

CG Sewell, Betty “Kennedy (1930-), Genealogical Collection, 1964-2016
11 1.4 cubic feet (29 folders, 1 volume)

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INTRODUCTION

The collection contains genealogical research and materials, including family group sheets, correspondence, clippings, and photographs, of the Kennedy, Zook, Sheppard, Priest, Renfroe, Whitley, Gisler, Doughty, and affiliated families.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Betty “Kennedy” Sewell on 22 August, 2016 (Accession No. CGA0011).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Betty “Kennedy” Sewell was born March 8, 1930, to Earl Kennedy and Bertha “Zook” Kennedy in New Madrid County, Missouri. As a child, she moved with her family to Edna, Texas, and returned to southeast Missouri in 1943.

An interest in her family’s broad history inspired this genealogical research. It began in 1964 and produced extensive resources of her lineage and decades of correspondence documenting her successes. The findings established the facts used in generating family group sheets.

Sewell’s research established her lineage to an ancestor who fought in the Revolutionary War as a private in the Virginia militia under Captain Peter Asturgres. John Kennedy, whose birth is estimated between 1735 and 1742, died on February 1, 1802, in Nelson County, Kentucky. Through this ancestor, by right of lineal descent, she became a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution on February 2, 1979.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The folders have been arranged by prominent surnames contained within the papers, where applicable, and contain the donor’s research correspondence, family charts, and copies of relevant source documents, with some folders containing original, and copied, photographs. The remaining folders are identified by primary content.

Two ledgers are the product of the donor compiling the research into an organized format. Volume one contains the Kennedy family lineage and copies of wills, deeds, estate sale lists, death certificates, plus other documents located during research. Volume two contains extensive family group sheets reflecting the donor’s lineage and other branches of researched families was removed from ledger and foldered.

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