



Woodruff-Stumpff Family Papers (S0506)

Collection Number: S0506

Collection Title: Woodruff-Stumpff Family Papers

Dates: 1901-2022

Creator: Woodruff-Stumpff family

Abstract: The Woodruff-Stumpff family papers contain correspondence, photographs, diplomas, yearbooks, and family tree charts documenting the Woodruff and Stumpff families of St. Louis, Missouri.

Collection Size: 0.4 cubic foot
(12 folders, 121 photographs)

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-St. Louis](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at stlouis@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Julia Stumpff on July 27, 2023 (Accession No. SA4664).

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Historical Note:

The Woodruff family name dates back to the 16th century in Fordworth, England, where the Woodruff family line lived prominently as freemen and yeomen. The first Woodruff to settle in

American was John Woodruff II (1604-1670), along with wife Ann Gosmer, a 2-year-old child, step-father John Gosmer, and mother Elizabeth Woodruff in 1639. The family settled first in Southampton, Long Island, New York, then moved to Elizabethtown, New Jersey in 1665.

This Woodruff family line lived in and around New Jersey for the next 278 years until Allen, Sr. moved to Savannah, Georgia with his family to manage a new Diamond Match Company plant in 1917. Allen's son Allen G. Woodruff, Jr. (1901-1994) married Elizabeth Morrison (1903-2002) in Savannah, Georgia in 1926, then moved to St. Louis, Missouri. They eventually settled in Kansas City, Missouri, where both lived until their deaths.

Allen, Jr. and Elizabeth had four daughters, Elizabeth Antoinette (Betty) (1927-2014), Martha (1930-2017), Marcelle (1931-2022), and Serena (1934-2017). Betty married Harry Glen Miller in 1949. Martha married Owen Gathings Hulsey in 1952. Marcelle married her first husband, Howard Keith Stumpff, in 1957. Howard died in 1990 and Marcelle was remarried to Myron D. Bennett in 1994. Serena married Robert Lee Myers in 1955.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged chronologically into 12 folders.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains birth and death certificates, correspondence, diplomas, photographs, and family trees and histories documenting the Woodruff and Stumpff family line of Missouri. Also included in this collection are school records and a yearbook regarding Marcelle Woodruff Stumpff and oversize diplomas for Allen G. Woodruff, Jr. The textual materials in this collection date from 1901 to 2022 and are arranged chronologically. Following this are the photographs and oversize materials.

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1	Birth certificates, death certificates, and obituaries, 1901-2022
	f. 2	Allen and Elizabeth Woodruff wedding congratulations, 1926
	f. 3	Allen and Elizabeth Woodruff wedding scrapbook, 1926
	f. 4	Marcelle Woodruff Stumpff school records and diplomas, 1940-1963
	f. 5	War ration books, 1943
	f. 6	Southwest High School yearbook, 1948
	f. 7	Woodruff histories and genealogy, 1971-1999
	f. 8	Correspondence regarding Allen Woodruff's remains, 1994-2002
	f. 9	Photographs, Woodruff family, 506.1-49, 1933-1999
	f. 10	Photographs, Marcelle Woodruff Stumpff, 506.50-100, 1933-2021
	f. 11	Photographs, Woodruff Bash, 506.101-121, June 1976
Oversize	f. 12	Allen G. Woodruff, Jr. diplomas, 1915-1931

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Bennett, Marcelle Woodruff Stumpff (1931-2022)	1, 4-11	Yes
Husley, Martha Woodruff (1930-2017)	1, 7-9, 11	Yes
Miller, Elizabeth (Betty) Woodruff (1927-2015)	1, 5, 7-9, 11	Yes
Morrison, Elizabeth	1	
Morrison, John Timothy (1841-1907)	7	
Myers, Serena W. (1934-2017)	1, 7, 9, 11	Yes
Woodruff, Allen G., Jr. (1901-1994)	1-3, 5, 7-9, 11-12	Yes
Woodruff, Elizabeth M. (1903-2002)	1-3, 5, 7-9, 11	Yes