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INTRODUCTION

The Loire-Kuzmich family papers consists of items collected by Barbra Kuzmich, such as photos and letters, as well as documents chronicling the lives of Genevieve Loire and the Kuzmich family.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Barbara Kuzmich on 6 July 2008 (Accession No.6179).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Ernest Kuzmich was born on October 18, 1916, in St. Louis, Missouri. He was a self-employed accountant who was elected Alderman of the third ward of Rock Hill, Missouri, in April, 1950. He served as a member of the Ways and Means Commission and later acted as its chairman. He married Clara Naber, who died in 1984, and remarried Bernice Schrader. He had one son, Richard Kuzmich and a stepson, Hugh (Linda) McNew. Ernest died on Nov. 5, 2006, in Chesterfield, Missouri, at the age of 90 years old.

Genevieve Mary Loire was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on September 21, 1914, to Charles Loire and Josephine Garthoeffner. She attended Loretto Academy and graduated in 1933 with a music degree. She married Albert Schultz and later Francis Paulter who both passed away before her. She had two sons Paul Paulter and Robert Schultz, and five daughters Sylvia Paulter, Barbara Kuzmich, Anne Paulter, Patty Paulter, and Mary Zielgelman. She passed away at 92 years old in Chesterfield on November 14, 2007.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The documents have been compiled into three series:

- Religion
- Family
- War

The Religion series contains the graduation certificates of Loire Genevieve, who attended Loretto Academy, a Christian school. This series also contains prayer books, photos of nuns and the students, as well as a few letters written between some of the nuns. The Family series contains pictures of the Kuzmich family, as well as the election materials of Ernest Kuzmich, from his campaign for alderman of Rock Hill. The War series contains WWI navy enlistment documents, the army enlistment papers for Ernest Kuzmich, as well as the ration books supplied to the Kuzmich family.
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