

Mary Ann Merkl Genealogy Collection

Notebooks 1 through 7 and Box 1 Finding Aid

According to her February 10, 2006 obituary in the Starkville Daily News, Mary Ann Ingram Merkl was born in Montgomery, Alabama on January 13, 1928, and died in Starkville at the age of 78 at Starkville Manor Nursing Home on February 9, 2006. She was married to Dr. Marvin E. Merkl of Starkville, who had a doctoral degree in entomology and did research on the boll weevil in cotton farming (information from his July 16, 2006 obituary). The family attended First United Methodist Church and lived on Cottonwood Drive in Starkville. The Merkl's had three sons, Gene and Alan, both of Starkville; and Bruce Merkl of Lafayette, Louisiana. They also had a daughter, Linda Ann Merkl who became ill and died at the age of 41 on June 26, 1996 (from Linda Ann's June 27, 1996 obituary).

Mary Ann was a homemaker and loved to research her family history. Evidently, Linda Ann helped her mother do the research on the family history, because one of her genealogical research notebooks on the Merkl family, is a part of the Mary Ann Merkl Genealogical Papers, and a few of the letters in the collection were addressed to Linda Ann.

Mary Ann Merkl was "a lifetime member of the Junior Auxiliary", and, like her husband, was an avid supporter of MSU tennis. She was a member of the "U. S. Tennis Association and the Mississippi State University Tennis Boosters."

This collection was originally inventoried by Carolyn Reed and processed by Perian Kerr, who created folder names for loose materials in document case and replaced several of the damaged notebooks, created labels for the notebooks and the document case. She also created this finding aid.

Provenance:

This collection is primarily Mary Ann Ingram Merkl's collection, but her daughter also helped her mother with the family research, because the collection contains one of Linda Ann's Merkl family research notebook, and some of her correspondence papers. The seven main notebooks are Mary Ann Merkl's research. Her husband was still living at the time that this collection was donated (he died later in the same year), so he or one of the sons probably donated this collection to the library. We have no signed deed of gift.

Arrangement: Notebooks contents were kept in the same order as when they were donated. Contents pages were created for the covers on two of the notebooks and for the front page of every notebook, and for the document case. Since the materials that were put into the document case had no arrangement, an arrangement had to be created. Book and notebook first, then files. Correspondence, family group sheets, Family Tree Journal (computer program instructions), Genealogical Notes, then Surname Files: Bryant, Garrett, Ingram, Merkl, Merkl-Hollingsworth, Norwood, Pitts, Ponder, and Toles.

Series Names:
 Notebook 1: Merkl, Merkle, Merkel
 Notebook 2: Hollingsworth / Merkel
 Notebook 3: Hollingsworth
 Notebook 4: Ponder / Ingram
 Notebook 5: Handley
 Notebook 6: Whitten
 Notebook 7: Genealogical Search-Master Genealogical Card Filing System
 Box 1: Genealogical Files

Mary Ann Merkl Genealogical Papers			
Composed of Seven Notebooks and One Document Case			
Seven Notebooks			
FAMILY NAMES IN NOTEBOOK	Notebook Labels	Series #	Notebook Number
MERKL, MERKLE, MERKEL	MERKL, MERKLE, MERKEL Family Trees Notebook		1
HOLLINGSWORTH AND MERKL	HOLLINGSWORTH & MERKL Family Trees Notebook		2
HOLLINGSWORTH	HOLLINGSWORTH Family Trees Notebook		3
PONDER AND INGRAM	PONDER AND INGRAM Family Trees Notebook		4
HANDLEY	HANDLEY Family Trees Notebook		5
WHITTEN	WHITTEN Family Trees Notebook		6
Miscellaneous Family Cards	Genealogical Search-Master and Slide Rule Genealogical Card Filing System		7
One Document Case			
Items in Document Case	Box Label	Series #	Box #
Book: The Atlantic Bridge to Germany, vol. 3 Bavaria (Bayern) By Charles Hall	Book on Bavarian genealogy; MERKL family Research notebook; & Genealogical files		1
MERKL family notebook of Linda Ann Merkl	Book on Bavarian genealogy; MERKL family Research notebook; & Genealogical files		1

Items in Document Case	Box Label	Series #	Box #
Correspondence, Email	Book on Bavarian genealogy; MERKL family Research notebook; & Genealogical files		1
Family Group Sheets, blank handmade	Book on Bavarian genealogy; MERKL family Research notebook; & Genealogical files		1
Family Group Sheets, filled out	Book on Bavarian genealogy; MERKL family Research notebook; & Genealogical files		1
Family Tree Journal (computer program)	Book on Bavarian genealogy; MERKL family Research notebook; & Genealogical files		1
Genealogical Notes, removed from two letter sized yellow note pads	Book on Bavarian genealogy; MERKL family Research notebook; & Genealogical files		1
BRYANT family	Book on Bavarian genealogy; MERKL family Research notebook; & Genealogical files		1
GARRETT family	Book on Bavarian genealogy; MERKL family Research notebook; & Genealogical files		1
INGRAM family	Book on Bavarian genealogy; MERKL family Research notebook; & Genealogical files		1
MERKL family	Book on Bavarian genealogy; MERKL family Research notebook; & Genealogical files		1
MERKL - Hollingsworth family	Book on Bavarian genealogy; MERKL family Research notebook; & Genealogical files		1
NORWOOD family	Book on Bavarian genealogy; MERKL family Research notebook; & Genealogical files		1
PITTS family	Book on Bavarian genealogy; MERKL family Research notebook; & Genealogical files		1
PONDER family	Book on Bavarian genealogy; MERKL family Research notebook; & Genealogical files		1
TOLES family papers	Book on Bavarian genealogy; MERKL family Research notebook; & Genealogical files		1