

## **Guide to the**

### **Irving Genealogical Society Collection 1991-2005**

**1.1 linear ft.**

**Accession Numbers: 0304-229, 0405-087, 1314-027, and 1415-067**

**Collection Number: 85**

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#### **Historical Sketch**

The Irving Genealogical Society (IGS) was chartered in 1991 as a nonprofit corporation for the purpose of promoting genealogical research. The founding members had previously worked from within the Irving Heritage Society before they decided to form a separate group dedicated solely to genealogy. Until it ceased operations around 2005, IGS held monthly meetings, published a monthly newsletter, and held fundraisers, supported the Irving Public Library's Local History and Genealogy Section through donations of research material, and awarded college scholarships to Irving high school seniors.

#### **Scope and Content**

The Irving Genealogical Society Collection contains newsletters, correspondence, bylaws, and scrapbooks with newspaper clippings and photographs. Items in the collection are dated from 1991 to 2005. The collection contains four accessions. Accession 0304-229 contained copies of the IGS newsletter from 1993-2003. Accession 0405-87 contained two scrapbooks. Accession 1314-27 contained copies of the IGS newsletter from 1999-2003 and other IGS records. Accession 1415-67 contained copies of the IGS newsletter from 2003-2005 with records related to their production. The collection is contained in two manuscript boxes and two flat boxes and divided into three series.

Series I contains several items from accession 1314-27 including a narrative history of IGS, IGS bylaws, an IGS member directory, a letter certifying the incorporation of IGS, and a "Getting Started" brochure. The incorporation letter is dated 1991, and the other items in this series were produced from 2000-2002.

Series II contains copies of the monthly IGS newsletter from 1993-2005. The newsletters contain announcements of IGS activities, articles on genealogical research and U.S. History, genealogy charts prepared by IGS members, and queries from people across the U.S. seeking information about their ancestors. The newsletters from 2003-2005 have records related to their production attached.

Series III contains two scrapbooks that were created from 1992-2002. The scrapbooks contains photographs, event announcements, newspaper clippings, obituaries of IGS members, and a print-out of the IGS website. The photographs are of IGS members at various IGS events as well as genealogical conferences and cultural festivals. The newspaper clippings are related to the group's activities.

### **Provenance Statement**

The Irving Genealogical Society Collection was donated to the Irving Archives in four parts. Accession 0304-229 was donated to the Irving Archives by IGS President Mary Kay Weber on July 7, 2004. Accession 0405-87 was donated by IGS on January 16, 2005. Accession 1314-27 was donated by IGS on January 2, 2013. Accession 1415-67 was donated by Mary Archer of the Irving Public Library on April 3, 2015.

### **Literary Rights Statement**

Permission to publish from the Irving Genealogical Society Collection must be obtained from the Irving Archives, Irving Public Library.

### **Note to Researcher**

The newsletters in this collection are arranged in chronological order. The original order of the other records has been preserved.

Duplicated copies of the newsletter were discarded.

Accession 1314-27 contained a copy of the transcript of a set of oral history interviews from 2002. The interviewee's name is Raymond Story and the interview dates are June 24, June 27, and July 2, 2002. This copy was discarded, and the transcript is available in the Irving Archives Oral History Collection.

## **Container List**

### **Series I History**

Box 1

Folder Title, Dates, and Description

1 History, 2000-2002

Contains a narrative history of IGS; bylaws; and member directories. These items were the first pages of a three-ring binder from accession 1314-27. The remainder of the binder contained copies of IGS newsletters from 1999-2003.

2 History, 1991, undated

Contains a pamphlet with information on joining IGS; an announcement of the Society's 20-year anniversary; and a letter from the Texas Secretary of State certifying the Society's incorporation. These items were taken from a file folder included in accession 1314-27.

## **Series II Newsletters**

3 Newsletters, 1993

Contains newsletters from every month of 1993, except July.

4 Newsletters, 1994

Contains newsletters from every month of 1994.

5 Newsletters, 1995

Contains newsletters from every month of 1995.

6 Newsletters, 1996

Contains newsletters from every month of 1996, except December.

7 Newsletters, 1997

Contains newsletters from every month of 1997.

8 Newsletters, 1998

Contains newsletters from every month of 1998.

9 Newsletters, 1999

Contains newsletters from every month of 1999.

10 Newsletters, 2000

Contains newsletters from every month of 2000.

11 Newsletters, 2001

Contains newsletters from every month of 2001.

12 Newsletters, 2002

Contains newsletters from every month of 2002, except December.

13 Newsletters and Attachments-January 2003, 2003

Contains the newsletter from January 2003 with correspondence and other records related to the production of the newsletter.

14 Newsletters and Attachments-February-March 2003, 2003

Contains the newsletters from February and March 2003 with correspondence and other records related to the production of the newsletters.

15 Newsletters and Attachments-April-May 2003, 2003

Contains the newsletters from April and May 2003 with correspondence and other records related to the production of the newsletters.

16 Newsletters and Attachments-July-August 2003, 2003

Contains the newsletters from July and August 2003 with correspondence and other records related to the production of the newsletters.

17 Newsletters and Attachments-September-October 2003, 2003

Contains the newsletters from September and October 2003 with correspondence and other records related to the production of the newsletters.

18 Newsletters and Attachments-November 2003, January-February 2004, 2003-2004  
Contains the newsletters from November 2003, January 2004, and February 2004 with correspondence and other records related to the production of the newsletters.

19 Newsletters and Attachments-March-April 2004, 2004  
Contains the newsletters from March and April 2004 with correspondence and other records related to the production of the newsletters.

20 Newsletters and Attachments-May 2004, 2004  
Contains the newsletter from May 2004 with correspondence and other records related to the production of the newsletter and a postcard sent in lieu of the newsletter for June.

Box 2

Folder

1 Newsletters and Attachments-July 2004, 2004  
Contains the newsletter from July 2004 with correspondence and other records related to the production of the newsletter.

2 Newsletters and Attachments-August, October 2004, 2004  
Contains the newsletters from August and October 2004 with correspondence and other records related to the production of the newsletters.

3 Newsletters and Attachments-November 2004, February 2005, 2004-2005  
Contains the newsletters from November 2004 and February 2005 with correspondence and other records related to the production of the newsletters.

4 Newsletters and Attachments-March-April 2005, 2005  
Contains the newsletters from March and April 2005 with correspondence and other records related to the production of the newsletters.

5 Newsletters and Attachments-May 2005, 2005  
Contains the newsletter from May 2005 with correspondence and other records related to the production of the newsletter.

### **Series III Scrapbooks**

Box 3

Folder

1 Scrapbook, 1992-1998  
Contains a scrapbook with photographs, event announcements and newspaper clippings. The photographs are of IGS members at various IGS events as well as genealogical conferences and cultural festivals. The newspaper clippings are related to the group's activities.

Box 4

Folder

1 Scrapbook, 1999-2002

Contains a scrapbook with photographs, event announcements and newspaper clippings. The photographs are of IGS members at various IGS events as well as genealogical conferences and cultural festivals. The newspaper clippings are related to the group's activities. Also includes a print-out of the IGS webpage and obituaries of IGS members.