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Abstract: The Bonnie Rose Shaw Papers contain genealogical research created and compiled by Bonnie Jean Rose Shaw, including surname files, correspondence, family histories and charts, and newspapers. The materials date from 1923 to 2005 and relate to families throughout the Ozarks of both the Rose and Shaw surnames.

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Historical Note:

Bonnie Jean Rose Shaw was born February 11, 1919, to Arthur D. and Sara D. Stanely Rose in Springfield, Missouri. She worked as a secretary for American Motors for many years, as well as the Agricultural Office in Kenosha County, Wisconsin. She was married four times, marrying John Robert Plunkett in 1940, John Kennedy, who she later divorced in 1966, James Enoch Tinker in 1972, and Ralph William Shaw on November 1, 1977. Throughout her life, she had three daughters, Diana Lee Dallas Dixon, Patty Sue Plunkett, and JoAnn Rueben Slater. Bonnie was also involved in various social organizations, such as the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Missouri Historical Society, and the Ozarks Genealogical Society. Her husband Ralph was also a member of the Ozarks Genealogical Society, joining in 1976, and served one year as president of the organization. Bonnie Jean Rose Shaw passed July 13, 2005, and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Republic, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 2 series:

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Scope and Content Note:

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