

Kimsey Collection 2013-02

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Summary

Title: Kimsey Collection

Accession Number: 2013-02

Creator: James Edward Kimsey, Jr. (1927-2008)

Extent: 3 boxes containing 88 files (5302 pages)

Language: English

Abstract: The Kimsey Collection contains papers assembled by James Kimsey. James was an avid researcher of the Kimsey/Kimzey lines and contributed to books and newsletters dedicated to the family, some of which can be found in the GFO library. The bulk of the collection is correspondence with other researchers. There are also copies of many primary source documents and biographical sketches. There are pedigree and descendant charts that show the relationships between the various family lines. Several files contain copies of letters from the early 1900s, interview notes, and reminiscences of trail journeys. The focus of the collection traces the Kimsey family line. The most common surnames are Kimsey/Kimzey, Crowley, and Simpson.

Administrative Information

Provenance: The genealogical collection of James Kimsey was acquired by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon before 2012.

Retention and Access: Scanned images of the collection are currently retained by the GFO Manuscripts Committee in three separate digital storage locations and can be accessed at the GFO library or by contacting manuscripts@gfo.org.

Copyright Status: The status of copyright in the unpublished writings and research papers of James Kimsey is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Biographical Note

James Edward Kimsey, Jr., was born on 5 October 1927 in Yampa, Routt, Colorado. His parents were James Edward and Pearl Marie (Moore) Kimsey. The family moved to Coos County, Oregon, when James was young. He attended Northwest Christian College where he met his future wife Dolores Youn. They were married in 1947. James later received master's degrees from Butler School of Religion, the University of Oregon, and Lewis & Clark College. He and Dolores spent 45 years serving various churches in the Northwest.

Finding Aid

Box	File	Description	Prominent Surnames	Locations	Pages
1	1	Land claim map, notes from interview with Kimsey family members, ancestor charts, family group sheets, biographical sketch, correspondence, research notes	Kimsey, Kimzey, Moore, Fresh	Oregon, Nebraska, Illinois, North Carolina	64
1	2	Photos	Kimsey, Kimzey		13
1	3	Correspondence, funeral card, descendant charts	Kimsey		283
1	4	Research notes, probate and other court records, correspondence, news clippings, biographical sketch, death records	Kimsey, Evans	Oregon, North Carolina, Missouri, Colorado	89
1	5	Correspondence, research notes, tax lists, descendant chart	Kimzey, Kimsey, Hamilton	North Carolina, Kentucky	125
1	6	Correspondence, news item	Kimsey, Kimzey, MacKenzie	Virginia, Oregon	13
1	7	"The Kimsey Family of Pennsylvania and New Jersey"	Kimsey	Pennsylvania, New Jersey	30
1	8	Research notes, pension files	Kimzey, Shoemaker	New York, Illinois, Kentucky	74
1	9	Pension files	Kimzey, Shoemaker, Nifong	Illinois	184
1	10	Pension files	Kimsey	Illinois	78
1	11	Biographical sketches, news items, ancestor charts, research notes, correspondence, copies of marriage and school records	Kimsey, Kimzey, Erickson, Jones, Crowley, Moore	Virginia, Georgia, Colorado, Illinois, Nebraska, Oregon	188

2	1	Correspondence	Kimzey, Kimsey		105
2	2	Correspondence	Kimzey, Kimsey, Crowley		108
2	3	Correspondence, descendant chart	Kimzey, Kimsey		17
2	4	Correspondence	Kimzey, Kimsey, Crowley		65
2	5	Correspondence	Kimzey, Kimsey		59
2	6	Correspondence	Kimzey, Kimsey		39
2	7	Correspondence	Kimzey, Kimsey		58
2	8	Correspondence	Kimzey, Kimsey		23
2	9	Correspondence	Kimzey, Kimsey, Crowley		58
2	10	Correspondence	Kimzey, Kimsey, Crowley		62
2	11	Correspondence	Kimzey, Kimsey		86
2	12	Kimzey/Kimsey Newsletters 1990-2003	Kimzey, Kimsey		276
2	13	Correspondence, research notes pertaining to cemeteries, land, death, and court records, pedigree chart, family group sheets	Kimzey, Kimsey, Patton, Smith, Savage, Manuel, Simpson, Cunningham, Lenzen	Oregon, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Nebraska, West Virginia	82
2	14	Correspondence, notes, copies of photos, pedigree chart	Kimzey, Bohrer, Roby, Brehm	Nebraska, Missouri	15
2	15	Cemetery notes, lists of photos taken	Kimzey, Bash, Morris, Moore	Oregon, Nebraska, Illinois, Missouri	51
2	16	Land maps, notes		Illinois, Kentucky	12

2	17	Descendant reports, notes, copies and transcripts of court, birth, marriage, and death records, biographical sketches, correspondence	Kimsey, Kimzey, Simpson, Rouse, Moore, Bash, Crowley, Price	England, Virginia, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, North Carolina, Nebraska, Oregon	208
2	18	Research notes, court and land records (some originals), birth, marriage and death records	Kinsey, Kimsey, Kimzey, Hayes	Virginia, Iowa	86
2	19	Correspondence, notes, biographical sketches	Crowley, Kimsey	Missouri, Virginia	48
2	20	Research notes	Cunningham	Virginia	29
2	21	Research	McClure	North Carolina	4
2	22	"Descendants of Moses Mcintire"	Mcintire	Kentucky	33
2	23	Descendant reports	Moore, Rouse, Walker, Hornbeck	Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri, Oregon, Ohio	59
2	24	Descendant reports, news clippings, family group sheets, transcript of trail diary (1843)	Simpson, Kimzey, Savery, Sears, Ford	North Carolina, Oregon	32
2	25	Reminiscences, correspondence, "The Stroup Family," family group sheets, news clippings	Stroup, Kimsey, Parsons, Bohrer, Powell	Nebraska	48
2	26	Correspondence, descendant report	Walker	Illinois	10
2	27	Correspondence, research notes, biographical sketches, court records from murder trial	Kimsey	Illinois, Missouri, Oregon	148

