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David Leroy Alexander (1905-1995) Papers

1865-2001

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Family papers of the Alexander and Graham families of Jackson County and Pettis Counties in Missouri. Includes correspondence, birth certificates, marriage licenses, funeral information and other legal papers. Also Alexander's World War II military records; Robert B. Graham's discharge papers from the Missouri State Militia (1865); scrapbooks; photographs; books; and a journal kept by James Andrew Alexander of Longwood, Missouri.

BIOGRAPHY:

David Leroy Alexander was born January 16, 1905 in Pettis County, Missouri to James Andrew and Mary Elizabeth Raines Alexander. He attended Longwood Missouri High School, graduating in 1925. In 1931, he married Marjorie (Margy) Graham Alexander in Independence, Missouri.

During World War II, David served as a member of the United States Navy. After the war he moved to Sedalia, Missouri where he worked as a postal clerk until his retirement in 1974.

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DESCRIPTION:

The collection includes birth certificates, marriage licenses, funeral information and other legal papers for the Alexander and Graham families. Also included are David Alexander's World War II military records; Robert B. Graham's discharge papers from the Missouri State Militia, 1865; scrapbooks; photographs; books; and a journal kept by James Andrew Alexander of Longwood, Missouri from 1898-1939.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

- Folder 1. "The Elementary Spelling Book" used by Jim Alexander, 1874
- Folder 2. Journal kept by James Andrew Alexander, and later Mrs. James A. Alexander, of Longwood, Missouri, 1898-1939. Records births, deaths, marriages, moves, business sales, neighbors, weather, local crimes, special events
- Folder 3. Marriage license: J.A. Alexander and Mary E. Raines, Longwood, Missouri 1896
- Folder 4. Legal documents: J.A. Alexander, E.L. Alexander, Mary E. Alexander, 1863-1908
- Folder 5. Funeral/Estate Records: Mary Elizabeth Alexander 1880-1978; Mr. James A. Alexander 1868-1958; Margy Graham Alexander 1914-1985. Genealogy: Alexander family.
- Folder 6. Birth Certificates: Lorena L. Birdsall 1889; Robert Paul Graham 1884. Marriage License: R.P. Graham and Rena L. Birdsall 1906. Voter Registration: Lorena Graham 1942. Life Insurance Policy: Lorena Graham 1941
- Folder 7. Discharge Papers, Missouri State Militia: Robert B. Graham, July 11, 1865. Widow's Pension; Nancy J. Graham, February 10, 1914

- Folder 8. Papers of Robert Paul Graham (1884-1969) and Lorene Birdsall Graham (1889-), 1918-1944. R.P. Graham worked at Standard Oil Co.- Sugar Creek, MO. 1917-1923, 1925-1927.
- Folder 9. Genealogy: Alexander, Graham, Raines families
- Folder 10. Genealogy: Graham, Birdsall. Poetry, verse 1932, 1933. Graduation invitation: Richard Graham, William Chrisman High School 1927
- Folder 11. Wesley Methodist Church, Sedalia, MO. Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Graham, new members
- Folder 12. Legal/Medical papers; Robert P. Graham, Lorene L. Graham 1943-1966. Estate of Jesse K. Graham, 1961
- Folder 13. Funeral notice: Judge R.B. Graham, Centerview, MO. 1914. Letter to son, Tom, 1914. R.B. graham, estate settlement, 1932
- Folder 14. Correspondence: to Tom, Paul and Lorene from mother, photo 1912-1919
- Folder 15. Funeral/Estate records of Robert P. (tom) Graham 1884-1969.
- Folder 16. Correspondence: J.A. Alexander, David L. Alexander, Lorene Graham, Mrs. David L. Alexander, Andy Alexander 1909-2001. Includes: postcard dated December 28, 1909 from Wm. Schmidtmann (Baker) in New Rochelle, New York to Mr. J.A. Alexander of Longwood, Pettis County, MO. concerning eggs; also check for \$3.50 from John Wm. Alexander to David Alexander dated April 28, 1923 (for about 2 ½ days' work on fence)
- Folder 17. Birth Certificates, Marriage License, Obituaries, David L. Alexander, Margy Graham 1914, 1930
- Folder 18. Miscellaneous Alexander family papers: obituaries, grade cards 1923-1978
- Folder 19. Military Records: David Leroy Alexander 1944-1956
- Folder 20. Selective Service Records 1942, Veterans Administration 1954, U.S. Navy 1945: David Alexander
- Folder 21. Military items: dog tags, id bracelet, name pin, U.S. Naval Reserve pin, VFW pin. Tokens: Maywood recreation, Sedalia bus Co., Kansas tax. Patches: Post Office Dept. (2); Chandler Baseball Camp. Pin: Missouri Pacific Booster Club
- Folder 22. Certificate of Completion: David L. Alexander, Naval Training School (Ground Controlled Approach) December 1944 (removed from scrapbook)
- Folder 23. Paper: "Ground Controlled Approach-Pilot Briefing Information"

