

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY
K0590 (KA1299)
MARTHA PATTON CHILDERS COLLECTION

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Introduction

Approximately 13 cubic feet

The collection consists of the family papers of Martha Patton Childers, her mother, Louise Childers, and sister, Virginia Childers. Materials include correspondence, memorabilia, personal diaries, and other documents concerning their lives.

Martha Patton Childers was born on October 22, 1948, in Andrew County, Missouri, to Thelbert and Louise Patton Childers. Between 1966 and 1971, she worked as a library assistant while earning her bachelor's degree at Tarkio College in Tarkio, Missouri. Childers traveled extensively and worked as a data processing clerk in Salzburg, Austria, between 1972 and 1973, a private English tutor in Kyoto, Japan, between 1973 and 1976, and as an English professor for the Imperial Iranian Navy at the Padegan Military Academy between 1977 and 1978.

Childers returned to the United States in 1979 to pursue a master's degree from the University of Illinois. After receiving her degree in 1981, she began work as the head of the cataloging department at the Institute of Comparative Law in Lausanne, Switzerland, a position she would hold for four years. From 1984 to 1988, she was the cataloguer for the Harvard University Law Library and from 1988 to 1994 she worked as the head cataloguer for the San Diego County Law Library. After moving back to Missouri, Childers worked as an associate librarian for technical services at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art between 1994 and 2001 and later as a government documents reference librarian for the Johnson County Library.

In 2001, Childers returned to her educational studies pursuing a degree in counseling within the Department of Psychology at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Today, she practices counseling in the Kansas City area.

Restrictions

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Donor Information

The collection was donated to the University of Missouri by Martha Childers on June 4, 2004 (Accession No. KA1299). An addition was made on October 3, 2004 by Martha Childers (Accession No. KA1279). An addition was made on January 15, 2009 by Martha Childers (Accession No. KA1541). An addition as made on January 15, 2009 by Martha Childers (Accession No. KA1667). An addition was made on June 15, 2010 by Martha Childers (Accession No. KA1815). An addition was made on December 27, 2010 by Martha Childers (Accession No. KA1711). An addition was made on November 2,

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Location Note

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Audio Cassette Tapes

- No Title, Rosendale care of Aoki, 2-1 Gamadate, Konakano, Hachinohe, Amori-Ken 031, Japan, to Childers, Union Star, Missouri
- Mr. G, 1974
- Story 10, Begin His
Geo and Martha
- Martha Childers, 1999 (2 cassettes)
- Martha Childers Progressions, 1981-1982
- Astrological Consultation for Martha Childers, regarding Tarot 1994 by Terry Lamb, 1999

Miscellaneous

- Correspondence
- Foreign Students Financially Supported
- Skill Inventories and Tests
- Certificate of Appreciation
2000
- Astrological Comparison Chart, Martha Childers and Sanjay Biswas

Journals

- Steps, Dictionary Definitions of Words
- Journals, 1988-2003 (8 folders)

Box 2

Martha Childers Records

- Diary notebooks, 2004-2007
- Email correspondence, 2004-2007
- Family genogram paper, 2000s
- Holiday cards, postcards, letters, 1980s-1990s (2 folders)
- Howell v. Lake Park Condo Association et. al., 1992-1993

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- Johnson County certificate awards, 2001-2007
- Kitten health records, 1990s
- Newsletters, bulletins, 1988-2004
- Photographs, animals, weddings, holidays, 2000s
- Programs
 - Art, museums, film, 1991-2006
 - Church, memorials, 1957-2005
 - Commencements, 1972-2005
 - Music, theater, 2003-2006
- Travel articles, correspondence and rejection letters, 1988
- The Women's Club* file, 1993-1995
- Louise Childers Records
 - Holiday cards, postcards, letters, 1990s-2000s
- Virginia Childers Records
 - Belton Presbyterian and other churches, 1990-2003
 - Beta Sigma Phi, Belton City Committee, Founder's Day programs, 1976-2005
 - Certificate awards, 1993
 - Counseling forms, 1979-1987
 - Health records, 1997-2005
 - Holiday cards, postcards, letters, 1970s-2000s
 - Kansas City, Missouri, Consolidated School District No. 1 directories, 1981-1989
 - Memorial service, 2005
 - Memorials, religious cards, 1967-2004
 - Miscellaneous Missouri event programs, 1974-1999
 - Miscellaneous school records and commencements, 1961-2005
 - Monthly planners, 2004-2005
 - Photographs, travel, 1984-1988
 - Publicity, newspaper clippings, 1961
 - Scrapbook, 1980s-2005
 - Symington Elementary School photographs and program, 1969-1993
 - Symington Media Center circulation, 1986
 - Work evaluation, 1988
 - Xi Epsilon Phi of Beta Sigma Phi, books, member lists, finances, 1962-1982
 - Xi Epsilon Phi of Beta Sigma Phi, "Christmas in the Country," 1976-1979
 - Oversize materials
 - National Education Association life membership certificate, 1970
 - Kansas City Star Magazine*, 2003
- Miscellaneous
 - 44th Annual Parade of Homes*, Home Builders Association of Greater Kansas City, 1991
 - Rosenberger, Richard R, *X Priest: Protest with Purpose*, Leawood, Kansas, Leathers Publishing, 2004.
 - Belton, Missouri: The First Hundred Years 1872-1972*, Belton Community Projects, Inc., 1972
 - Profiles of Outstanding Women: Outstanding Women Project*, American Association of University Women, Missouri Division, 1977

