



## Seneca, Missouri, Scrapbooks (SP0029)

**Collection Number:** SP0029

**Collection Title:** Seneca, Missouri, Scrapbooks

**Dates:** 1898-1992

**Creator:** Hoare, Virginia

**Abstract:** The Seneca, Missouri, Scrapbooks were compiled by Virginia Hoare and contain photographs, newspaper clippings, and articles about the history of Seneca, Missouri.

**Collection Size:** 1 cubic foot  
(13 folders)

**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](#). 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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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Seneca Missouri Scrapbooks* (SP0029); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Springfield].

**Donor Information:** The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Virginia Hoare on February 20, 2018 (Accession No. SPA0035).

**Processed by:** Processed by Erin Smither, August 20, 2018

**Historical Note:**

Seneca, Missouri, founded in 1869 in present day Newton County, was named for the Seneca Indian tribe. In 1870, the town had a population of 285. By 2010, there were 2,336 people living there. A major industry in Seneca is American Tripoli, the producers of a naturally occurring microcrystalline silica, which is used as a metal polishing compound. Seneca is located in the Lost Creek Valley. The Frisco Railroad ran through this valley and until 1959 most of the traffic travelling to Oklahoma, did so via Highway 60 which ran through Seneca, causing the town to be a thriving stop. The town is also no stranger to tragedy and hardship. In 1959, the town suffered a devastating flood. Flooding remains a problem in Seneca and as recently as 2017, the town flooded yet again. They were also the victims of a 2008 F4 tornado that killed 13 people.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following four series:

Seneca People  
Seneca Structures  
Seneca Businesses  
News Items

**Scope and Content Note:**

**Seneca People**

This series consists of photographs and newspaper clippings pertaining to the people who lived in Seneca, Missouri. They have been arranged in the order in which they appeared in the original scrapbook prepared by Virginia Hoare.

**Seneca Structures**

This series consists of photographs and newspaper clippings pertaining to the history of important historical structures in Seneca, Missouri, including homes, businesses, churches, and other buildings. They have been arranged in the order in which they appeared in the original scrapbook prepared by Virginia Hoare.

**Seneca Businesses**

This series consists of photographs and newspaper clippings pertaining to the history of businesses located in Seneca, Missouri. They have been arranged in the order in which they appeared in the original scrapbook prepared by Virginia Hoare.

**News Items**

This series consists of newspaper clippings pertaining to the history of Seneca, Missouri. It includes news items from 1898 to the early 1990s and is arranged in the order in which the clippings appeared in the original scrapbook prepared by Virginia Hoare.

**Container List:**

f. 1-4		Seneca People
Box 001	f. 1	Individuals, 1900-1976
	f. 2	Families, 1805-1884
	f. 3	Native Americans, 1910
	f. 4	Parades, 1903-1998
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	f. 5	Homes, 1869-1969
	f. 6	Churches and other structures, 1890-1969
f. 7-9		Seneca Businesses
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f. 10-13		News Items
	f. 10	Floods, 1896, 1959
	f. 11-13	News items, 1898-1992

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