



## **Betz Family Collection (K0838)**

**Collection Number:** K0838

**Collection Title:** Betz Family Collection

**Dates:** 1981

**Creator:** Betz, Annette

**Abstract:** This collection contains a small booklet written by Annette Betz entitled, "The Home of Carl Betz and Louise Wittig Betz and Their Children." The booklet is a retelling of her family history, focusing on Annette's childhood, and her memories of her father, Carl, and her mother, Louise.

**Collection Size:** 0.1 cubic foot  
(1 volume)

**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-Kansas City](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [kansascity@shsmo.org](mailto:kansascity@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Donor Information:** The papers were transferred to the University of Missouri by the University of Missouri-Kansas City, General Library on September 7, 1989 (Accession No. KA0532).

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**Historical Note:**

Carl Betz was born in Germany in 1854. He was a physical education proponent and through his urging, Kansas City became the first city in the country with a permanent system of physical education in public schools. In 1889, the Exposition Universelle in Paris, awarded Carl Betz the silver medal for his work in physical education in the public schools and for the books he wrote. Carl married Louise Wittig in 1885, and together they had seven children. He died of appendicitis in 1898.

Annette Betz, the daughter of Carl and Louise Betz, was born in 1886. In 1915, she became a member of the original faculty of the Kansas City, Missouri, Junior College. She retired from teaching in 1957.

**Arrangement:**

This collection has been arranged into a single folder.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection consists of a single booklet pertaining to the family history of the Betz and Wittig family. The book contains several small anecdotal chapters that go in chronological order. There is also a small family tree showing the connection of the Betz and Wittig families.

**Container List:**

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