maima Parker; Harrelson, Harrington, McKinney, King, and Fanning families; Margaret George Dillinger; David B. George; Edward Mathew George; Christina Thrush George; Elizabeth Agnes George; Francis Lutisha George Whitaker; George A. Whitaker; James George; Mary Franklin George; Cemetery Photos-Douglas and Mamie George headstones at Shaul Cemetery in Otumwa, Iowa; John Thomas George history; Samuel Erastus and Mary Edwards George; Susan George Harrelson and Harrelson Family; Rollins Harrelson Family Group Sheet; Bassum Harrelson and Pauline McKinney Harrelson photograph; Susan and Wesley Harrelson Photograph; George Dillinger, Easterly, Franklin and Gray families, George Fanning; John Thomas George; Marts, McKinney, Bundridge, Helms, Leonard, Jerome, Jones, Parker, Vanskike, Fields, McCreary, Wellman, Mulvaney, Reser, Creason, Smallwood, and Perkins families; Charles George and family; Lewis George and family; Emma George Easterly, 1986-1989.

Scrapbooks

The Scrapbooks series contains family and individual photographs; family reunion photographs; copies of newspaper obituaries; cemetery photos; family group sheets; marriage records; township and federal census records. The material includes, but is not limited to, the following families and individuals: James George; Rebecca and Charles E. George; C.F. George; Charles (Buddy) George; June, Charles F., and Shirley George; Bill and Buelah George; Gladys George; Jird and Connie George; Edna George; Alma Johnston; Billy, George, and Harold Johnston; Sherman Parker; Harlan Parker; Hardin George family reunion (1953); Dell and Belle Spencer George; Jackie George; Darlene George Richardson; Susie George Parker; Cecil M. George, Rebecca McKinney George; Sherman Parker; Alma Parker Johnston; Ronnie Johnston; Hester George Creason family Reunion (1953); Ivory Creason; Alena George Arnold Family Reunion (1986); Lena George; Carl and Alena Arnold; George Family Reunion (1953 and 1958); Jird and Margaret McDaniels George; Jerry George; Joyce George (Wright); Opal Perkins George; Janet George; O. Ray George; Bernadine George; Kay Brady and John George; Jim Brady; Ray George; Kenny Brady; John George; Jean Unnerschutz George; Jeff Griffiths; Richard Griffiths; Jason Griffiths; Russell Griffiths; Janet George Griffiths; Brian Griffiths; Barbara George; Howard, Hobert, Harold and Gerthel George; Mary Pearl George; Perry N. Devore; Susan George Harrelson; Harvey Wesley Harrelson; Harrelson family; Rueben and Agnes George Fanning; William Marion George and Mary Harris George; Floy Blanch George-Jerome; Jerome family; Bessie Baskett; Eugene George; George family; Charles and Rebecca George; Beulah Frances Marta-William H. George; Letha A. George; John Logan Brinkley; Lena Arnold and John George; Cecil and Jird George; Mathew Douglas George and Maima Parker family history; Francis Lutisha George and George (Buck) Whitaker family history; George family reunion; township maps; James George Will, correspondence, and estate claim; James George federal census record (1850). Material compiled 1985-1987.

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