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**#97 Woodruff Family, Papers, 1896-1958**  
13 folders

**INTRODUCTION**

A small collection of correspondence, writings, clippings and photographs that relate to the Woodruff family from Independence, Kansas, and Bronxville, New York.

**DONOR INFORMATION**

The donor of these materials is unknown.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Most of the materials in this collection pertain to James Montgomery Woodruff (1883- ); his wife, Helene Britt Woodruff; and their son, Montgomery Fletcher Woodruff (1918- ). Although the Woodruff and Britt families had roots in Southeast Kansas, much of this collection pertains to their lives in Bronxville, New York. Included are childhood letters from Montgomery to his parents while he is in summer camp, a letter addressed to Santa Claus, and letters regarding family experiences received by Helene. Included is one signatory letter to James Woodruff from childhood friend, explorer and filmmaker, Martin Johnson. Johnson talks about working on his new film, "Congorilla."

Also included in the collection is a letter of advice from James Woodruff to his son, Montgomery, on the occasion of turning eighteen years of age, and a lengthy manuscript addressed to Montgomery by his father in 1955 which details some early family history and discusses James' personal views on religion. Other writings by James include a manuscript on the U. S. Constitution and numerous notes on U. S. politics during the 1950s that he sent to New York newspaper editors for publication.

The photograph series is also significant. Included is a family history album with notes that contains photographs from the 1890s through the 1920s. Most of these photographs show family members; buildings in Independence, Kansas; floods on the Verdigris River; Native Americans in Oklahoma, ca. 1898; and travel photographs. Most of the other photographs in the collection are unidentified family members, scenes of Bronxville, New York, and images of Standard Oil service stations under construction or newly built during the 1920s.

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