K1222
Joanna Benecke Townsend (1919-2008) Family Papers
1846-2002
8 cubic feet, 2 oversize items

Includes correspondence and postcards, financial records, newspaper clippings, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) materials, home movies, and Townsend genealogical notes/individual profiles. Also Townsend’s personal diaries kept in the later years of her life.

BIOGRAPHY:

Born on September 16, 1919, in Brunswick, MO, the daughter of Waldo (Ruby) Benecke (a postmaster) and Eleanor Magruder, Joanna Josephine Benecke married William (Bill) Wesley Townsend (June 25, 1919-December 18, 1972), an employee at the Socony Mobil Oil Company, on November 24, 1940 and had two sons, Thomas (b. June 30, 1942) and John (b. November 20, 1944). Active in the Episcopal Church and in various women’s organizations such as The Elizabeth Benton Chapter of the DAR, she collaborated with relative Riely Leon Townsend in compiling a family history tracing the genealogy of Thomas Townsend (1732-1796), an Englishman who immigrated to Virginia. Spreading throughout the country following the Revolutionary War, Thomas’ descendants were early Midwest settlers who are recorded as having settled in Arrow Rock, MO by 1818. Joanna Townsend died in 2008.

PROVENANCE:

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DESCRIPTION:

This collection contains 8mm and 16mm films, newspaper clippings, correspondence, financial records, DAR materials, postcards, letters, and Townsend genealogical notes/individual profiles. Notables include Joanna’s personal diaries intermittently spanning from 1952-2002.

NOTE: See also Benecke Family Papers (C3825)

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1963
1964
1966
1983
1984
1985-June 1986
June 25, 1986- September 3, 1987
#1 December 21, 1991- June 25, 1992

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#3 December 17, 1992- July 8, 1993
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FILMS:

Reel 1 -- 16mm (on can – 1940 wedding)
   Exterior of church
   Lake
   Mexico?
   Hoover Dam?
   Grand Canyon?
   City – San Francisco?

Reel 2 -- 8mm (on can – ’64)
   (in can – Spring 1954
   Baseball – Little League
   Parade – sent for processing June 23, 1954
   Summer 1954 – processed July 3, 1954
   Jamboree – Jerry
   July 4, 1956 processed July 11, 1957
   Eagle – Tom, processed July 11, 1957)
   Fishing
   Backyard gathering
   Little League baseball players (does not include play)
   Camping (Boy Scouts)
   Boys playing catch
   Firecrackers?
   Boy Scout
   Playing baseball (catch)
   Preparing to go to Scout Camp?
   BB gun
   Playing catch
   Bird nest
   Kids playing – come over
   Kids party

Reel 3 -- 8mm (on can – ’65)
   Snow
   Grand Canyon?
   Snow shoveling
   Graduation?
   Wedding?
   Son? In Air force uniform
   Garden
   Niagara Falls
   Lake view
   Bay of Fundy / Cape Forchu / lighthouse
Reel 4 – 8mm (on can – ’66-’68)
  Graduation
  Picnic (lake)
  Baby
  Baby in sandbox

Reel 5 – 8mm
  Mickey Mouse – “Forward Pass”
  Scrappy – “Scrappy’s Big Moment”

Reel 6 – 8mm
  “Little Black Sambo”

Reel 7 – 8mm
  “Gene Autry Trilling Western”

Reel 8 – 8 mm
  Mickey Mouse – “Mickey the Nursemaid”

Reel 9 – 8mm
  “Dumb Like a Fox”

Reel 10 – 8mm
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OVERSIZE

Folder    “They Knew Jesus” clippings, 1956

Scrapbook Elizabeth Benton Chapter, National Society, DAR, Joanna Townsend, Regent, KC, MO, 2000-2002