Marsha Hoffman Rising Papers
(SP0165)

Collection Number: SP0165

Collection Title: Marsha Hoffman Rising Papers

Dates: 1996-2005, no date

Creator: Rising, Marsha Hoffman, 1945-2010

Abstract: The Marsha Hoffman Rising Papers contains genealogical research created and compiled by Marsha Hoffman Rising including correspondence, family histories and charts, land records, deeds and probate records, and reference material. The files relate to the families in Rising's four volume compilation, *Opening the Ozarks: The First Families in Southwest Missouri, 1835-1839*, which was published in 2005. The publication covers the first 1000 families who purchased land at the Springfield, Missouri, Land Office between 1835 to 1839.

Collection Size: 8 cubic feet
(483 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research but may be stored offsite. 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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Donor Information: The papers were donated to State Historical Society of Missouri by Ozarks Genealogical Society on October 2, 2024 (Accession No. SPA0143).

Custodial History: The collection was originally donated to the Ozarks Genealogical Society in Springfield, Missouri. 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:

Marsha Hoffman Rising was born in Kansas City, Missouri, to Paul Hoffman and Zella Deschner on August 19, 1943. She received a BA in Psychology from the University of South Florida and her Master of Social Work from Florida State University. Marsha was the first Director of Missouri State University's social work program before becoming a Certified Genealogist. She was the President of the Genealogical Speakers Guild, the President of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, a Fellow and President of the American Society of Genealogists, the Vice-President of the National Genealogical Society, and a Trustee of both the New England Historic Genealogical Society and the Association of Professional Genealogists. Marsha published several books including *The Family Tree Problem Solver* and *Opening the Ozarks: The First Families in Southwest Missouri, 1835-1839.* Marsha Hoffman Rising died on February 17, 2010.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 1 series:

Genealogical Research

Scope and Content Note:

Genealogical Research

This series contains genealogical research created and compiled by Marsha Hoffman Rising including correspondence, family histories and charts, land records, deeds and probate records, and reference material. The majority of folders contain abstract sheets created in 1996. While the correspondence and family charts are original, the remaining documents are photocopies. The files relate to the families in Rising's four volume compilation, *Opening the Ozarks: The First Families in Southwest Missouri, 1835-1839*, which was published in 2005. The publication covers the first 1000 families who purchased land at the Springfield, Missouri, Land Office between 1835 to 1839. This series is arranged alphabetically by family name and has been left in original order. Please contact the SHSMO-Springfield Research Center for an index of family names.

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