

# VanMeter Collection 2019-06

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## Summary

**Title:** VanMeter Collection

**Accession Number:** 2019-06

**Creator:** Judith VanMeter (1941- )

**Extent:** 45 files (1978 pages)

**Language:** English

**Abstract:** The VanMeter Collection is a compilation of personal family history research by Judith VanMeter. Items include correspondence, vital records including births, marriages, and deaths, photos, and research notes. There are family group sheets and descendant reports that help the researcher track the different branches of the families.

The most common surnames are Craig, Crippen, Huffman, Jackson, Kerns, and Kretzer. The most common locations were Missouri, Oregon, and Wisconsin.

## Administrative Information

**Provenance:** The genealogical collection of Judith VanMeter was acquired by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon in 2019.

**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](mailto:manuscripts@gfo.org).

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## Biographical Note

Judith (Huffman) VanMeter was born on 27 October 1941 in St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri. Her parents were Emmett Francis Huffman (1916-1974) and Lulu Kerns (1919-1996). She donated her papers to the Genealogical Forum of Oregon in 2019.

## Finding Aid

File	Description	Prominent Surnames	Locations	Pages
1	Marriage and death certificates, homestead records, obituaries, family group sheets, research notes	Huffman, Jackson, Sipes, Beasing, Browning	Nebraska, Missouri	60
2	Correspondence, death and marriage certificates, land records, biographical sketches, notes	Murphy, Kerns, Fields, Hockaday, Agee, James, Parmer, Barr, Volkenburgh	Missouri, Oregon	95
3	Military records, notes, correspondence, death certificates	Blodget, Mosier, Crippen, Schwader, Huffman	Vermont, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Missouri	76
4	News clipping, biographical sketch, death certificate	Crippen, Swander	Missouri, Vermont, Ohio, California	16
5	Military and pension records	Craig	Illinois, Missouri	75
6	Research notes, death certificates,	Huffman, Jackson, Browning	Missouri	11
7	Research notes, correspondence, descendant reports, family group records, pedigree charts, death certificates	Gallentine, Warrick, Franks, McLane, Kechler	Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri	114
8	Ancestor report, biographical sketches, correspondence, notes	Gallentine, Senff	Pennsylvania, Illinois	56
9	Correspondence, notes	Kretzer, Gallentine		67
10	Pedigree chart, death certificates	Moser, Xander, Murphy, Hockaday, Key	Pennsylvania, Missouri	8
11	Marriage and death records, correspondence, descendant report	Morlan, VanMeter, Cunningham, Huffman, Kerns	Oregon, Missouri, Nebraska	21
12	Copies of photos, obituaries	Kretzer, Russell, Craig, Crippen, Huffman, Kerns, Clark, Webster		38

13	Death certificate, family records, correspondence, notes, photos, obits	Whitney, Moser, Crippen, Kretzer, Huffman	Wyoming, Kansas, Oregon, Missouri	15
14	Family group records, obituaries, research notes, death certificates, photos, court records	Shook, Bell, Whitmore, Thompson, Huffman, Jackson, Nichols	Indiana, Washington, Oregon, Missouri, California	113
15	Research notes, descendant charts, Bible notes, photos, correspondence, death certificates	Craig, Martin, Gillenwater, Colhour, Fancher, Fansher, Cox, Zook, Alexander	Missouri, Indiana	76
16	Research notes	Wood	Wisconsin, Missouri, Rhode Island	19
17	Biographical sketches, notes, photos, descendant report for John Granville Wood Jr, family group records	O'Brien, Wood, Clarke, Murphy	South Dakota, Wisconsin, New York	71
18	Research notes, correspondence, marriage and death records	Grippen, Huffman, Witney	Kansas, Nebraska, Oregon	18
19	Land records, notes, obituary	Wood, Spencer	Wisconsin, New York	11
20	Birth records, family group sheet, pedigree chart	Makley, Huffman, Kerns	Oregon, California, Missouri	4
21	Correspondence, marriage and death records, notes	Kretzer, Craig	Missouri, Oklahoma	12
22	Biographical sketch, notes, correspondence	Wood, Jackson	Wisconsin	37
23	Pension record, descendant chart, correspondence	Franks, Livengood	Pennsylvania, Missouri, Illinois	35
24	Birth, marriage, divorce, and death records, research notes	Morlan, Makley, Mackley, Huffman, Kerns, Warren, VanMeter, Hatfield, Thomas	Oregon, Missouri, California	64

25	Notes, original documents and Bible pages dating from the mid-1800s, photo, correspondence from the early 1900s	Craig, Kretzer, Huffman, Gillenwater	Missouri	8
26	Copies of photos, research notes	Huffman, Craig, Kretzer	Missouri	50
27	Death certificates, obituaries, marriage record	Crippen, Smith, Whitney, Meeks	Oregon, Missouri	16
28	Death certificates, marriage notes	Kerns, Murphy, Hockaday, James, Key	Missouri, Arkansas	37
29	Research notes, marriage and death records	Huffman, Eisfeld, Springs, Browning	Missouri	29
30	Notes, correspondence, land and death records, family group sheets	Jackson, Wood, Otis	Wisconsin, Nebraska	23
31	Correspondence, copies of photos, descendant report	Wood, Jackson, Long, Murphy, Etter, Howe	New York, Wisconsin, Colorado	46
32	Correspondence, death certificates, obituaries	Kretzer, Browning, Bond, Huffman, Nichols	Missouri, California	22
33	Photos of grave markers, pedigree chart, land, birth, marriage, death and pension records, correspondence, family group sheets, copies of family photos	Wood, Bartholomew, Jackson, Thompson, Huffman, Kerns, Mackley, Makley, Morlan, Kretzer	New York, Wisconsin, Missouri, California, Oregon	111
34	Research notes, correspondence, descendant reports	Sutton, Larimer, VanMeter	Michigan, Pennsylvania, Holland, New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois	55
35	Photos of grave markers and family members, notes	Capwell		7
36	Death certificates, correspondence, relation charts	Wilder, Little, VanMeter	Missouri	24
37	Criminal and penal records	Kerns		117

38	Death certificates, correspondence, marriage records, news clippings	Kerns, Key, Wood, Tilton, Jewell	Missouri	41
39	Death certificates, research notes, marriage records, family group sheets, descendant chart	Craig, Thompson, Gillenwater, Franks, Kretzer, Huffman	Missouri	89
40	Marriage and death records, copies of photos	Kerns, Woods, Hockaday, Fickle	Missouri	28
41	Copies of photos, research notes, marriage and death records, correspondence	Kretzer, Funk, Huffman, Nicol, Craig, Gallentine, Snider	Missouri, Maryland	76
42	Descendant chart, family group sheets, death records, biographical sketch, notes, correspondence	Whitney, Crippen, Kerns, Huffman	Missouri, Wyoming, California	78
43	Deed papers dated 1842 with transcript	Bell, Cotterel, Rex, Neel	Pennsylvania	3
44	Indenture papers dated 1883 with transcript	Moore, Lee	North Carolina	3
45	Indenture papers dated 1884 with transcript	Lee, Hooper	North Carolina	3