

**PRELIMINARY INVENTORY**  
**ACCESSION CA6422**  
**MAY BARTEE COUCH COLLECTION**

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**Dates:** 1853-2007

**Creator:** Couch, May Bartee, collector

**Collection Size:** 49 cubic feet, 2 card files

### **Introduction**

Collection of family research files and obituaries of a professional genealogist from Marceline, Missouri, largely concerns Chariton, Linn, and surrounding counties.

### **Donor Information**

The collection was donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Robert W. Couch and May Bartee Couch on 23 March 2015. An addition was made to the collection by May Bartee Couch on 2 December 2019.

### **Box List**

#### **Box 1**

Obituaries, *Marceline Mirror-Journal*, 1896-1928 (3 folders)

News articles of interest from *Mendon Constitution*

Triplett, MO, Centennial book (photocopy)

Corey family genealogy (2 folders)

Knifong/Nifong family genealogy (3 booklets)

“Descendants of Benjamin Landreth and Elizabeth Frost Farmer”

“Primer for American Indian Ancestry Searching” by Helen Cox Tregillis

*The Ancestry of Athalia (Haws) Kendall (1886-1964) of Logan and Nephi, UT, Vol. II*  
compiled by Mrs. Della (Kendall) Hall, 1988

Hayes family genealogy (2 envelopes)

John S. Nutter (1811-1891) family genealogy

Sensintaffer and Maxwell family genealogy (2)

Yowell family genealogy

Tarpening/White/Davis family genealogy

Weese family genealogy

Williams, Clarence Ordell, Memories

Jacklitch, Pat

#### **Box 2**

Obituaries, *Browning Leader-Record* and *Milan Standard*, 1970-1974

Wright Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO, Records, 1888-1962

Wade Funeral Home, Browning, MO, Records, 1945-1982

Hill Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO, Records, 1917-1977

Bowden Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO, Records, 1888-1972

Linn County Will Records, 1947-1986

Excerpts from Marceline newspapers, 1920-1949

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Excerpts from Brookfield newspapers, 1880-1883, 1904-1910, 1926  
Excerpts from Marceline newspapers, 1896-1905, 1910-1919  
Excerpts from Brookfield newspapers, 1939-1945, 1867-1879  
Obits compiled by Ethel Peavler  
Excerpts from *Linneus* Bulletin, 1887-1894

**Box 3**

Marceline Christian Church, 1888-1963  
St. Joseph Church, Mendon, 100 Years  
Blessing/Thudium  
Surname Index, Linn County Cemeteries, Vol. I-VIII  
Index, Chariton County Cemeteries, Vol. I-IX  
Cemetery Additions, 1986-2000  
Index, 1877 Sullivan County Atlas  
Mt. Olive Cemetery Plot  
Old Bucklin Cemetery  
Mount Olivet Cemetery  
Stein Cemetery  
High Hill Cemetery additions  
Cash Cemetery additions  
“War Trails of Long Ago or Boyhood Days of the Civil War” by Benjamin G. Mathews  
Index to Linn County Marriage Book 2A  
Silsbee, Sherry: Lower, Wambold, and Vantine families  
Peek, Pat  
Schultz, Roberta  
Hanson, Wade  
Bussman, Pat  
Olstead, Steve  
Combs, Richard  
Johnson, Marilyn  
Oden, Paula  
Crisp, Dorie  
Ausmus, Jerry  
Hedger, Mary  
Roland, Dondra

**Box 4**

*Hale Horizons* clippings, 1993-1999  
*Glasgow Missourian* clippings, 1993-1999  
McCollum family genealogy (Index, Books I-II)  
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Quinlan, Jim  
Nelson, Barbara  
Gladbach, Sharon  
Tercival, Melda

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Blanton, Wendy  
Cooke, Peggy  
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Substitute Rural Mail Carriers  
Chariton County—First marriages  
Raymond Jack Freeman Papers  
McCloud Bible and miscellaneous  
Hayes and related families  
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    Murphy  
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    Meadows  
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    Payne  
    Hereford  
Salisbury family genealogy  
Price family genealogy  
Atterbury family genealogy  
Rothville School

