



## Finding aid to the Mary Ann Miller Collection

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### OVERVIEW

**Donor:** Mary Ann Miller

**Accession Date:** December 17, 2014

**Collection Number:** 185, Acc. 2014.19

**Quantity:** 9 folders

**Summary:** Consists of the family history of the Miller family, from their immigration from Germany to Russia, the Soviet Regime, moving back to Germany, to their immigration in the U.S.

**Languages:** English

**Links:**  
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### BIOGRAPHY

This collection covers the family history of Melita Miller. Melita Miller was born in 1926 in Selz, Russia. Her ancestors came from Germany in 1808 to Russia on the invitation of Cartharine the Great of Russia. In 1917 the Communist Revolution started along with the Soviet Regime. Melita's father Puis was sent to Siberia, they lost their property and forced the children into a Russian Language School. In 1941 German army troops invaded Russia, Puis Miller came back, and they got their house and land back. A German Language school opened and Melita was accepted in. In 1944 the German people left, so the Miller family left Selz in covered wagons,

staying in Poland for a few months. While in Poland, Puis was sent into the army to West Germany, and Melita's mother Eva and her two sisters sent to Siberia. After the war, Melita found her father Pius in West Germany. In 1948 relatives in Canada invited to their home. They settled in Regina, Saskatchewan. Later Melita Miller moved to Yakima, Washington, to help an aunt.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

**The Family History Series** consists of the various family histories, ranging back from Russia, to Germany, and the families' immigration history.

**Photograph Series** consists of family photographs, and photocopies.

**Obituary Series** consists of the obituary of Blazer Miller.

**Mix Media Series** consists of the case of a flash drive set by Mary Ann Miller in 2014, with photographs on it, but is it missing.

**The thumb drive with this collection is missing.**

## **BOX AND FOLDER LIST**

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