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Summary

Title: Svoboda Collection

Span Dates: 1570-1997

Bulk Dates: 1750-1982

Accession Number: 2012-45

Creator: Mary Frances Svoboda (1915-2002)

Extent: 75 file folders

Language: English

Abstract: Genealogical research and correspondence as collected and compiled by Mary Frances Svoboda. The collection contains research notes, correspondence, biographical sketches, and copies of documents from a variety of sources. There are also family group sheets and pedigree charts for many of the families. The primary surnames are Manchester, Smith, Pine, Garr, and Fisher. The main locations were Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, and Nebraska.

The bulk of the correspondence took place in the 1980s and contains many reminiscences that both confirm and conflict with other sources. A few letters also give first-hand accounts of the lives of some of the pioneer ancestors. The families of the Germanna Colony in Virginia were of particular interest to Mrs. Svoboda. She had a connection on the maternal Smith–Montgomery–Crump–Fisher line. However, she included notes and sources for both maternal and paternal ancestors in her research. File 58 contains her own pedigree chart and is a good place to get oriented.

Administrative Information

Provenance: The manuscript collection of Mary Frances Svoboda was acquired by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon before 2012.

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.

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Biographical Note

Mary Frances Manchester was born 25 August 1915 in Valley County, Nebraska. She was the daughter of John A. Manchester and Elizabeth Ann Smith. On 26 August 1944 she married Raymond Anton Svoboda. According to her obituary (*Oregonian*, 1 May 2002) they moved to Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon in, 1955 where she worked for Tektronix. Mrs. Svaboda joined the Genealogical Forum of Oregon in June 1978. She died on 27 April 2002 and is buried at Skyline Memorial Gardens.

Finding Aid

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| File 1 | Correspondence, notes, annotated texts, family group sheets, histories, cemetery transcriptions |
| | Surnames Manchester, Pyne/Pine, Keck, Fike, Lawton, Paddock, Smith |
| | Locations Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York (Long Island), Illinois, Oregon, Nebraska |
| | Dates 1620-1989 |
| File 2 | Annotated texts, clippings, correspondence, family group sheets, cemetery transcriptions |
| | Surnames Smith, Montgomery, Fisher |
| | Locations Missouri, North Carolina |
| | Dates 1708-1982 |
| File 3 | Census, research notes, family group sheets, correspondence, clippings, pedigree charts |
| | Surnames Montgomery, Smith, Clark, Fisher |
| | Locations Missouri, Virginia |
| | Dates 1790-1984 |
| File 4 | Funeral cards, family group sheets, copies of vital records |
| | Surnames Eastman, Manchester, Peterson, Sperling, Keck, Fikes, Hallock |
| | Locations Pennsylvania, New York, Nebraska |
| | Dates 1639-1989 |
| File 5 | Family group sheets, cemetery transcriptions, pedigree charts, research notes, biographical sketches |
| | Surnames Sperling, Manchester, Smith, Pine, Fisher |
| | Locations Nebraska, Illinois, Missouri, Oregon, New York |
| | Dates 1710-1991 |

File 6	Research notes, correspondence, clippings	
	Surnames	Smith, Montgomery, Sperling
	Locations	Missouri
	Dates	1808-1997
File 7	Family group sheets	
	Surnames	Manchester, Rich, Sperling, Miller, Freund, Munson, Bush
	Locations	Nebraska, Iowa, California, Washington
	Dates	1844-1979
File 8	Family group sheets	
	Surnames	Clark, Smith, Tatum, Cardwell
	Locations	Virginia, Missouri, Oregon
	Dates	1786-1938
File 9	Maps, pedigree charts, annotated texts, copy of <i>Fisher Families of the Southern States</i> by Charles Shunk Heilemane, copies of court records, biographical sketches	
	Surnames	Fisher, Gar/Gahr/Garr, Schuebel, Blankenbaker
	Locations	Germany, Kentucky (Mercer County), Virginia, Missouri (Jackson County)
	Dates	1570-1987
File 10	Correspondence	
	Surnames	Garr, Christler/Crisler, Blankenbaker
	Locations	Kentucky, Virginia
	Dates	1763-1985
File 11	Correspondence	
	Surnames	Fisher
	Locations	Germany, Virginia
	Dates	1736-1985
File 12	Correspondence	
	Surnames	Fisher, Whitley, Pennington
	Locations	Virginia
	Dates	1820-1986
File 13	Correspondence	
	Surnames	Manchester, Lawton, Pine
	Locations	Kansas, Nebraska
	Dates	1795-1995
File 14	Correspondence	

