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**Introduction**  
The papers of a non-fiction writer and poet include her writings, correspondence with Missouri literary figures, and research material, as well as material pertaining to her work within the Missouri literary community and her efforts to establish a Missouri Poet Laureate. Also includes the papers of her husband, Richard Hanson, who worked much of his career in Missouri state government, retiring as commissioner of administration.

**Donor Information**  
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William Woods College—President Swearingen  
Fairchild, Mildred Fox  
Missouri Poet Laureate  
*Memories and Memoirs* cover pictures  
Missouri Committee for Literature  
Missouri Women Writers Tour, 1987  
Guenther, Charles (3 folders)  
Winifred Foundation  
Moore, David—WHMC assistant director  
Vando, Gloria  
FOIA—Helen Stephens  
Moore, Burton W. (Coach of Helen Stephens)  
WHMC  
Broeg, Bob  
“Souvenir Guide to Missouri’s Capitol” (includes photos by Hanson)  
Book reviews  
Publications

*From Hog Alley to the State House: A History of the Jefferson City Police*

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Department, 1998 (edited by Hanson)
Memories & Memoirs: Essays, Poems, Stories, Letters by Contemporary Missouri Authors edited by Sharon Kinney Hanson, 2000
Katy Trail: Jefferson City to Boonville Plus a Side Trip to Arrow Rock: Hiking, Walking, Bicycling Guide by Sally Winters and Sharon Kinney Hanson, 1992
The First Anthology of Missouri Women Writers edited by Sharon Kinney Hanson, 1987
Art Museums & Galleries in Missouri Annotated, Illustrated Directory: Plus Local Art Clubs, Selected Artist Profiles compiled and edited by Sharon Kinney Hanson, 1994
Tyrant’s Tears: A Collection of Poems by Betty Cook Rottmann (edited by Hanson)
Missouri Center for the Book
Hazelton, Lucy
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Correspondence, Anthology, 1986-1987
Photograph, Richard Hanson and mother with Jimmy Carter at White House, c. 1978

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O’Missouri newsletter, 1986-1987
United State Olympic Committee (2 folders)
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Olympic Tree
Show Me State Games
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Missouri Writers’ Guild, 1975-2000s (5 folders)
Missouri Hall of Fame
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Archival receipts
Stamps (efforts to commemorate Helen Stephens on a U.S. postage stamp)

Box 3
Helen Stephens material (includes research material, correspondence between Stephens and Hanson, and original and photocopied correspondence from others to Stephens gathered for Hanson’s book The Fulton Flash: The Life of Helen Stephens)
Correspondence with and re: Helen Stephens, 1991-1997 (5 folders)
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Helen Stephens material
- Onson, Helen
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- Boeckmann, Dee
- Helen Stephens—Genealogy
  *William Woods Echoes, 1936-1937*
- Walsh, Stella
- Wells, Karen (2 folders)

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- Work samples
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**Box 5**

Christmas cards
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- Publications
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- The Estlian, East St. Louis High School
- 1960 East St. Louis High School, 50th Reunion, 2010
- Photographs, Sid Larson restoring Benton murals at Missouri State Capitol, 1980
- Arnold, Mildred
- Speeches, 2000-2001
- Correspondence and miscellaneous
- Wilshire, Donna
- Resumes and bio statements
- Stephens, Helen

**Box 6 (partially full)**

Richard Hanson Papers
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- Certificates, commissions, awards, etc., 1961-2001
- Professional material—Missouri State Government (2 folders)
AUDIOVISUAL MATERIAL (Location: Unprocessed A/V)
a.c. 1 “Fulfillment: Song of Mary,” music by Ross Bernhardt; lyrics by Betty Cook Rottman
v.c. 1 “O’Missouri: The Shamrock Connection”
v.c. 2 Sharon Hanson on “St. Louis Skyline,” May 18, 1987