



## **Bangert Family Papers (SP0008)**

**Collection Number:** SP0008

**Collection Title:** Bangert Family Papers

**Dates:** 1923-1994

**Creator:** Bangert, Nell Blanche, 1910-1996

**Abstract:** The Bangert Family Papers chronicle two generations of the Bangert Family. They consist mostly of the personal papers of Nell Mabrey Bangert and the genealogy and family photographs of her husband's family. Also included is material chronicling her teaching career, including photographs of her students, which have been organized by year.

**Collection Size:** 0.5 cubic foot  
(40 folders, 602 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-Springfield](http://www.shsmo.org). If you would like more information, please contact us at [springfield@shsmo.org](mailto:springfield@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Bangert Family Papers can be found in the following collection:

*Mabrey Family Papers* (SP0018)

**Processed by:** Processed by Erin Smither, November 20, 2015

**Biographical Note:**

Nell Mabrey was born September 24, 1910, in Chaonia, Missouri, to George and Esther Mabrey. She attended Center Ridge Elementary and Greenville High School in Wayne County, Missouri. After graduating high school, Mabrey attended and graduated from Southeast Missouri State Teachers College, now Southeast Missouri State University, in Cape Girardeau. She taught at Advance Public High School in Advance, Missouri, Bonne Terre Elementary, and in Festus, Missouri. For a short time, during World War II, she worked as a file clerk at the FBI in Washington, D.C. Mabrey married Herb Bangert on June 10, 1945. He was from Cape Girardeau County, worked as an iron molder in a foundry, and belonged to the Free Masons. They had no children, and he passed away suddenly in 1974. Nell retired from teaching in 1973 and never remarried. She died on January 25, 1996, at the age of 85.

**Arrangement:**

This collection was arranged into four series:

Family Papers  
Education and Employment  
Photographs and Contracts  
Newspaper Clippings

**Scope and Content Note:**

**Family Papers**

The Family Papers consists of genealogical materials about the Bangert family, including Nell and Herb Bangert's marriage certificate and memorials for members of Herb Bangert's family. It has been arranged chronologically and covers the period of 1942 to 1980. During this period, the family lived in Wayne County, Missouri, St. Louis, Missouri, and Bonne Terre, Missouri.

**Education and Employment**

This series documents the education and early employment career of Nell Mabrey. The series contains records of her school work from elementary school in Wayne County, Missouri through college at Southeast Missouri State University and continuing education courses at Flat River Junior College during her teaching career. Nell entered elementary school in 1923 and graduated from college in 1939. Her continuing education courses were taken from 1966 to 1968. Also

documented is her brief time working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1942. The series has been organized in chronological order.

### **Photographs and Contracts**

This series contains photographs of the Bangert family, including Herb's immediate and extended family. The series also includes school portraits taken each year of Nell's teaching career, spanning the years 1944 to 1985. Nell also collected and kept photographs of her students, dividing them by year and class from 1953-1972. In her elder years Nell lived at The Baptist Home located in Ironton, Missouri. The contract she signed is included. The series has been arranged chronologically.

### **Newspaper Clippings**

This series contains newspaper clippings featuring stories about Nell Bangert and her teaching career. Nell collected them between the years 1963 and 1973. The series has been arranged chronologically.

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