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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 192    DEVRIES, Virginia Hope (Posey), 1911-1998**

½ box. 4 folders. 192 items. 1896-1993. Originals and photocopies.

1998.98.2

***BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE***

Virginia Hope (Posey) DeVries was born 20 January 1911 in Wichita, Kansas. Her parents were Warren County, Kentucky natives Henry Alvin Posey and Hattie Emma (Donoho) Posey. She spent most of her professional career as a civil service employee in Washington, D.C., Chicago, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and Bowling Green, Kentucky. While working in Chicago, she met Frederick George DeVries I; they married November 30, 1939. The couple moved to Bowling Green in 1955. Virginia continued federal government work until her 1962 retirement, after which she worked for various municipal, county and state agencies until her second retirement in 1976. She was a charter member and former president of the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society and was also active in the Warren County Democratic Women's Club. She had two children, Christine Hope (DeVries) Sowders and Frederick George DeVries II. She died 2 January 1998 in Bowling Green.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This collection consists chiefly of DeVries's correspondence with family members and her research related to the history and genealogy of the Posey and Callis families. Includes a copy of a 1949 letter from Vice President Alben W. Barkley acknowledging his relationship to the Posey family. The bulk of the collection dates from 1976 to 1993.

***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>1896-1993</b>	<b>192 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory		
Folder 2	Correspondence related to Posey and Callis family genealogy	1896-1980	38 items
Folder 3	Correspondence related to Posey and Callis family genealogy	1981-1985	91 items

Folder 4	Correspondence related to Posey and Callis family genealogy	1986-1993	63 items
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### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

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Correspondence and research related to the Posey and Callis families. Includes a copy of a 1949 letter from Vice President Alben W. Barkley acknowledging his relationship to the Posey family.

½ box. 5 folders. 192 items. Originals and photocopies.

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