Restrictions
The following classes of documents are withheld from research use:
1. Papers and other historical materials which contain information or statements that might be used to injure, harass, or damage any living persons.
2. Papers relating to investigations of individuals or appointments or personnel matters.
3. Papers relating to student academic performance and discipline restricted under FERPA.

Scope and Content
These papers are primarily copies of documents held by Still family heir, Elizabeth Brunk Bleeker and Dr. Gregory G. Brunk. The materials include photographs, correspondence, legal documents, and news clippings. They also contain genealogical research done by Delia Frank Still Brunk, daughter of S.S. and Ella Still, in support of membership applications to the Daughters of the American Revolution and Daughters of American Colonists. The materials were preserved through the interest of Guy G. Brunk, son of Guy B. and Delia Still Brunk. They were arranged by family groupings.

In addition to family genealogical information there are materials relating to the Dr. S.S. Still College of Osteopathy in Des Moines, Iowa and the American School of Osteopathy in Kirksville, Missouri. There are contracts regarding the sale of the stock of the Des Moines school to Charles E. Still and Warren Hamilton in 1903 and the sale of the Kirksville school to George M. Laughlin in 1924. There is also correspondence between Emily B. Conger and A.B. Shaw and Charles E. Still regarding the sale of her stock in the Des Moines school after her husband’s death.

Other materials include American School of Osteopathy catalogs from 1921-22 and 1922-23 and the “Osteoblast” (ASO yearbook) from 1921, 1922, 1924, and 1925. The 1922 issue is dedicated to George A. Still and the 1924 has a memorial tribute to him. The 1925 issue is the final one for the ASO and includes an alumni list. In addition the family has bound copies of the “Cosmopolitan Osteopath” August 1898-June 1900; January 1900 – December 1901; August 1900-January 1902. Annual indexes have been compiled which are particularly useful. There are also signed copies of the A.T. Still autobiography and other memorabilia.
The 2009 accretion from Dr. Gregory Brunk contains a digital files and copies of documents, biographical information, and images of artifacts compiled by Dr. Brunk and donated to the American School of Osteopathy in Kirksville, MO.

Biographical Note

**Summerfield Saunders Still** was born December 7, 1851 in Macon County, Missouri to James Moore Still and Rahab Mercy Saunders Still. **James Moore Still** received the M.D. degree from Rush Medical College in 1864 and was a brother to Andrew Taylor Still, the founder of osteopathy. He also received a D.O. degree from the American School of Osteopathy in 1895.

S.S. Still was a twin to Martha Elizabeth Still who died in Eudora, Kansas on April 25, 1867. Other siblings include Mary Jane Findley Still (January 11, 1855 – February 22, 1927) and James Abram Still (November 8, 1858 – February 21, 1914).

**Mary Jane Findley Still** married (December 17, 1874) Anderson Craig (June 21 or 23, 1851 – April 25, 1917). Their children were **Arthur Still Craig** born September 9, 1875 and Beulah Rahab Craig born September 11, 1879. Arthur Still Craig graduated from the American School of Osteopathy in 1896. Arthur Still Craig was involved in the early work of the Dr. S.S. Still College of Osteopathy in Des Moines as the vice president and an instructor in osteopathy. Arthur Still Craig became editor of the “Cosmopolitan Osteopath” after the death of Colonel A.L. Conger in 1899. He later practiced osteopathy in Iowa City and Kansas City. Arthur Still Craig developed patient record forms for osteopaths and sold treating tables. He also developed an *Atlas of Sectional Anatomy*, which was published in 1907. On December 25, 1900 he married Melle Rosamin Campbell (born 1876) a graduate of the Dr. SSSCO in 1903. Beulah Rahab Craig was married on October 25, 1904 to Curtis Hammond Coe.

**James Abram Still** (November 8, 1858 – February 21, 1914) graduated from the Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois in 1895. He served as a pastor in the Methodist Church for fifteen years. James A. Still graduated from the Dr. SSSCO in 1902 and married Jennie Allen Still (July 22, 1858 – 1948), a 1904 graduate of the Dr. SSSCO. Jennie Allen Still practiced osteopathy in Des Moines for thirty years. They had two children. Mary Gertrude Still (born May 16, 1891) married Charles James Ritchey (born October 13, 1885) on June 29, 1916. And Virgil Faris Still (born September 26, 1897) married Hazel Elizabeth Dalziel (born July 22, 1900) on July 15, 1924. Virgil Faris Still earned a BS in Economics from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in 1921.

