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Velda Routh Collection,  
1972-1999

Collection 192

## Champaign County Historical Archives

**Compiled by:** Cat Broady and Katie MacKendrick, December 2017; Sara Bennett, October 2018

**Creator/Corporate name:** Velda Routh

**Inclusive Dates:** 1972-1999, bulk 1989-1999

**Physical Description:** 1 box (.5 linear feet)

### **Provenance:**

The Velda Routh Collection was donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives on December 27, 2014 by John T. Routh. The owner acquired the collection when his mother passed away.

### **Access:**

The records are accessible to the public within applicable copyright restrictions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of The Urbana Free Library.

### **Biographical/Historical Note:**

Velda Routh was born July 18, 1918, in Athens, Illinois, to John Budd and Pearl Van Landingham. In 1941, she petitioned to have her last name changed to that of her adoptive parents, Colwell. She married Clifford Routh in 1942. Velda Routh passed away on June 17, 2011.

These records were created by Velda Routh to trace her family genealogy in hopes of documenting a connection to a revolutionary war veteran. Velda Routh wished to do so to qualify her daughter for DAR scholarships. We were unable to determine whether she was accepted as a member.

Velda Routh enlisted the assistance of a couple of family members, notably Dennis Carter, her nephew; and Jeanne Weaver, a cousin. She also hired Caren Prater, who worked at the Fleming County, Kentucky courthouse, to assist her with her research.

### **Scope and Content Note:**

The collection includes genealogy research for Velda Budd Colwell Routh's family. These records include personal letters, photos, family group sheets, ancestor charts, newspaper articles (both originals and photocopies), photocopies of various historical records (including wills and court cases and birth, marriage, and death certificates), and handwritten notes.

Some of the main family names she traces back are the Budd, Vanlandingham, Routh, Blurton, Black, Naylor/Nailor, and Howell lines. Some names of notes are Phillip/Philip Howell and Edward Blurton, both of whom are said to have served in the Revolutionary War.

Velda created this collection between 1972 and 1999. However, the bulk of the correspondence and related documents come from 1989-1999. Velda kept carbon copies of many of her own typed letters. Some of the correspondence is undated—see, for example, “Folder 3: Correspondence



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- 'Ellen,' n.d." The photocopied materials contain documents and information from the 1600s in England up to the 1990s.

Most of the documents concern family lineage in the Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky areas.

**Arrangement:**

Materials are arranged by format and subject. The DAR folder is the only folder that was kept in original order; Velda left a note with the application indicating that she wanted the documents in that particular order. The folders are organized inferred relevance and, where applicable, alphabetically.

**Name Terms:**

Blomgren, Hazel  
Blurton, Edward  
Budd, Jack  
Budd, Margaret  
Budd, Velda Marie  
Colwell, Velda Marie  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Howell, Philip  
Howell, Phillip  
Landingham, Velda  
Routh, Lawrence  
Routh, Velda

**Subject Terms:**

Black family  
Blurton family  
Budd family  
Family archives  
Genealogy  
Howell family  
Naylor family  
Naylor family  
Routh family  
Van Landingham family

**Container List:**

**Box 1**

Folder 1: DAR Application  
Folder 2: Correspondence - Dennis Carter, 1997-1999  
Folder 3: Correspondence - "Ellen," n.d.  
Folder 4: Correspondence - Jeanne Weaver, 1989-1990  
Folder 5: Correspondence - Lawrence Routh, Hazel Blomgren, Jack & Margaret Budd, 1972-1999  
Folder 6: Correspondence - Professional, 1989-1991



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- Folder 7: Correspondence - Ruth Blurton, 1989, 1997
- Folder 8: Velda's Records
- Folder 9: Family Records - Budd Line
- Folder 10: Family Records - Routh Line
- Folder 11: Family Records - Vanlandingham Line
- Folder 12: Marriage Records
- Folder 13: Death and Funeral Records and Obituaries
- Folder 14: Newspaper Articles
- Folder 15: Veterans Records and Pension Papers
- Folder 16: Misc. Historical Records
- Folder 17: Misc. Records and Papers