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Joanna Benecke Townsend (1919-2008) Family Papers

1846-2002

8 cubic feet, 2 oversize items

Includes correspondence and postcards, financial records, newspaper clippings, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) materials, home movies, and Townsend genealogical notes/individual profiles. Also Townsend's personal diaries kept in the later years of her life.

BIOGRAPHY:

Born on September 16, 1919, in Brunswick, MO, the daughter of Waldo (Ruby) Benecke (a postmaster) and Eleanor Magruder, Joanna Josephine Benecke married William (Bill) Wesley Townsend (June 25, 1919-December 18, 1972), an employee at the Socony Mobil Oil Company, on November 24, 1940 and had two sons, Thomas (b. June 30, 1942) and John (b. November 20, 1944). Active in the Episcopal Church and in various women's organizations such as The Elizabeth Benton Chapter of the DAR, she collaborated with relative Riely Leon Townsend in compiling a family history tracing the genealogy of Thomas Townsend (1732-1796), an Englishman who immigrated to Virginia. Spreading throughout the country following the Revolutionary War, Thomas' descendants were early Midwest settlers who are recorded as having settled in Arrow Rock, MO by 1818. Joanna Townsend died in 2008.

PROVENANCE:

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DESCRIPTION:

This collection contains 8mm and 16mm films, newspaper clippings, correspondence, financial records, DAR materials, postcards, letters, and Townsend genealogical notes/individual profiles. Notables include Joanna's personal diaries intermittently spanning from 1952-2002.

NOTE: See also Benecke Family Papers (C3825)

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JOANNA TOWNSEND'S FINANCES

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DIARIES

1952

1963

1964

1966

1983

1984

1985-June 1986

June 25, 1986- September 3, 1987

#1 December 21, 1991- June 25, 1992

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#2 June 26- December 16, 1992

#3 December 17, 1992- July 8, 1993

#4 July 17, 1993- February 28, 1994

#5 March 1- August 31, 1994

#6 September 1, 1994- April 15, 1995

#7 April 16- November 24, 1995

#8 November 25, 1995- July 1, 1996

#9 July 1996- March 1997

#10 March 26- November 1997

#11 December 8, 1997- March 2, 1998

#12 March 3- June 1998

#13 July- November 1998

#14 December 1, 1998- June 13, 1999

#15 June 14- December 10, 1999

#16 December 10, 1999- July 24, 2000

#17 July 25- December 31, 2000

#18 January- June 3, 2001

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Folder 7.1 Newspaper clippings and letters grouped by people, 1980s

Folder 7.2 Photographs and negatives- Mobil Oil stations, 1952-1955

Folder 7.3 Photographs- MO State Society DAR office, 2001

Photo album- Santa Fe, New Mexico trip, September 1990

FILMS:

Reel 1 -- 16mm (on can -- 1940 wedding)

- Exterior of church
- Lake
- Mexico?
- Hoover Dam?
- Grand Canyon?
- City -- San Francisco?

Reel 2 -- 8mm (on can -- '64)

- (in can -- Spring 1954
- Baseball -- Little League
- Parade -- sent for processing June 23, 1954
- Summer 1954 -- processed July 3, 1954
- Jamboree -- Jerry
- July 4, 1956 processed July 11, 1957
- Eagle -- Tom, processed July 11, 1957)
- Fishing
- Backyard gathering
- Little League baseball players (does not include play)
- Camping (Boy Scouts)
- Boys playing catch
- Firecrackers?
- Boy Scout
- Playing baseball (catch)
- Preparing to go to Scout Camp?
- BB gun
- Playing catch
- Bird nest
- Kids playing -- come over
- Kids party

Reel 3 -- 8mm (on can -- '65)

- Snow
- Grand Canyon?
- Snow shoveling
- Graduation?
- Wedding?
- Son? In Air force uniform
- Garden
- Niagara Falls
- Lake view
- Bay of Fundy / Cape Forchu / lighthouse

- Reel 4 -- 8mm (on can -- '66-'68)
Graduation
Picnic (lake)
Baby
Baby in sandbox
- Reel 5 -- 8mm
Mickey Mouse -- "Forward Pass"
Scrappy -- "Scrappy's Big Moment"
- Reel 6 -- 8mm
"Little Black Sambo"
- Reel 7 -- 8mm
"Gene Autry Trilling Western"
- Reel 8 -- 8 mm
Mickey Mouse -- "Mickey the Nursemaid"
- Reel 9 -- 8mm
"Dumb Like a Fox"
- Reel 10 -- 8mm
Encyclopedia Britannica Films -- "Your Pets"

OVERSIZE

- Folder "They Knew Jesus" clippings, 1956
- Scrapbook Elizabeth Benton Chapter, National Society, DAR, Joanna Townsend, Regent, KC, MO, 2000-2002