

Rice Family Collection 2 – 2013.50

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Collection Summary

Dates 1769-2012

Bulk dates 1906-1997

Level of description Collection

Extent .5 cubic foot

Creator(s) Ruth Rice

Administrative/Biographical History

The Kurtz family

The Kurtz family emigrated to the United States of America in 1909 from Kautz, Russia (Verschinka). Kautz, Russia housed thirty emigrant families from nearby German villages in 1767. George Philipp and Eva (Busch) Frank had six children including: Elizabeth “Effie” Kurtz, Elizabeth Lind, Mary Lind, Philip Frank, Mollie Zwetzig, and one unknown child. The Kurtz family came to America by ship owned by Nord Deutsches Lloyd. Upon return to Europe, the ship sank. The Kurtz’s were involved in farming and with the Great Western Sugar Company in Windsor, Colorado. Lineage is traced back to Johannes Frank; one of the original thirty who migrated to Kautz in 1767. The Busch family tree is traced through Phillip Busch.

Elizabeth “Effie” (Frank) Kurtz

Elizabeth Kurtz was born in Kautz Russia on July 17, 1892. She was the daughter of Eva (Busch) Frank and George Philipp Frank. She came to the United States of America with her siblings, Elizabeth Lind, Mary Lind, Philip Frank, Mollie Zwetzig, and an unknown child. She married William Kurtz in Windsor, Colorado, on January 25, 1914. She bore four children: Eva “Effie” Brunner, Henry William Kurtz, Mary Ring, and Ruth Rice. She is also the grandmother of Edmund Ring.

William Kurtz

William Kurtz was born in Russia in 1890, and married Effie Frank in 1914. Together, they had four children: Eva “Effie” (Kurtz) Brunner, Henry William Kurtz, Mary (Kurtz) Ring, and Ruth (Kurtz) Rice. William came to Colorado in 1910, and worked for the City of Windsor, Colorado and Great Western Sugar Company. He was a member of the Bethel American Lutheran Church in Windsor.

Eva “Effie” (Kurtz) Brunner

Eva “Effie” Kurtz was a major contributor to the German Russian Shanty (beet) Project. This project was an attempt to document the histories of German-Russian families who immigrated to the United States of America, specifically in Northern Colorado. Centennial Village was the host of this project and provided a historical information about Germans from Russia.

Ruth (Kurtz) Rice

Ruth Rice was the daughter of Effie Frank and William Kurtz. She had three siblings: Eva “Effie” Brunner, Henry William Kurtz, and Mary Ring. Ruth graduated from Windsor High School in 1946 and from the University of Northern Colorado (UNCO) in 1950. She taught English and Social Studies at Ft. Lupton Junior High. She also volunteered at the Weld Food Bank and Greeley History Museum. She and her sister, Eva Brunner, were major contributors to the Germans from Russia Beet Shanty project. This project was an attempt to document the histories of Germans from Russia families who immigrated to the United States of America, specifically in Northern Colorado.

Scope and Content

This collection includes information about the ancestors and members of the Rice family spanning back to Johannes Friedrick Kurtz (d.1769) and Philip Busch (d. 1768). This collection also includes various memorabilia (clothing and toys), religious and non-religious books and paraphernalia, family genealogy, and papers related to the implementation of the Germans from Russia beet shanty at Centennial Village Museum.

System of arrangement

Order imposed by material type, subject, and date. Much of the content kept in original grouping. Clothing and audiovisual material have been stored in separate locations from original collection.

Conditions governing access	There are no restrictions on the access of this collection.
Conditions governing reproduction and use	There are no restrictions on the use or reproduction of this collection.
Languages and scripts of the materials	English, German
Immediate source of acquisition	This collection was donated by Marjean Sheridan on behalf of Ruth Rice
Related archival Materials	2003.70, 2003.71, 2004.36, 2004.64, 2012.116
Names	Brunner, Eva Elizabeth Kurtz, 1917-2000 Frank, George Philipp, 1870-1959 Frank, Henry, 1902-1973 Kurtz, Eva Elizabeth Frank, 1892-1978 Kurtz, William, 1880-1970 Rice, Ruth Kurtz, 1928-2012 Zwetzig, Albert, 1929-1974
Places	Denhaf (Vysoki) (Rus.) Dietel (Aleshniki) (Ger./Rus.) Greeley (Colo.) Kautz (Verschinka) (Rus.) Kunz (Rus.) Loveland (Colo.) Severance (Colo.) Timnath (Colo.) Windsor (Colo.)
Subjects	Agricultural laborers Beets Family trees Immigrants
Document forms	Books Paperwork Photographs

Contents and Container List

Series I: Family history

Genealogy of the Bangert, Batt, Busch, Brunner, Frank, Kurtz, Lind, Rice, Ring and Zwetzig families. This series contains materials related to the deaths and services for William and Effie Kurtz, various obituaries and family trees. It also includes the recording of Effie Kurtz's funeral.

Subseries A: Family history

Box	Folder
1	1-2

Subseries B: Death and religious papers

Box	Folder
1	3-5
2	n/a
AV-032	n/a

Series II: German-Shanty project

This series covers the German-Russian Shanty Project from Centennial Village coordinated by Ruth Rice and Effie Brunner. Includes pamphlets, guides, photographs, and two (2) checkbooks. The German-Russian history project has information about traditions and everyday life as early as 1907, from individuals who came to Northern Colorado. The German-Shanty project was a way for their history to be preserved and shared with citizens in the Northern Colorado area. Effie Brunner and Ruth Rice were the main contributors to this cause.

Subseries A: German-shanty project creation documents

Box	Folder
1	6

Checkbooks stored with like objects

Subseries B: Promotional

Box	Folder
1	7

Subseries C: Photographs

Box	Folder
1	8

Series III: Memorabilia

Objects and books used by the Kurtz family

Subseries A: Books

Primarily books in German, especially children's books. Also includes a Federal Citizenship Textbook.

Box	Folder
2	n/a

Subseries B: Clothing

Variety of items including items brought with the family from Russia.

Box Folder

Items housed with like objects

Subseries: House items

Variety of objects such as rugs, eating utensils, and children's toys and two ration books from World War II.

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Objects housed with like items