		Surnames	Fisher, Garr
		Locations	
		Dates	1717-1988
File 15	Correspondence	Surnames	Blankenbaker, Utz, Fisher, Garr
		Locations	Virginia, Kentucky
		Dates	1750-1985
File 16	Correspondence	Surnames	Blankenbaker, Utz, Fisher, Garr
		Locations	Virginia
		Dates	1753-1984
File 17	Correspondence (not dated)	Surnames	Gar, Gaar, Fisher, Moore
		Locations	Germany, Missouri
		Dates	1657-1875
File 18	Correspondence	Surnames	Fisher, Blankenbaker
		Locations	Kentucky, Germany
		Dates	1770-1985
File 19	Correspondence	Surnames	Fisher, Gaar, Watts
		Locations	Kentucky, Germany
		Dates	1750-1985
File 20	Correspondence	Surnames	Blankenbaker, Gaar, Fisher, Briles,
			Wayland
		Locations	Virginia
		Dates	1762-1985
File 21	Correspondence	Surnames	Blankenbaker, Garriott, Densford, Hall,
			Kinney
		Locations	Virginia
		Dates	1717-1985
File 22	Correspondence	Surnames	Fisher
		Locations	Kansas, Virginia, West Virginia
		Dates	1740-1982

File 23	Correspondence	
	Surnames	Wilhoit, Broyles
	Locations	Virginia
	Dates	1790-1984
File 24	Correspondence, research notes	
	Surnames	Gar, Gaar, Wilhoit, Broyles
	Locations	Virginia
	Dates	1713-1984
File 25	Correspondence	
	Surnames	Fisher, Garr, Blankenbaker
	Locations	Virginia
	Dates	1657-1985
File 26	Correspondence, newspaper clipping	
	Surnames	Wayman, Blankenbaker, Cook
	Locations	Virginia, Kansas
	Dates	1744-1985
File 27	Correspondence	
	Surnames	Garr, Blankenbaker, Fisher, Garner
	Locations	Virginia
	Dates	1792-1986
File 28	Correspondence	
	Surnames	Blankenbaker, Wayman, Gar
	Locations	Virginia
	Dates	1717-1985
File 29	Correspondence	
	Surnames	Moore, Sublett, Fisher
	Locations	Virginia
	Dates	1984
File 30	Correspondence	
	Surnames	Fisher
	Locations	Kentucky
	Dates	1985-1986
File 31	Correspondence	
	Surnames	Fisher
	Locations	
	Dates	1985

File 32	Correspondence	
	Surnames	Manchester
	Locations	
	Dates	1968-1980
File 33	Correspondence	
	Surnames	
	Locations	
	Dates	1982
File 34	Correspondence, pedigree charts	
	Surnames	Blankenbaker, Tomkins, Oliver
	Locations	Virginia, Kentucky
	Dates	1828-1985
File 35	Correspondence	
	Surnames	Fisher, Rice
	Locations	Virginia, Kentucky
	Dates	1986
File 36	Family group sheets	
	Surnames	Rice, McKillip, Cole, Morey, Lebbs
	Locations	Nebraska
	Dates	1904-1980
File 37	Biographical sketch, correspondence	
	Surnames	Lawton, Cole, Fikes, Rice
	Locations	Illinois, Nebraska
	Dates	1848-1982
File 38	Correspondence	
	Surnames	
	Locations	
	Dates	1981
File 39	Correspondence	
	Surnames	Koebel, Kelly, Manchester
	Locations	Iowa, Germany, Tennessee, Ohio
	Dates	1858-1980
File 40	Correspondence with personal reminiscences and notes from Bibles	
	Surnames	Sherman, Pine, Manchester, Lawton
	Locations	Pennsylvania
	Dates	1756-1980
File 41	Correspondence	

		Surnames	Surber
		Locations	Minnesota
		Dates	1978
File 42	Correspondence		
		Surnames	Montgomery
		Locations	
		Dates	1985
File 43	Correspondence including family reminiscences, cemetery notes and information from an 1800's diary		
		Surnames	Manchester, Lawton, Cornell, Pine
		Locations	New York
		Dates	1770-1983
File 44	Correspondence		
		Surnames	Clark, Smith
		Locations	Missouri, Virginia
		Dates	1805-1981
File 45	Correspondence		
		Surnames	Manchester
		Locations	Nebraska
		Dates	1861-1979
File 46	Correspondence		
		Surnames	Gar, Wilhout
		Locations	Virginia
		Dates	1979
File 47	Correspondence		
		Surnames	Neuenkirchen
		Locations	Illinois
		Dates	1980
File 48	Correspondence		
		Surnames	Manchester
		Locations	Iowa, Nebraska
		Dates	1872-1980
File 49	Correspondence		
		Surnames	Manchester
		Locations	Iowa, Nebraska
		Dates	1932-1980
File 50	Correspondence		