**Box 5**

Various clippings  
Overholt-Smutz Marriage I-II  
Carr Funeral Home  
Sullivan County Cemeteries: Baker, Knifong, Hoover, Locust Valley, Oak Grove  
Oak Grove Cemetery index  
Chariton County atlases/indexes, 1876, 1892, 1915  
Obits, *Chariton County Courier*, 1878-1883, 1900-1902  
Obits, *Keytesville Herald*, 1872-1878  
Overholt-Smutz Death I-IV  
Obits, *Sumner Star*, 1937-1946  
Obits, *Salisbury Press-Spectator*, 1905-1989  
Adair, Oldham, and related families  
Price, John  
St. John's Lutheran and Keytesville School

**Box 6**

Botts family (2 folders)  
*Chariton Courier* clippings, 1917, 1935-1957, 1969  
*KC/Daily News Bulletin*, Marceline, 1948  
Mary Bridger Collection, Clippings (2 folders)  
Carrollton clippings, 2002-2004  
Brunswicker/Salisbury clippings, 2003

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**Box 7**

Obits, Linn, Chariton, Carroll Counties, etc., 2000  
Obits, Marceline and Brookfield, 2001-2002  
Obits, Salisbury, Brunswicker, Chillicothe, Milan, etc., 2001-2002 (3 folders)  
Obits, *Hale Horizons*, 2002-2003 (2 folders)  
Obits, Milan and Chillicothe, 2003  
Obits, *Daily News Bulletin*, *Marceline Press*, and *KC Star*, 2003

**Box 8**

Graves family genealogy (2 volumes)  
Bobbitt family genealogy (2 volumes)  
Duncan family genealogy  
Chamberlain family genealogy  
Nickerson, McDaniel, and related families genealogy  
Locke family genealogy  
"Kin-Foke" (genealogy on kin of persons buried in Richardson Cemetery)  
"A Wagon Train Diary," 1878 (transcript of diary of Mr. S.I. Gosnill)  
Willson family genealogy  
Troxel family genealogy  
Simonds family genealogy  
Bacon family genealogy  
White Oak School, Chariton County, School Register, 1936-1939 (photocopy)  
Miscellaneous  
Telephone directories, Chariton County, 1902-1915  
Clippings, 2007  
*Milan Standard* clippings, 1982-1985  
Clippings, *Salisbury Press-Spectator*, *Glasgow Missourian*, *KC Star*, and *Milan Standard*, 2006  
*Brunswicker* clippings, 1994-2001 (2 folders)  
Land Patent Book of War of 1812  
Linn County WWI registration and draft  
*Milan Standard* obits and misc. clippings, 1975, 1982-1988

**Box 9**

"Fiddler of Fiddletown: Stephen Turley (1786-1851)" by Lester F. Turley  
Clippings, *Brunswicker* and *Linn County Leader*, 2006  
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Mary Bridger's Cookbook  
St. Raphael  
New Boston centennial book, 1872-1972

**Box 10**

Rothville Baptist Church (3 folders)  
Obits, Chariton County, 1982-1999 (4 folders)  
Obits, Macon, Howard, and Randolph Counties, 1991-1999 (2 folders)

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Clippings

*Linn County Leader*, 2004  
Salisbury, Brunswick, *Kansas City Star*, 2004  
Milan, Carrollton, Hale, 2004  
Chillicothe, Macon, 2004  
Macon, Kirksville, 2005  
Chillicothe, Carrollton, Hale, 2005  
Glasgow, Milan, 2005  
Brunswick, Salisbury, 2005

St. Mary of the Angels Parish History, 1876-1976 (photocopy)

**Box 12**

Clippings, *KC Star* and *Linn County Leader*, 2005  
McLaughlin I-II  
1900 Marceline Census  
Clippings, Chariton County, 1930s  
Genealogy client files (43 folders)  
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**Box 13**

