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## **INTRODUCTION**

The papers in this collection pertain to the Eastwood Family, who settled in the Kansas and Nebraska area. This collection mainly consists of the correspondences from the Eastwood Family, and miscellaneous papers pertaining to the extended Eastwood Family.

## **DONOR INFORMATION**

The papers in this collection were given to the Special Collections by Zoe Ann Holmes between 2008 and 2010. They were collected by David Crawford, Zoe Ann Holmes, and Janet Dalton. Another part of this collection is located at the Special Collections at the University of Iowa Libraries.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

James Abram Eastwood was born in Pawnee County, Nebraska on July 31, 1883. Verna Margaret Aitken was born on January 3, 1883. She and James married on August 14, 1906. They had five children together: Sarah "Ana Mary", Lora "Poly" Margaret, Verna Janet, James "Jamie" Jr., and Henry Houtz. Henry died a year after his birth. James was a teacher and traveled the Chautauqua circuit. Verna was a professionally trained nurse. James passed away on Nov. 7, 1948 in Pomona, Kansas. Verna passed away on December 14, 1965. Both are buried in Mission Creek Cemetery in Pawnee County.

Sarah "Ana Mary" was born on July 25, 1912 in Diller, Nebraska. She graduated high school from Baldwin, Kansas. She received a bachelor's degree from Baker University [Baldwin City, Kansas] in 1934 and a master's from Pittsburg State University [Kansas] in 1964. She married Eugene Crawford in June 1938 and they had two sons, Norman and David. She taught high school for 20 years in Prescott and Pleasanton, Kansas. Eugene passed away on July 8, 1982 in Prescott. Ana Mary passed away on July 8, 2000 in Ft. Scott, Kansas. Both buried in Prescott Cemetery.

Lora "Poly" Margaret was born on June 4, 1916 in Waverly, Nebraska. She attended Kansas State Teachers College (now Pittsburg State University) in the early 1930s, but left to teach in a one room school house in Linn County [Kansas]. She finished her bachelor's degree in 1959. She married Roland Holmes on August 14, 1935. They had five children: James, Neil, Stanley, Janet Gayle, and Zoe Ann. She was also a foster parent for 20 years and hosted more than 80 children in her home. Roland passed away on June 4, 1994 in Pittsburg, Kansas. Lora passed away on October 26, 1999 in Corvallis, Oregon. They are buried in the Holmes Cemetery in Pleasanton.

Verna Janet was born on January 30, 1921 in Satanta, Kansas. She graduated from Mound City High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree with a major in education from Kansas State Teacher's College and her master's from Kansas State University [Manhattan]. She first taught in a one room school house in 1950 and then later taught Home Economics at Pittsburg High School. She married George Dalton on July 27, 1947. She gave birth to two sons, Michael E. and George Stuart. George passed away on December 25, 2006 in Pittsburg. Janet passed away on August 10, 2013 in Frontenac.

James "Jamie" Abram was born on December 25, 1909 in Stella, Nebraska. He was born with Infantile Paralysis and was affected throughout his life. In 1929 he moved to Parsons

[Kansas] General Hospital where he lived until his death on March 26, 1943. He is buried in Mission Creek Cemetery in Pawnee County.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Eastwood Family Papers Collection consists of correspondence, primarily from the Eastwood Sisters: Lora "Poly" Margaret, Sarah "Ana Mary" and Verna Janet; journal fragments; memoirs; obituary information; and miscellaneous papers.

### **FOLDER LIST**

#### **Bound Volumes of Correspondence**

- v. 1 Eastwood Family Letters
- v. 2 Eastwood Sisters Letters: Anna Mary
- v. 3 Eastwood Sisters Letters: Janet
- v. 4 Eastwood Sisters Letters: Lora "Poly" 1
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- f. 2 1956-1987; Undated. From Anna Mary Crawford
- f. 3 1979-2008; Undated. From Verna Janet Dalton
- f. 4 Pre-1950. From Lora "Poly" Margaret Holmes
- f. 5 Pre-1950. From Lora "Poly" Margaret Holmes
- f. 6 Pre-1950. From Lora "Poly" Margaret Holmes
- f. 7 1950-1967. From Lora "Poly" Margaret Holmes
- f. 8 1967-1973. From Lora "Poly" Margaret Holmes
- f. 9 1976-1979. From Lora "Poly" Margaret Holmes
- f. 10 1980; Undated. From Lora "Poly" Margaret Holmes
- f. 11 1981; Undated. From Lora "Poly" Margaret Holmes
- f. 12 1982; Undated. From Lora "Poly" Margaret Holmes
- f. 13 1983; Undated. From Lora "Poly" Margaret Holmes
- f. 14 1984; Undated. From Lora "Poly" Margaret Holmes
- f. 15 1985; Undated. From Lora "Poly" Margaret Holmes
- f. 16 1986; Undated. From Lora "Poly" Margaret Holmes
- f. 17 1987; Undated. From Lora "Poly" Margaret Holmes
- f. 18 1988; Undated. From Lora "Poly" Margaret Holmes
- f. 19 1989; Undated. From Lora "Poly" Margaret Holmes
- f. 20 1990; Undated. From Lora "Poly" Margaret Holmes
- f. 21 1991; Undated. From Lora "Poly" Margaret Holmes
- f. 22 1992-1993; Undated. From Lora "Poly" Margaret Holmes

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- f. 23 Janet Dalton at the Home Management House at Kansas State Teacher's College  
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