2	28	Correspondence, research notes	Kimsey, Kimzey, Crowley	Georgia, Missouri, Virginia, Illinois, North Carolina	50
2	29	Research notes, descendant report	Crowley, Croley, Kimsey	Nebraska, Missouri, Virginia, North Carolina	52
2	30	Research notes, reminiscence, descendant reports	Kimzey, Kimsey	England, Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Illinois	97
2	31	Research notes, biographical sketches	Kimsey, McCrow, Missouri, Simpson	Oregon, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri	40
2	32	Correspondence, descendant chart	Moore	Oregon	9
2	33	Correspondence	Moore, Kimsey	Illinois, Oregon	14
2	34	Correspondence			10
2	35	Correspondence, notes	Moore, Kimsey, Morris		24
2	36	Correspondence	Kimsey	Nebraska	17
2	37	Correspondence	Ford, Kimsey, McCracken	Oregon	24
2	38	Correspondence	Crowley		1
2	39	Correspondence			7
2	40	Correspondence, notes, biographical sketches	Simpson, Kimsey, Hubbard, Scott		35
2	41	Correspondence, family group sheets	Moore, Rouse, Kimsey	Illinois, California, Oregon	35
2	42	Correspondence	Kimzey, Kimsey	West Virginia	6
2	43	Correspondence	Kimsey, Crowley, Savery		11
2	44	Correspondence	Kimzey, Kimsey		16

2	45	Correspondence	Kimzey, Kimsey		7
2	46	Correspondence	Kimzey, Kimsey		22
2	47	Correspondence	Kimzey, Kimsey		5
2	48	Correspondence			4
2	49	Copies of photos, correspondence	Kimzey, Kimzey		51
2	50	Correspondence			12
2	51	Correspondence	Kimzey, Kimzey		43
2	52	Correspondence			23
2	53	Correspondence	Kimzey, Kimzey		16
2	54	Correspondence	Kimzey, Kimzey		6
2	55	Correspondence	Kimzey, Kimzey		30
2	56	Correspondence			18
2	57	Correspondence			7
2	58	Correspondence, biographical sketch, copy of pension papers, news clippings, copies of photos	Kimzey, Kimzey, McKimzey		131
2	59	Research notes, reunion photo, biographical sketches, correspondence, transcripts of Bible records	Kimzey, Kimsey, Moore, Crowley, Stone, Long	Virginia, North Carolina, Idaho, Missouri, Tennessee	48
3	1	Pedigree charts, correspondence, research notes, copies of original records	Roberts, Lee, Missler, Crowley, Kimsey, Gregg	Oregon, Virginia, Georgia, North Carolina, Kentucky	40
3	2	Charts, reports, research notes, family group sheets	Kimzey, Kimzey, Youn, Simpson		240
3	3	Descendant report	Sparks		6
3	4	Correspondence, pedigree chart, notes, copies of records	Roby, Bohrer, Kimzey	Nebraska	33
3	5	Family group records, biographical sketches, descendant reports, research notes, copies of deeds, photos	Kimzey, Kimsey, Russell, Crowley, Baldwin, Smith, Simpson	North Carolina, Missouri, Illinois, Nebraska, Oregon	83

3	6	"Crowley Files" compiled by Jack Grantham (includes name index)	Crowley		413
3	7	Probate file for Robert Kimsey (1881)	Kimsey	Illinois	62
3	8	Research notes, marriage certificate	Kimsey	Nebraska, Oregon	5
3	9	Probate notes and records for Samuel Kimsey (1850), research notes, descendant report, copies of vital records, news clippings	Kimsey, Tudor, Bash	Missouri, Nebraska, Oregon	190
3	10	Research notes, obituary, news clippings, death certificate	Kimsey, Kimzey	North Carolina, Nebraska, Oregon, California	31
3	11	Research notes, correspondence, copies of original records including probate file of William Francis Kimzey (1912)	Kimsey, Kimzey	North Carolina, Virginia, Illinois	91
3	12	Notes	Kimsey, McBride	Oregon	3
3	13	Oregon Trail notes	Kimsey	Oregon	5
3	14	Kimsey reunion notes, narrative on the Simpson family	Kimsey, Simpson		23
3	15	Pedigree chart, research notes, correspondence, photos	Kimsey, Moore, Cunningham, Fusch, Bash, Baxter, Bork		38
3	16	Correspondence, Crowley files	Kimsey, Crowley, Pilson		25
3	17	Correspondence, copies of family letters dating 1875-1918	Kimsey	Oregon	47
3	18	Correspondence, biographical sketches, copies of land records, notes, copies of photos, copy of letter recounting Oregon Trail journey, descendant charts	Kimsey, McKinney, Simpson, Savery, Baxter, Remington	Illinois, Missouri, Oregon	79

3	19	Correspondence related to pre-Civil War ancestors, copy of early prayer book	Crowley, Kimsey, Newby, Rolff	Virginia, Georgia	37
3	20	"Our Family History"	Kimsey, Bash, Youn, Garvey		18
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