



Murray-Goede Collection (S0802)

Collection Number: S0802

Collection Title: Murray-Goede Collection

Dates: 1880-1975, bulk 1950-1968

Creator: Murray, Mary Virginia Hays Breville, 1908-2001

Abstract: The Murray-Goede Collection documents the families of two women, Mary Virginia Hays Breville Murray and her daughter Virginia Lee Breville Gardner Goede, who were lifelong residents of Fenton, Missouri. It contains 159 photographs from the twentieth century, with the bulk of the photographs dating from 1950-1968.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic feet
(4 folders, 159 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

Mary Virginia Murray (1908-2001) was born Mary Virginia Hays in Fenton, Missouri to German immigrant parents William H. (1875-1971) and Blanche R. Hays (1882-1958). She married Stanley Russel Breville (1906-1939) in 1930, with whom she had one daughter, Virginia "Ginny" Lee Breville, born in 1934. After Stanley Breville's death, she married her second husband, George W. Murray. Mary Virginia worked as a bank teller. She is buried with Stanley Breville in Sunset Memorial Park in Affton, Missouri.

Mary Virginia's daughter, Ginny, also was a lifelong resident of Fenton. Ginny first married Kenneth Dale Gardener in 1955, and in 1965 she married Lionel J. Goede. Amongst other activities, Ginny served as Cub Scout and Boy Scout troop leader. Both Mary Virginia and Ginny were active members of Fenton's community, local church congregations, and in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into four folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains 159 photographs of the family and of the Fenton area and Fenton residents from the early twentieth century to 1975. Included are 3 photographs of the 1927 flooding of the Meramec River near Fenton. A small number of the photographs are dated to approximately 1880-1910 and are portraits of William Hays and his family. The majority of the photographs date between 1958 and 1968 and include images of Christmas, Thanksgiving, New Years, weddings, anniversary parties, and high school formals, as well as Cub Scouts participating in parades in downtown Fenton. The collection also includes the identification information card of Mary Virginia Murray dating to the 1940s.

Container List:

- f. 1 Identification card and card holder, 1946-1950s
- f. 2 Photographs, 802.1-802.50, 1880s-1975
- f. 3 Photographs, 802.51-802.100, 1958-1959
- f. 4 Photographs, 802.101-802.159, 1961-1968

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Hays, William H.	2-4	Yes

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Lemay Bank and Trust Company	3	Yes
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