

Griffin Collection
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Summary

Title: Griffin Collection

Bulk Dates: 1819-1980

Accession Number: 2014-14

Creator: Frances Arminta (Cox) Griffin, 1922-2019

Extent: 2 boxes (23 files)

Language: English

Abstract: The collection contains the genealogical and family history research as gathered by Frances Griffin. Included are biographical sketches, family group sheets, pedigree charts, descendant charts, copies of vital records, and correspondence between Frances Griffin, her family members, and various genealogical resource libraries and other repositories. The most prominent surnames are Benham, Coffin, Cox, Mead, Stephens (Stevens), and Workman.

Administrative Information

Provenance: The manuscript collection of Frances Griffin was donated to the Genealogical Forum of Oregon in two installments: the first before 2012 and the second in December 2014. The collections (2012-29 and 2014-14) were combined in 2020.

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

Processing History: Processing and description of the Griffin Collection was completed in 2020. Retention was followed in accordance with the GFO Manuscript Committee guidelines.

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Biographical Note

Frances Cox Griffin was born 15 February 1922 in Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon. During the 1960-70s, Ms Griffin was an extremely active member and volunteer at the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. Some of her contributions to the GFO Library include:

The Cox Families: Joseph and Mary & William and Catherine, With Table of Contents by Marge Enneking (self-published)

Ancestors and descendants of Hannah Affa Woodcock & Martin Densmore Hayman (1992)

Case Mortuary : Martin L. Case Mortuary Records from Morrow Co., Oregon 1900 - 1940 (in the GFO Rare Books collection)

Frances's research included trips to the Midwest with her husband to search through court and county record repositories. She also kept an extensive network of family correspondents who contributed to her research sources. Frances died on 9 December 2019.

Finding Aid

Box	File	Description	Surnames	Locations	Pages
1	1	Family group sheets, copy of the marriage certificate of Virgil J Stephens and Elsie Watkins (1924), Bible records, biographical sketches, pedigree charts, correspondence, copies of photos, newspaper clippings, notations from various DAR records, family Coat of Arms notes	Benham, Stephens (Stevens), Watkins, Burch, Barnes, Clark	New York, Virginia, England	151
1	2	Correspondence, family group sheets, notated copies of various published materials, copy of the death certificate for Eugene Frank Brock, newspaper clippings	Dollarhide, Workman, Crane, Brock, Ingram, Coffin, Melyen	Indiana, Ohio, Washington, Scotland	67
1	3	Correspondence, cemetery map (unlabeled), copies of the death certificates for Elvira Dollarhide, Martha and Thomas M Scott, family group sheets	Crane, Scott, Dollarhide, Copenhaver, Redding	Ireland, Oregon, Missouri	33
1	4	Correspondence, obituary note for Tristram C Phinney, copy of a death record application receipt from the Oregon State Registrar	Coffin (Coffing), Workman, Phinney, Kinder, Mead, Saulmon (Solman), Schnorf	Indiana, Washington, California, Kansas, Illinois, Germany, Austria	109
1	5	Correspondence, family group sheets, pedigree charts, Revolutionary War record notes, Lineage notes and biographical sketches, will of John Benham Taylor of Loudoun Co., 1781	Benham, Burch, Stephens, Cox	Indiana, New York, New Jersey, England	223
2	1	"Uncle Sol Cox's Day Book"	Cox		67
2	2	Descendant report for Edgar Dewitt and Sadie (Scott) Palmer with biographical sketches, copies of family photos	Dewitt, Palmer, Smith, Harrison	Oregon	11
2	3	Family group sheets	Bennett, Wheeler, Sherwood	England, Connecticut	54
2	4	Correspondence, descendant report for John Miller (1731) and Elizabeth Warren	Miller, Cooper	Virginia, Oregon	142
2	5	Correspondence, descendant report for Schnorf family	Schnorf, Schnoor	Ohio, Illinois	102
2	6	Family group sheets	Batcheller, Brown, Penland, Robbins, Starr	Illinois, Oregon	56

2	7	Research notes, correspondence, family group sheets	Scott, Webb, Scott, Ward, Redding	Tennessee, Montana, Missouri, Virginia	63
2	8	Correspondence, descendant report for John Mead of Virginia and Kentucky	Mead, Coffin, Bell, Griffin	Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio	62
2	9	Correspondence, family group sheets, research notes	Kinder, Evans, Coffin	Missouri, Oregon	140
2	10	Research notes, family group sheets	Denman, Crane, Toppan, Tappan		59
2	11	Newspaper clippings from Heppner, Oregon - 1970s		Oregon	130
2	12	Newspaper clippings from Heppner, Oregon - 1970s		Oregon	112
2	13	Family group sheets, correspondence, research notes	Crane	Indiana	111
2	14	Correspondence			74
2	15	Pedigree chart for Frances Griffin, correspondence	Cox, Mead, Coffin	Oregon, Indiana	46
2	16	Family group sheets	Bowen, Cox	Oregon	61
2	17	Pedigree charts, copies of death certificates, correspondence, research notes	Cox, Walker, Downs, Whitmore, Richardson, Casebeer	Iowa, Missouri	152