Hickory County Cemeteries  
1896 Saline County Atlas  
Sullivan County Cemeteries  
Sullivan County History  
Livingston County Cemeteries  
Livingston County plat map, 1992  
Bridger Collection (clippings from Rothville and Mendon area)  
Salisbury Family  
Plat maps, 1970s-1990s  
Howard County cemeteries and atlases  
Randall County cemeteries  
Knifong family genealogy  
Carroll County cemeteries and atlas  
Saltsider family genealogy  
Marceline early abstract titles  
Fellow family tree  
Hale index  
Helton cemetery additions  
Macon County cemeteries and atlas  
Rural substitute mail carrier  
Recipes  
Secretary of State of Missouri  
Marceline telephone directories, 1907, 1936, 1949, 1956  
Rover Crew 99, Boy Scouts  
Obits, Marceline newspapers

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Parish School

**Box 14**

Chariton County Schools, Vol. I-V  
Churches, Vol. I-V  
New Hope, I-II, Misc., I-II, Prairie Hill, I-II  
Sales, 1920-1941  
Clippings, Churches and Schools, *Mendon Constitution*, 1920-1941

**Box 15**

*Mendon Constitution*, News items, 1920-1938

**Box 16**

*Mendon Constitution*  
News items, 1939-1941  
Clippings, 1935-1951  
Reunions  
Anniversaries and marriages  
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Bank statements and legal notices, 1920-1941  
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Clothing, Recipes, Clubs, Misc., 1920-1941

**Box 17**

Genealogy client files (15 folders)  
Town of Tina, MO  
Bonds and letters of administration, 1912-1955  
History of Sumner High School  
Babies, weddings, anniversaries, 1979  
Obits, etc. 1994-1996  
Clippings, *Linneus Bulletin* and misc. newspapers, 1909-1923  
"Ancestry of William and John Johnson" by Lorand V. Johnson  
"Christian Bodenhamer of Rowan County, North Carolina, and His Descendants"

**Box 18**

Obits, Marceline newspapers, 1896-1930  
Clippings, Marceline newspapers, 1896-1927 (5 folders)  
Miscellaneous

**Box 19**

Chariton County censuses, 1830, 1840, 1860-1880  
Randolph County cemeteries  
Tony McCollum, McCollum History  
Obits, *Chariton Courier*, 1941-1948  
Obits, *Mendon Constitution*, 1920-1941

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Chariton County earliest marriages, 1821-1866  
Clippings, *Brunswick*, 2007  
1890 Census, Linn County  
Military clippings, Chariton County  
Obits, 1926-1982  
Funeral notices, Salisbury and Carroll County  
“Down Memory Lane with Henry” by Henry E. Miller, Sr., 1994  
Brown family genealogy  
“Memories” by Aubrey Fellows

**Box 20**

Reuben and Jane (Sewell) Couch family  
Clippings, Obits and marriages  
Naturalizations, Chariton County  
Rothville  
Phone book indexes, Chariton County  
Knifong family genealogy  
“The Jones Family” compiled by Clyde Goddard  
Clippings kept by Ruby Knifong  
Manlove reunion  
Lacey family genealogy  
Records, Parish School, Chariton County, 1922-1950 (3 folders)  
Tietjens Family History (4 folders)

**Box 21**

Baker family genealogy  
Indexes  
Clippings, Brookfield schools  
Clippings from scrapbooks  
Misc. obits  
Newspaper obits kept by Ruby Knifong  
Methodist Episcopal Church, South of the Purdin-Browning Missouri Area  
American Legion, Browning, Missouri  
Obits, *Daily News Bulletin*, Brookfield, 1976, 1978  
Excerpts, *Linneus Bulletin*, 1887-1894  
Obits compiled by Elsie McCollum  
“Brookfield: Past and Present, 1859-1905” by Rev. R.E.L. Prunty  
History, Purdin, Missouri  
Clippings from scrapbooks  
Linn County atlases and plat maps (photocopies)

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Excerpts, *Unionville Weekly Republican*, 1867-1921  
Clippings from scrapbook, 1965-1973  
Westville Lodge  
Excerpts, Kirksville newspapers, 1870-1885

