

Fenn Collection
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Summary

Title: Fenn Collection

Accession Number: 2022-01

Creator: Lois Ellen Fenn (1899-1983)

Extent: 31 file folders (1682 pages)

Language: English

Abstract:

The Fenn collection is a compilation of personal family history research. Most of the files contain correspondence and research notes. A few contain family group sheets and pedigree charts that help establish the relationships between the surnames. There are also some copies of source documents, including Bible and probate records. The most common surnames are Carman, Fenn, Goodale, Leatherwood, and Purdy. Common locations included Connecticut, Maryland, Ohio, and Oklahoma.

Administrative Information

Provenance: The genealogical collection of Lois Ellen Fenn was acquired by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon before 2012. The files were found in the Bucknum Collection.

Processing History: Processing and description of the Fenn Collection was completed in 2022.

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Copyright Status: The status of copyright of the unpublished writings and research papers of Lois Ellen Fenn is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Biographical Note

Lois Ellen Fenn was born on 23 January 1899 in Allen County, Kansas. Her parents were Francis and Tamzen (Leatherwood) Fenn. She attended Baker University in Kansas and became a public-school teacher. By 1959, she had moved to Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, where she worked as a librarian. She was an active member of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon (GFO). She published a history of her family entitled *The Northwestern Leatherwoods: A Family History* which is available in the GFO collection. You can read more about Lois in the September 2021 issue of [The Bulletin](#).

Finding Aid

File	Description	Surnames	Locations	Pages
1	Research notes, correspondence	Hamilton, Nichols, Leatherwood	Ohio, Virginia	29
2	Research notes, correspondence	Tener	Maryland, Ohio, Virginia	48
3	Published history of "The Stewkley Fenns," correspondence, descendant chart, copy of Bible records, research notes, newspaper clippings	Fenn, Turney, Purdy, Leatherwood	England, Connecticut, Oklahoma	74
4	Correspondence, notes, pedigree charts	Goodale, Goodell, Wolcott	Connecticut, Massachusetts	27
5	Research notes, correspondence with Betty Fenn Balduc	Fenn, Goodell, Goodale	Connecticut, Washington	155
6	Correspondence, manuscript "Purdy Genealogy," descendant charts	Ogden, Purdy	Connecticut	53
7	Correspondence, notes, family group sheets	Purdy	Connecticut	76
8	Correspondence, descendant reports, transcript of John C Carman's will, "Carman History and Genealogy" dated 1916, research notes	Carman	New York, Nebraska	125
9	Research notes, correspondence, pedigree chart	Swartwout, Carman	Netherlands, New York	34
10	Correspondence, copy of Bible record	Carman, Purdy, Clough, Bushnell, Fenn	New York	67
11	Military certificate, research notes, court records	Fenn, Clough	Ohio, New York	127
12	Correspondence, funeral programs and obituaries	Fenn, Harper, Levengood	Oklahoma, Arkansas	40
13	Correspondence re Coat of Arms	Fenn	England	5
14	Pedigree chart, research notes	Fenn, Purdy	Ohio, Kansas	17
15	Research notes, correspondence, obituaries	Fenn, Greene	England, Connecticut, Kansas	80

16	Family group sheets, correspondence, funeral program, biographical sketches from several sources	Leatherwood	Ohio, Kansas, Washington, Oregon	73
17	Obituaries and condolences, correspondence, research notes, biographical sketches, copy of Bible record	Leatherwood	Kansas, Utah, Ohio, Nebraska	89
18	Research report "Leatherwood," research notes, correspondence	Leatherwood, Tener	Maryland, Ohio	53
19	Correspondence, pedigree chart, notes	Fenn, Carman, Swartwout, Leatherwood, Purdy, Gore	Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio	39
20	Correspondence, research notes	Tener, Leatherwood	Maryland	11
21	Research notes	Leighton	New Hampshire, Iowa	3
22	Research notes, pedigree chart, correspondence	Purdy, Loveland, Wickham, Goodale, Bugbee	Connecticut, Massachusetts	31
23	Correspondence	Wickham		3
24	Correspondence		Connecticut	1
25	Research notes	Gore, Nichols, West	Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania	110
26	Notes, correspondence, pedigree charts, biographical sketches	Loveland, Smith, Miller	Michigan, Connecticut	57
27	Correspondence, research notes	Leatherwood	Ohio, Maryland	35
28	Correspondence			11
29	Research notes, correspondence	Murphy, Leatherwood	New Jersey, South Carolina	80
30	Correspondence, research notes	Leatherwood, Shipley	North Carolina, Maryland	70
31	Correspondence, research notes	Gore, Nichols, Gregg, Windle, Hoge	Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania	59