		Surnames	Manchester, Fikes
		Locations	
		Dates	1980
File 51	Correspondence		
		Surnames	Manchester, Fikes
		Locations	Colorado
		Dates	1901-1980
File 52	Correspondence		
		Surnames	Manchester
		Locations	Nebraska
		Dates	1898-1980
File 53	Correspondence, annotated pages from local histories		
		Surnames	Gaar, Crump, Fisher, Wilhite
		Locations	Missouri
		Dates	1816-1984
File 54	Family group sheet and related notes		
		Surnames	Paddock, Surber
		Locations	Nebraska, Colorado
		Dates	1910-1970
File 55	DAR application, correspondence		
		Surnames	Fisher, Watts, Smith, Morris
		Locations	Kentucky, Virginia, Missouri
		Dates	1739
File 56	Correspondence		
		Surnames	Fisher, Harlan, Montgomery, Garr
		Locations	Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri
		Dates	1812-1982
File 57	Biographical sketch of Orrin Manchester, family group sheets, reunion mailing list		
		Surnames	Manchester, Fikes
		Locations	New York, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Oregon
		Dates	1844-1984
File 58	Pedigree charts for Mary Frances Svoboda		
		Surnames	Manchester, Smith, Fikes, Smith, Pine, Fisher, Garr
		Locations	Missouri, Illinois
		Dates	1651-1980

- File 59 Correspondence and extensive notes from John K. Blankenbaker related to the Germanna Colony
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| Surnames | Blankenbaker, Fisher, Wilhoit, Garr |
| Locations | Virginia |
| Dates | 1988 |
- File 60 Research notes and copies of pages from *Garr Genealogy* and other sources, family crest
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| Surnames | Fisher, Garr, Montgomery |
| Locations | Virginia, Missouri |
| Dates | 1659-1942 |
- File 61 Correspondence, notes from various historical texts, pedigree chart, photos
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| Surnames | Fisher, Gar, Schuebel, Blankenbaker |
| Locations | Germany, Virginia, Kentucky |
| Dates | 1574-1985 |
- File 62 Research notes, correspondence, cemetery transcription, family group sheets
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| Surnames | Keck, Myers |
| Locations | Germany, Pennsylvania, Illinois |
| Dates | 1710-1980 |
- File 63 Family group sheets
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| Surnames | Fikes, Lawton, Cole, Rice, Lebbs |
| Locations | Illinois, Nebraska |
| Dates | 1848-1980 |
- File 64 Research notes, family group sheets, correspondence, biographical sketch of Katharine B. Manchester (b. 1916) and others
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| Surnames | Pine, Manchester, Garr, Mock, Fisher, Crump |
| Locations | Illinois, Kentucky |
| Dates | 1689-1991 |
- File 65 Correspondence, research notes, family group sheets, pedigree charts, copies of Mallory Smith Family Bible pages
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| Surnames | Keck, Pine, Manchester, Lawton, Fisher, Garr, Smith, Sperling |
| Locations | Missouri, New York, Kentucky, Virginia |
| Dates | 1710-1995 |
- File 66 Copies of probate and deed records for Latitia Manchester

	Surnames	Manchester
	Locations	Nebraska, California
	Dates	1884-1942
File 67	Transcription and copies of widow's pension application and other documents in reference to Iram Manchester	
	Surnames	Manchester, Pendleton
	Locations	Pennsylvania, New York
	Dates	1835-1907
File 68	Transcription and copies of widow's pension application and other documents in reference to Orrin Manchester	
	Surnames	Manchester, Fikes
	Locations	Nebraska
	Dates	1844-1924
File 69	Research notes from cemetery transcriptions, family group sheets, correspondence	
	Surnames	Lawton, Manchester, Smith, Paddock, Keck
	Locations	New York, Missouri, Illinois
	Dates	1710-1986
File 70	Research notes, correspondence	
	Surnames	Clark, Manchester
	Locations	Missouri, Oregon
	Dates	1832-1982
File 71	Pedigree charts (may not be related to this collection)	
	Surnames	Underwood, Bennett, Foster, Hays, Webb
	Locations	Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio
	Dates	1621-1917
File 72	Newspaper clippings	
	Surnames	Manchester, Wright, Rich
	Locations	Nebraska
	Dates	1869-1974
File 73	Research notes, pedigree chart, correspondence, newspaper clippings	
	Surnames	Smith, Manchester, Morris
	Locations	Missouri
	Dates	1760-1983

File 74 Newspaper clippings
Surnames Montgomery, Smith
Locations Kentucky, Missouri
Dates 1846-1932

File 75 Funeral card, correspondence
Surnames Brown, Anderson
Locations Missouri
Dates 1894-1978

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