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Symington Elementary School yearbooks, 1985-1992
CD-ROM, JCL staff
VHS Tape, Lazy Boy and recliners

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Miscellaneous

Address book, 1990s
Amtrak tickets, 2008
Animal hospitals, 2007-2008
Ralph Cruzen, 1967-1997
Diaries, 2007
Donations and memberships, 2006-2007
Emails, 2007-2008
Event programs, 2006-2008
Michaela Groeblacher, 2006
Invites, receptions, 2008
Johnson County Library, 2008
Letters and cards, 1970s, 2000-2008 (7 folders)
Medical, 2008
Miscellaneous, 2008
Newsletters, churches, 2007-2008
Presbyterian churches, 2006-2008
Reports for University of Missouri-Kansas City classes, 2003-2008
Savannah house, 1962-1964
Therapy, pressure group, 1992-1993
Tickets, 2005-2007
Who's Who of American Women, Martha's entry, 2007
DVDs, Johnson County Library staff and PoetryBlitz, 2006-2008
Photographs, 2000s
Claim against Kenneth Francis regarding car accident, 2003
Johnson County Library
 Specialty reference services cup, gift from Dave Hansen on Christmas,
 2006
 Cup, awarded to Martha after five years tenure, 2006
Two sports caps worn while freshman in Tarkio college, 1966

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Abuja, Nigeria, 2009
Academic letters, 1981-2009
Arbonne, 2009
Birthday cards, 1980-2008
Cards, 1980-1981, 2004-2009 (4 folders)
Cards and letters, overseas, 1980-1981
Conception Abbey magazine, Tower Topics, 2008
Emails, 2008-2009

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Federal Depository Library Program
 Fall conference and council meeting, Arlington, Virginia, 2008
 Spring council meeting, Kansas City, Missouri, 2008
GovFest for Entrepreneurs and NACO Achievement Award, 2008-2009
Greater Kansas City area event programs and flyers, 2009
Johnson County Central Resource Library, 2007-2009
Johnson County Library Monthly management report, 2005-2006
Kansas City Metropolitan Library and Information Network, government
 information and workshops, 2009
Knee Arthroscopy and Family Medical Leave of Absence sick leave, 2006-2008
Letters, 1980-2009
NARA 75th anniversary and relocation, 2009
Newspaper clippings, 1980-2008
Playbills, 2008-2009
Postcards, 1980-2008
Receipts, 1981-2003
Sierra Club, 2009
Stanford commencement, 2009
Stanford trip reservation, 2008-2009
Tickets and pins, 2008-2009
Veterinary, 2009
West Plaza Neighborhood Association newsletter, 2009

Louise Childers
 Memorial Programs, 2000

Virginia Childers
 Buttons and pencils, 1987
 Cards and letters, 1960s-1970s, 2000-2004 (3 folders)
 Thilbert Childers memorial programs, 1989
 Christmas cantatas, 1990-2003
 Datebooks, 1986-2002
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Animals and veterinarian, 2010
Auto accident and claim against Kenneth Jackson, 2003-2006
Auto maintenance, 1995-2010
Birth certificate, 1948
Business cards and tickets, 2008-2009
Cards and letters, 1970s-2010 (8 folders)
Coleman Childers memorial service, 1984
Louise Childers living will, 1998
Thelbert Childers, Jr., 1961-1967
Thelbert Childers, Sr., Faculty Travel Endowed Fund, 2007-2008
Virginia Childers, 1973-2009
 Journal, 2004-2005
 Memorial service, 2005

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Christian materials and Conception Abbey, 2009-2010

Commencements, 2008

El Greco images, 2000s

Email correspondence, 2007-2009

 Pedro Fraile Balbin, 2010

 Biswas Sanjay, 2006

Environmental, 2008-2010

Genealogy, 1990s

Genographic project, 2007

Johnson County Library

 Brochures, 2009-2010

 Emails, 2009-2010

 Evaluation forms, 2002-2008

 Government Documents, Kids group, 2009-2010

 Materials, 2002-2010

 Programs, 2009

 Newsletter, *The Reporter*, 2008-2009

Journal, 2008-2009

KCMLIN children's workshop, 2010

Kid events, 2009

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Last will and testament 2006