- Folder 24. Veterans Administration, Kansas City, MO.: David L. Alexander 1944-1946
- Folder 25. Recognition of Services- Selective Services registrar-Margy G. Alexander 1948. Letter of Recommendation- Dr. K.R. Barnum: Margy G. Alexander 1948
- Folder 26. Miscellaneous Legal Documents: proof of name: Marjorie or Margy Alexander 1925-1985
- Folder 27. Federal Employment Applications, Kansas City, MO. and Sedalia, MO.: David L. Alexander 1948
- Folder 28. Power of Attorney 1945, Civil Service Rating 1946, Designation of Beneficiary 1948, Employee Record 1949-1955: David L. Alexander
- Folder 29. Financial/Tax: David L. Alexander 1944-1952
- Folder 30. Real Estate Papers: David L. Alexander and Margy G. Alexander 1953-1967
- Folder 31. Cemetery Deed: David L. and Margy G. Alexander, Sedalia, MO 1958
- Folder 32. Birth Certificate: Andrew Graham Alexander, Research Hospital, K.C. MO 1950
- Folder 33. High School Commencement: Andrew Alexander, Sedalia, MO 1968
- Folder 34. Funeral: Rodney William Alexander, Sedalia, MO 1973
- Folder 35. Retirement Information/Survivor Information-United States Post Office: David Leroy Alexander, retired June 28, 1974
- Folder 36. Legal papers: Mary Elizabeth E. Alexander, David L. Alexander
- Folder 37. Scrapbook: Maywood Recreation, Billiards Hall, Jackson County, MO. 1938-1939. The "Q" Room
- Folder 38. Scrapbook: Lorene Leona Birdsall Graham, ca 1925-1931
- Folder 39. History of Longwood, Pettis County, Missouri-notes by David Alexander. Alexander family tree. American Kennel Club registration: Alexander's Shane 1967
- Folder 40. Publication: *My Home Town in the Nineties and Early Nineteen Hundreds* by Lorene Birdsall Graham 1973. Holden, Missouri.
- Folder 41. Photograph and documents: Reverend Ralph Emerson Hurd 1918-1919, minister at Epworth Methodist Church, Sedalia, MO
- Folder 42. Photograph album: David L. Alexander 1940's
- Folder 43. Portraits: Margie Graham Alexander, David L. Alexander 1960
- Folder 44. Photographs: Alexander family ca. 1900-1950

- Folder 45. Photographs: Graham family ca. 1900-1960s
- Folder 46. Photographs: U.S. Navy- David L. Alexander (removed from scrapbook)
- Folder 47. Group portrait: unidentified group from Manhattan, Kansas
- Folder 48. Photograph album: compiled by David L. Alexander while on Aleutian Islands 1944-1945

BOX 002

- Folder 1. Textbooks: Barnes's School History of the United States, Steele, 1914; Civil Government; Local, State and National and the History of Missouri, Loeb and Williams, 1907. (Used by David L. Alexander, Longwood, Missouri 1917)
- Folder 2. Textbook: Agricultural Laboratory Exercises and Home Projects, Waters-Elliff, 1919. (Used by David L. Alexander, Longwood High School)

FLATBOX

- Folder 1. Public School Certificate of Attainment, Eight Elementary Grades, Anderson, Pettis Counties, Sedalia, Missouri April 20, 1921
- Graduation Certificate: Longwood High School, Longwood, Missouri May 19, 1925
- Certificate: *Domain of the Golden Dragon* U.S. Navy Bomber "El Toro", David L. Alexander, color, no date (2 copies)
- Group Portrait: *Co. 1008-S.H. Mc.Glasson-C.SP. CO COMDR-* May 22, 1944. U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL. Some signatures on back.