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FFA/FHA, Marceline, 1949  
Pensioners  
*Brookfield, Missouri, Souvenir*  
Brookfield city directory, 1924  
Birth, deaths, marriages, 1993  
Indexes, Linn County assessments, 1853, 1854, 1858  
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Rothville tornado, Mendon Methodist Church, Misc. Bridger family  
Sandison family genealogy

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Carter, Caswell, Glasgow, Spriggs, and White families  
Belcher Salsibury family  
Redding family  
Price family  
Peavler family (2 folders)  
Jones family  
“Descendants of James Brassfield (1790-1841) and Arman Heron (1798-1880)” compiled  
by Keith Buck  
Isle and Kuhler families of Chariton County  
“Our Ancestors” by Joe Hungate  
Blakey-Blakely-White family  
Berquist, Box, Jones, Sensintaffer, Smith, Thurlo, and related families  
Anderson family  
Barnes family  
Bailey family  
Brown family  
Payne family  
Peavler newsletters, 1982-1997  
Meadows family  
“Matthias Miller and His 17 Children”  
Mayo family  
Murphy family  
James and Nancy Lewis  
McCoy family  
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McPherson/Lawrence family

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Miscellaneous clippings, Chariton County papers

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Genealogy client files (23 folders)  
“Peavler Family History” by Paul Cordray (3 folders)  
*Bread and Butter*/Laverne Stevens contract



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Obits, Linn County, 1981-1987

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Obits, Linn County, 1988-1999

Obits, Carroll County, 1991-1998

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Genealogy client files (22 folders)

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“Smith and Related Families” by Vance A. Bailey

“Children and Descendants of James and Rebecca (Washburn) Tuttle: Part 1, Nicholas Tuttle (1759-1850)” compiled by Margaret I. Hawk, 1995

Willis Family

**Box 27**

Ethel Mae Peavler

Marion Dorrell family

“Burriss-Kitchen Family History”

Heryford family

Huff family

Hedrick family

Holman family

“Cash-Wylie Families” by Elaine Meyr

Hayes and related families

Gray, Pipes, and Harmon families

Franklin family (2 folders)

Fellows, Pipes, and Garhart families

Lattimer, Halder, Houk, Linebaugh, and Drinkard families

“The Family Sheet” (Hannum family)

“Our Conger Family”

“Cottrell Family” by James Ethan Yell

Duncan, Logan, and Prather family

Dodson family

Dail family

Geneda Roberts Schwanke (ancestor searching)

“Grandad’s Memories” by Clyde Goddard (Vol. I and II)

Foster family

Isle, Smith, and Othic families

“Kitchen and Ray Families, 1700-2001”

Lacey family

Stothard, Garrett, and Murphy families

Closson family

Enyeart family

Scriver family

Shiflett family

Spiess and Doss families

Turner family

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Thomas family  
“Descendants of George W. Chapman (1816-1895) and Ruth Wentworth (1823-1862)”  
compiled by Keith Buck, 2000

**Box 28**

Robert Bartee (1642-1711)  
Barbee/Straub families  
Washam/Bartee families  
Robert Bartee Sr.  
John Lemuel Bartee  
Bartee/Lay families  
All Bartee lines

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Family photographs  
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Smith pictures  
Lorraine Sencevicky  
Jack Strickland  
Erwin Calloway Couch family  
Joshua Sewell Couch family  
Joseph Couch/Catherine Patton  
Isaac S. Couch family (Laura Jones)  
Joseph F. Couch family (Daisy Edwards)  
C.E. Couch family  
Beulah Van Horn/Betty Rogers  
Benjamin Couch family  
Roberta Yates  
Couch, Ora (James and Abigail)  
Isaac Couch/Bill Davis  
Reuben T. Couch Jr. family  
F.B. “Ben” Couch Jr.  
Evon Crofts  
Couch-Sewell/Jean Harrell  
James Couch/Eileen Wall  
Other Couch lines  
Miscellaneous  
Betty Slovacek  
Carolyn Smotherman  
Nathaniel Couch/Jo Ann Couch/Alice Jackson  
Millinton Couch  
Terry Carpenter (Moses Preston)  
Anita Nance  
Karlyn D. May  
Margaret Austin  
Betty Wiltshire

