

Magedanz Collection
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Summary

Title: Magedanz Collection

Accession Number: 2012-46

Creator: Ellen Elizabeth "Betty" (Row) Magedanz (1914-1984)

Extent: 5 file folders (403 pages)

Language: English

Abstract

The bulk of the Magedanz Collection is correspondence between Betty Magedanz and family members, repositories, and other researchers. Betty's search for her mother's family began when she was 17 and found out that the woman who raised her was not her biological mother. She reached out to others to fill in the pieces of her mother's life and quickly became interested in her ancestors. The most common surnames are Hersey and Yates. The family records are found in Michigan and Massachusetts. Betty was able to trace the families back to colonial times.

Administrative Information

Provenance: The genealogical collection of Betty Magedanz was acquired by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon before 2012.

Processing History: Processing and description of the Magedanz Collection was completed in 2021.

Retention and Access: Scanned images of the collection are currently retained by the GFO Manuscripts Committee in three separate digital storage locations and can be accessed at the GFO library or by contacting manuscripts@gfo.org.

Copyright Status: The status of copyright in the unpublished writings and research papers of Betty Magedanz is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Biographical Note

Elizabeth "Betty" Row was born 27 November 1914 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. Her mother, Grace Luella Yates, died in 1916. Her father, Jay Sylvanus Row, remarried shortly thereafter. In her papers, Betty writes about finding out about her birth mother when she was 17. She became close to her mother's sister and began exploring their common ancestors. She became very interested in the colonial history of the families and pursued membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a member of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon for several years.

Betty married Norman Arthur Magedanz on 28 May 1938 in California. They moved to Oregon and raised their two sons. Betty died on 22 May 1984.

Finding Aid

File #	Description	Prominent Surnames	Locations	Pages
1	Correspondence, research notes	Hersey, Bradford, Thomas, Ingraham, Yates, Otis	Michigan, Massachusetts, New York	34
2	Correspondence, research notes, DAR application for patriot John Hersey	Hersey, Ingraham, Ingram, deMortain, Morton, Thomas, Yates, Nash	Massachusetts, Michigan	74
3	Correspondence, research notes	Yates, Hersey, Davis, Witherspoon, Marshall, Thomas	Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, New York	123
4	Correspondence, personal recollections of Elizabeth Row Magedanz, transcript of the will of Jay S. Row	Hersey, Ingraham, Yates, Row	Michigan, Massachusetts	68
5	Correspondence, research notes	Hersey, Nash, Yates, Ingram, Ingraham	Michigan, New York, Massachusetts	104