



Brandt and Grant Family Papers (SP0042)

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Collection Title: Brandt and Grant Family Papers

Dates: 1933-2000

Creator: Winzeler, Lena K. Brandt Grant, 1916-2014

Abstract: The Brandt and Grant Family Papers contains 35 diaries written by Lena K. Grant from 1933 to 1976. They document the travels of her family during her husband's many deployments, to places like the Philippines, Korea, and Crown Point, Indiana. The collection also contains clippings, pamphlets, a baby book, photographs and other mementos from the family's life.

Collection Size: 4 cubic feet
(74 folders, 208 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](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at springfield@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Biographical Note:

Lena K. Brandt was born February 28, 1916, the daughter of Charles Brandt and Louise Demanche Brandt. She was born in Marionville, Missouri, and attended high school there. On March 24, 1940, she married Ben Grant, who was a career military man who served in the United States Army. Ben joined the United States Army on June 6, 1932. During World War II, he served in the Pacific. Ben remained in the Army following the war, and the family moved frequently. Places Ben served included Fort Riley, Kansas; Joplin, Missouri; Aschaffenburg, Germany; Warsaw, Indiana; Crown Point, Indiana; and Korea. Lena meticulously recorded their travels in a series of scrapbooks and diaries. In November 1942, they had a son, John, who also went into the military. They retired to their hometown of Billings, Missouri, in the late 1960s. Ben and Lena were married for 38 years, until his death in 1978.

On September 4, 1982, Lena married Elmer Winzeler. They resided in Nixa, Missouri, until his death on November 19, 2005. Lena volunteered her time at the Republic Senior Center and enjoyed gardening. She was a member of the Greater Ozarks Hosta (plant) Society. Lena died December 6, 2014, at the age of 98 and was buried in the Springfield National Cemetery.

Arrangement:

This collection was arranged into three series:

Family Papers
Diaries
Photographs

Scope and Content Note:

Family Papers

This series consists of correspondence, clippings, pamphlets, a baby book, and other mementos Lena K. Grant collected about the family's life. It includes pamphlets and invitations to events the family attended from 1936 to 1986, and clippings chronicling stories about family and friends, including obituaries of loved ones. Booklets published by organizations, such as the Republic Senior Friendship Center, which Lena volunteered for, give insight into her later life. Also included is private correspondence between Lena and her husband Ben. The contents of this series have been arranged chronologically.

Diaries

This series consists of 35 diaries kept by Lena K. Grant from 1933 until 1976. The diaries detail the family's travels as they moved with the army and documents living in the Philippines, Germany, Fort Riley, Kansas, Crown Point, Indiana, and Korea. It also chronicles their return to their home town of Billings, Missouri. The diaries have been kept in their original numbered order and maintain their original organization.

Photographs

This series consists of 208 photographs of Grant family members, friends, and military subjects. The photographs are unidentified and undated, though the model of airplanes seen in folder 73 indicate they are likely from the 1930s. The photographs located in folder 74 include military photographs taken while Ben Grant was stationed in the Philippines. The photographs have been arranged by subject.

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