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Jayne Johnson/James Couch  
Willis family  
Joye Whitwell  
Floyd Schmit/David Couch  
Jeremiah Couch  
Clara Wells  
Edna Couch  
Ralph Couch  
Newman family  
Charles Newman  
Briggs family  
Chidester McClimans  
Utley-Luyster  
Beck, James (Chidester)  
Salmans, Lois (Chidester)  
Butler family  
Lavinnia Samer  
Sewell family  
Sue Eyerly  
Briggs family (2 folders)  
Dupuis family  
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Robert Harper  
Ella Moore  
Patton family  
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    Randolph County, Missouri Vol. 1  
    Macon County, Missouri Vols. I-IV  
    Sullivan County, Missouri Vols. I-II  
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Allen family  
Jarrett C. Bartee (1842-1904)  
James Bartee and Nance family  
Asa J. Bartee/John B. Bartee  
My families

**Box 31**

McKittrick/Stanfield families  
"German Carolinians in the Lineage of Emmett Rendol Felts" by Gail Felts  
Jack Bartee

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Humphrey family  
Ring family (2 binders)  
Kirby family  
Humphrey/Stanfield family  
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Couch family  
“Genealogy Oregon Couchs: 6 Generations of the Reuben Thomas Couch Jr. Family” by  
    Leonard C. Couch  
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Jacob line  
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Briggs family

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John and Elvira Moscoe families  
Couch/Bartee families

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Daniel/Littrell families  
Chariton County, Missouri Cemeteries  
Westville, Clark Township, Chariton County, Missouri  
Crockett family  
Kirke/Libbey family  
Damm/Pomfret/Starbird/Crockett families  
Conner/Lancaster/Moscoe/Spillman families  
Carpenter family  
Barbee/Brewer/Cornett family  
Oberholzer family

**Box 35**

“Dozens of Cousins,” William G. O’Connor, 1986  
Armstrong family  
Lewis family  
Allen, Geo. P.  
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Other Couch lines

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Other Southern Couch lines  
Couch family

**Box 36**

Wolfe/Riddell family  
"Taken from a Scrapbook dated 1894"  
Bartee family  
"A History of Goldsberry and Tullvania" by James Medley Hill, 1991  
Centennial Farm Owners  
Mussel Fork  
Know Your Neighbor's: Linn and Chariton County, Missouri  
Riley family  
Humphrey/Stanfield families  
Chapman family  
Minich/Vangundy families  
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Obituaries, 1970s

**Box 38**

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Snowden family  
Behrman family  
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Cornett family  
Peyton Bartee/Huffaker families  
Estes family  
McKittrick family  
Bartee family in Grundy County, MO

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**Box 39**

Davolt/Morgan families  
Noah family  
Dysart family  
Kienast family  
Cook/Reed/Hollon families  
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Barbee/Bartee/Cornett/Shiffer families  
Bartee family

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**Box 42**

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Bartee family  
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Charles Thomas Wright  
McCollum, Stephen  
Hira S. Wright  
Duckworth/Colley/Sanders families  
Scrapbook, Irene Gordon and Fern Schnetzler, Moberly, MO (photocopy)  
Miscellaneous material  
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**Box 45**

Carpenter family history  
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Miscellaneous material  
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Bailey family

**Box 46**

Grice family  
Zion School, Chariton County, MO  
Missouri Counties: Cass to Davies  
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**Box 47**

Potter/Buck families  
Funeral home cards  
Oliver family  
Chariton County, MO  
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Chariton County Historical Society (2 binders)

**Box 48**

Carpenter family  
Huff family  
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Miscellaneous material

**Box 49**

Genealogy client files (148 folders)  
Forsyth family

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Baker/Cupp/Dorrell/Lane families  
Allen family

**Card files 1-2**

Funeral home cards  
1959-1982  
A-Z