Vanderheide Family Papers
(SP0142)

Collection Number: SP0142

Collection Title: Vanderheide Family Papers

Dates: 1830-1986

Creator: Vanderheide, Madge Alkana Edmonson Askew, 1894-1979

Abstract: The Vanderheide Family Papers contain genealogical research created and compiled by Madge Edmonson Vanderheide, including surname files, correspondence, family histories and charts, and newspaper articles. The materials are dated from 1830 to 1986 and relate to families throughout Greene, Dade, and Polk counties.

Collection Size: 3 cubic feet
(91 folders, 6 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Custodial History: The collection was originally donated to the Ozarks Genealogical Society in Springfield, Missouri, in 1985. After the organization closed in 2024, all manuscript collections were transferred to the State Historical Society of Missouri-Springfield Research Center.

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Historical Note:

Madge Alkana Edmonson Askew Vanderheide was born on September 20, 1894, in Walnut Grove, Missouri to David Franklin and Ophelia Cantrell Edmonson. She married Alexander Askew on May 26, 1920, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They had one child together, Doris Madena Askew Collins, in 1923. She later married Julius Vanderheide, a veteran of World War I, on May 2, 1925, in Winner, South Dakota and the couple had two children including Norma Gail Vanderheide Breedlove and Mary Vanderheide Berg. From 1940 to 1947, she and Julius lived in Emerson, Nebraska before moving to Rapid City, South Dakota. In 1953, they moved to Sturgis, and in 1964 Madge moved back to Rapid City following her husband's death. She was active both in the Ozarks Genealogical Society and as a charter member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Madge Alkana Edmonson Askew Vanderheide passed December 7, 1979, and is buried in Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, South Dakota.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 4 series:

Genealogical Research
Correspondence
Related Families
Manuscripts

Scope and Content Note:

Genealogical Research

This series contains genealogical research created and compiled by Madge Edmonson Vanderheide, including surname files, family histories and charts, and genealogical correspondence. Of particular note are the copies of Leroy Tilton's "Early Looneys in America," including his original draft, additions, corrections and revisions, and his published manuscript. The series also contains family histories on the Vanderheide, Looney, and Julian families, as well as a photograph of the Sunset Motel in Cassville, Missouri. While some folders contain original documents, the majority of the collection contains photocopies. This series has been arranged by subject and left in original order.

Correspondence

This series contains correspondence created and compiled by Madge Edmonson Vanderheide relating to her genealogical research, including her own letters and those from other genealogists and family members. The most significant collection of correspondence is between Madge and Elsie Stroud, continuing from 1955 to 1978. While some folders contain original documents, the

majority of the collection contains photocopies. This series has been arranged by correspondent and left in original order.

Related Families

This series contains genealogical research created and compiled by Madge Edmonson Vanderheide on related families, including surname files, family history and charts, and manuscripts. The series contains genealogical research on the Allred, Bullock, Edmonson, Paynter, Speight, Tatum, Cantrell, Carlock, Garrison, and other families. While some folders contain original documents, the majority of the collection contains photocopies. This series has been arranged by surname and left in original order.

Manuscripts

This series contains genealogical manuscripts created and compiled by Madge Edmonson Vanderheide. The manuscripts predominately cover the Looney family, but also include the Boyle, Williams, and Wood families, as well as the Civil War diary of William A. Ruyle. While some folders contain original documents, the majority of the collection contains photocopies. This series has been arranged by surname and left in original order.

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