In 1854 the James Moore Still family moved to Blue Mound, Kansas and in 1860 to Eudora, Kansas. Summerfield Still was educated at Baker University in Baldwin, Kansas, 1866-1868. He taught school for several years and then attended the State University at Lawrence, Kansas, 1876-1878. S.S. taught school in Douglas County, Kansas in 1878.
S.S. married Rosella Belmont Daugherty (Ella) on October 3, 1877 at the home of her grandparents in Lawrence, Kansas. They had two children George Anderson Still and Delia Frank Still. In 1882 they moved to Maryville, Missouri to establish a business and in 1893 moved to Kirksville, Missouri to attend the American School of Osteopathy. S.S. graduated from the American School of Osteopathy in 1895 and taught anatomy there until 1898. In 1898 he and his wife and several others founded the Dr. S.S. Still College of Osteopathy in Des Moines, Iowa. S.S. served as president as well as instructor in anatomy and osteopathy. While in Des Moines, S.S. received the LL.B. from Drake University on May 16, 1902 and in 1903 the LL.M. He also helped to found the Iowa branch of the American Association for the Advancement of Osteopathy on January 3, 1899 and served as its first president.

In 1903 S.S. and Ella sold their stock in the Des Moines school to Charles E. Still and Warren Hamilton but continued to teach in it while it remained in operation. In 1905 Still and Hamilton sold their stock in the Dr. S.S. Still College of Osteopathy to the American School of Osteopathy. The Des Moines school was reorganized as the Still College of Osteopathy under the leadership of Dr. C.E. Thompson. The summer of 1905 S.S. sailed from Montreal, Canada to Liverpool, England (July 6, 1905) and continued on to Skovsgaard Stazion, Denmark where he stayed with a Dr. C.P. Christiansen. Upon his return S.S. and Ella entered private practice in Des Moines with offices at the Century Building, suites 316-322.

In 1913 S.S. and Ella moved to Kirksville to teach again at the American School of Osteopathy, S.S. taught descriptive anatomy and x-radiance. In July 1914 S.S. completed the course at the Illinois School of Electro-Therapeutics in Chicago. At the American School of Osteopathy he became a member of the board of trustees in 1919 and in 1918/9 became vice president of the school. After the death of his son in 1922, S.S. became the president of the ASO until it was sold to George M. Laughlin in 1924. S.S. then retired, in part because in the contract ASO stockholders were forbidden to teach osteopathy for twenty years. Although S.S. was retired, he remained a voracious reader and wrote a column for the Kirksville “Graphic” until his death.

S.S. was ill in July 1931 and visited the Mayo clinic. He declined follow up and died November 20, 1931 in Kirksville, Missouri. S.S. was buried in Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines, Iowa on November 21st. Dr. H.V. Halladay made local arrangements for the funeral and student pall bearers were: Eugene Winslow, Hazen Gulden, Charles Naylor, M.J. Schwartz, Donald Herd, John Herd, Ed Swartzbaugh, and Roy Mount.

**Rosella Belmont Daugherty** (Ella) was born February 8, 1856 in Holton, Maine to George Daugherty and Lucy Taphenes Longfellow Daugherty. Some time between 1856 and 1858 the family moved to Kansas. Ella received a teaching certificate in 1874. She was educated at the State University at Lawrence, Kansas, 1876-1878 and she taught in Douglas County, Kansas in 1878.
Ella married Summerfield Saunders Still October 3, 1877 in Lawrence, Kansas at the home of Charles and Mary Longfellow, grandparents of the bride. They had two children George Anderson Still and Delia Frank Still.

Ella graduated from the American School of Osteopathy in 1897 and specialized in obstetrics and gynecology, working with A.T. Still applying osteopathic theory to obstetrics and gynecology. She also attended the Chicago Post-Graduate School of Gynecology and Abdominal Surgery with Byron Robinson, graduating in July 1900. In 1898 she and S.S. founded the Dr. S.S. Still College of Osteopathy where she taught obstetrics and gynecology. Ella was licensed to practice osteopathy in Iowa in 1902, California in 1905, and Kansas and Missouri in 1909. She was a frequent speaker at osteopathic functions all over the country.

In 1913 Ella and S.S. returned to Kirksville where she taught obstetrics and gynecology at the American School of Osteopathy. In 1924 she also sold her shares in the American School of Osteopathy to George M. Laughlin and entered retirement.

