

S0787 Wessel/Donnan Records, 1956-2005

31 Folders, 72 Photographs

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The Wessel/Donnan Records were donated by Geoffrey Wade Donnan in 2005 and 2008. Geoffrey Donnan is the grandson of Lillian and Emil Wessel of Kirkwood, MO. In 1953, Lillian and Emil Wessel moved from Webster Groves to Kirkwood, MO in order to start a stable business that they called Wessel Stables. In the mid-1970s, their daughter and her husband, Dwight and Gloria Donnan, took over operation of the stable. In 1985, the Donnans moved the stable to a new 43-acre location in Weldon Spring, MO. In 2005, the stable went out of business.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection primarily contains the business records of Wessel Stables while under the management of Dwight and Gloria Donnan. This collection also contains artifacts of the Donnan's participation with the Mariner Gam, a civic club affiliated with the United Church of Christ of Lockwood in Webster Groves, MO. The club was similar in nature to the girl scouts, but offered only water-based sporting activities. The couple was involved with Mariner Gam for approximately 20 years, ending in the mid 1980s.

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