License plates, 2004

Linda Hall Library lectures, 2009

Miscellaneous, 1980s-2000s

Nance family genealogy, 1962

Newsletter

 The Best Times, 2009

 West Plaza Neighborhood Association, 2008-2009

Persona and /medical, 2002-2010

Pins, 1970s-2000s

Playbills, 2007-2010

Postcards, 1970s-2000s

Programs and invites, 2007-2010 (2 folders)

Psychology and counseling, 2008-2009

Publications

 Johnson County Library, 2001-2009

 Appraisal summaries, 2005-2006

 Government documents presentation, 2002

 Archive web documents presentation, 2002

 Monthly management reports, 2001-2003

 Papers, 2010

School magazines, 2009

Sorority booklets, 1976-1982

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Therapist job application, 2010
University of Missouri-Kansas City, Master's in counseling, 2008
Who's Who of American Women, 2007-2010
Photographs
 Childers family, 1978-2008
 Martha, 2007-2008
CD-ROM, trails to online treasure power point presentation, 2007
DVD, St. Benedict's Rule, film on Conception Abbey, 2000s

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Virginia Childers

 Correspondence, 1960-1964 (14 folders)
 “My Special Things” Class Related Material, Cambridge Elementary, 1964-1966
 Class Scrapbook 1964-1965
 Class Pictures, 1966-1968
 Cambridge Elementary, Belton, Missouri, 5th Grade, 1964-1968 (4 folders)
 Student Letters, 1989
 Correspondence, 1980s
 Schools
 Retirement, 1993
 Japan Trip, 1979 (2 folders)
 Buttons
 Post Cards
 AAUW, 1981

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Virginia Childers

 Society for Visual Education
 Elderhostel
 Publications

Martha Childers

 Missouri Mental Health Counselor's Association, 2011
 Medical, 2010-2011
 International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) Meeting, Peurto Rico,
 2011
 Notecards, Blank
 Postcards, Blank
 Letters and Cards, 2005, 2007-2008, 2010-2011 (4 folders)
 Emails, 2006-2007, 2009-2011 (4 folders)
 John Nantz, 2011
 Savannah Childers, 2011
 Family
 Memorial Service for Thelbert E. Childers
 Pets
 Journal, 2010-2011
 Photographs

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Friends Weddings, Etc. 2004-2011
History of McFall, Missouri
Neighbors, 2010

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University of Illinois, Champaign School of Library Science
Missouri Library Association Paper, 2011
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Constitution Day Poster Contest
Johnson County Libraries
Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), Johnson County Libraries Award,
2010
Library Media Connection (LMC), 2011
Memberships and Donations
Conception Abby
Theater and Events, 2011
Friends of Chamber Music
Arbonne Products, 2011
Travels, Toledo, Spain, 2009
DVDs and CDs
Magazine, etc.
Kansas City Public Television (KCPT) Member Bag

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Cards

Tri-Conference, 2003-2007
Tom and Theresa Mattis correspondence
Case Western Commencement
Johnson County Library
Performance plans, 2004-2008
Work files, 2001-2007 (2 folders)
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Library and Information Science information
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China Trip, 2011
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Sky Log Astrological Reports, 2010-2014
Psychology conference, 2013
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Correspondence, 2007-2011
Performance plans, 2005-2006
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Limba Mtembezeka correspondence, 1987-1988
Six audio cassette tapes and CD
Virginia Childers
Personal
Guest book and address book
Christmas Letters, volumes 1-2, 1980s-1990s

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Virginia Childers, Christmas Letters, volume 1, 1970s
Leaves of Gold, volume 2
Virginia Childers retirement scrapbook, volume 3, 1993

Box 14

Martha Childers
Taschen angel calendar, with handwritten schedule entries, 2001-2002, 2004,
2007-2010 (3 items)
Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art 60th anniversary bag, 1993
Changing Japan, Asahi Evening News, publication written in English, 1977-1978
Scrapbook, "Letters I", letters written by Japanese women, members of the JAUW Kobe
Branch to Miss Virginia Childers and other members of the Belton branch of the
JAUW
Notebook, "Letters II, letter of introduction and photographs from Mrs. Kyoko Deguch,
treasurer of the Kobe Branch of the JAUW
Scrapbook, "Committee Members' Profiles, Kobe Branch JAUW 1977," Designed and
edited by Akiko Harada. Letters describe each woman's education, family,
hobbies, and community activities
Event programs, 2008

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Johnson County Library National Award for Library Service coffee mug, 2005