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Finding Aid for the Mc Guire and Frost Families Collection, 1910-2004

Collection Overview

Title: Mc Guire and Frost Families Collection
Dates: 1921-2004
ID: MGF
Primary Creators: Mc Guire and Frost Families
Extent: 0.5 linear feet
Arrangement: Arranged at the collection level, alphabetically by topic.
Forms of Material: Documents, photographic materials
Language of materials: English

Abstract

The Mc Guire and Frost Families Collection documents the daily lives and activities of the two related families, who resided in the Harbor City and Redondo Beach areas between 1916 and 2004. The collection includes materials related to family events and celebrations, vacations and outings, military service, and civic interests.

Biographical History

Mary Alice Stevens was born on April 4, 1873, to parents John and Mary Stevens (née Kendrick) in Elk Fork, Pettis, Missouri. Joseph Arthur Mc Guire was born on September 8, 1864, to parents Joseph and Mary Caroline Mc Guire (née Smith) in Springfield, Franklin County, Indiana. Mary Alice Stevens and Joseph Arthur Mc Guire married on January 11, 1891, in Vernon, Missouri. The couple settled in Missouri and later moved to Kansas. They had nine children, six sons and three daughters.

The family moved to California sometime between 1916 and 1919 and settled in the Harbor City area. Sons, John Willis and Joseph Harold Mc Guire served in WWI. Joseph passed away from unknown causes in December 1919. Between 1920 and 1930, the family bought a home in the

Redondo Beach area. Shortly after her eldest child, Elsie, passed away in January 1929, Mary Alice took in her three grandsons, John "Jack" Edward, Frederick Richard, and Raymond Torrance Frost. All three grandsons served in the military during WWII. Mary Alice Mc Guire remained in her Redondo Beach home until her death on June 6, 1971. She is buried at Inglewood Park Cemetery in Inglewood, California.

Scope and Contents

The Mc Guire and Frost Families Collection documents the activities of the two related families, who resided in the Harbor City and Redondo Beach areas between 1916 and 2004. The collection includes materials related to family events and celebrations, vacations and outings, military service, and civic interests. The bulk of the material consists of photographs which focus on family relationships and their daily lives between the 1940s and the 1960s. The collection is arranged at the collection level, alphabetically by topic.

Subjects/Access Terms

Creators

Personal Name(s):

Frost, Fredrick Richard, 1923-2017
Frost, James Edward, 1921-1988
Frost, Raymond Torrance, 1925-1991
Mc Guire, Mary Alice, 1873-1971

Subject Headings

Topical Terms:

Family life
World War II

Geographical Locations:

Harbor City (Calif.)
Los Angeles County (Calif.)
Redondo Beach (Calif.)

Documentary Forms:

Documents
Photographic materials

Administrative Information

Processing Information: Holli Teltoe, 2021

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Conditions Governing Access: The collection is open for research use.

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Acquisition: The source and date of acquisition is unknown.

Collection Contents

Box 1

Folder 1: 318 Gertruda Ave., Redondo Beach, California, ca. 1940-ca. 1949

Folder 2: Animals, ca. 1935, 1961

Folder 3: Christian Literature and Music, 1948, 1971

Folder 4: Christmas Cards, South America

Folder 5: Civic Activities, ca. 1942-2004

Folder 6: Correspondence from Raymond Torrance Frost to Mary Alice Mc Guire, 1944

Folder 7: Correspondence to Mary Alice Mc Guire, 1941-1969

Folder 8: Frost Family, Edward C. and Elsie M., 1921-1923

Folder 9: Frost Family, Raymond Torrance and Theresa, ca. 1954-ca. 1959

Folder 10: Greeting Cards

Folder 11: Identified Individuals, ca. 1910-1966

Folder 12: Newspaper and Magazine Clippings, ca. 1944-ca. 1967

Folder 13: Parties and Celebrations, ca. 1950-ca. 1969

Folder 14: Unidentified Groups, ca. 1910-ca. 1969

Folder 15: Unidentified Individuals, ca. 1910-ca. 1969

Folder 16: Unidentified Locations, ca. 1956, 1963

Folder 17: Vacations, Trips, and Outings, ca. 1920-1960

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