After the death of her husband in 1931, Ella lived with her daughter Delia and her son-in-law, Guy B. Brunk, in Des Moines. She died June 21, 1938 and was buried in Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines on June 22, 1938. Pall bearers were students: R.W. Long, William Costello, Robert Lindquist, Joseph Gurka, Chase Matthews, John Hagy, Howard Sporck, and Paul Kimberly.

S.S. and Ella were loved as teachers and received several honors. On their departure from Kirksville in 1898, they received a rocker (from the October 1897 class), a study Bible with the signatures of the American School of Osteopathy class of January 1898, a bookcase (from the May 1898 class), a gold charm set with diamonds and emeralds (from the April 1899 class), a Masonic ring (from the September 1899 class), and a set of monogrammed silverware (from the February 1900 class). S.S. was made an honorary life member of the Acacia Club at the American School of Osteopathy. In 1928 on the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the Des Moines Still College of Osteopathy, S.S. and Ella were presented with a purple leather book of remembrance signed by the trustees, faculty, and students. An official resolution was passed by the Des Moines Still College of Osteopathy on December 10, 1931 noting the death of S.S. Still. Finally, a memorial assembly with a cemetery wreath-laying was held on December 6, 1935. Ella Still was present and Ardella Still made some remarks.

George Anderson Still was born on March 12, 1882 in Eudora, Kansas to S.S. and Ella Still. He was educated at Kirksville State Teachers College in 1898 and received a B.S. from Drake University in June 1901 where he played center on the Drake football team earning the letter “D”. George Still earned the M.D. degree at Northwestern University Medical College in 1904 where he studied under surgeon Dr. John D. Murphy. George taught at the Dr. SSSCO 1904-1905 while he studied osteopathy and was police surgeon and pathologist. When the Des Moines school was reorganized in 1905, George moved to the American School of Osteopathy and finished his osteopathy course there in 1906.
George also was assistant surgeon at the ASO hospital and taught anatomy. He became the chief surgeon in 1907 and taught physical diagnosis.

In June 1913 George took a trip to Europe for graduate study. This trip is summarized in Letters of Foreign Travel by a Noted Surgeon, which refers to “Murphy my old instructor”. George traveled with “Slaughter” and “Blondy” and several others. They went to Berlin, Hamburg, Berne (Dr. Kocher), Vienna, Leipzig, Dresden, Prague, Mainz, Bonn, Cologne, Paris (Pasteur institute), Brussels, London, and Glasgow (Dr. Lane).

George became the second president of the American School of Osteopathy following the death of A.T. Still in 1917. He was an enthusiastic outdoorsman and had summer homes in Lake Emily, Minnesota and in Montana (near Glacier National Park). George died from an accidental gunshot wound on Thursday, November 23, 1922. After a party at his home, George was showing a new pistol to some students. He dropped the gun and fumbled it while picking it up due to a broken finger. The gun discharged and George was killed instantly. The funeral was on Sunday with Rev. Fred W. Condit, dean of the American School of Osteopathy, officiating. Burial was in Forest Cemetery in Kirksville, Missouri. Ardella’s father Thomas J. Dockery (August 28, 1845 – November 25, 1922) died on the Saturday after George. He had been ill for some time, but the shock of George’s death was too much for him. Thomas J. Dockery had large real estate holdings and owned a Kirksville hotel.

George married Cora May Cleophas in Des Moines on June 17, 1904. She was born in 1882 and died October 1904. George then married Ardella Dockery in Des Moines on March 10, 1906. She was born April 10, 1879 in Kirksville, Missouri to Thomas J. Dockery and Julia E. Linder Dockery. Ardella was educated in Kirksville with B.S.D. and A.B. degrees from Kirksville State Teachers College and an M.A. from the University of Missouri. She studied law and was a member of the Missouri bar. After George’s death, Ardella was the vice president at the American School of Osteopathy from 1922-1924 when she sold her stock to George M. Laughlin. Ardella Dockery Still died May 9, 1958 and the funeral was held May 13, 1958 with burial in Forest Cemetery in Kirksville.

Delia Frank Still was born on July 24, 1883 in Maryville, Missouri to S.S. and Ella Still. She was educated at Drake University receiving a B.S. in 1903. Delia also had the star role in the senior class play “Taming of the Shrew”. She married Guy B. Brunk on June 27, 1904 at 1716 9th St., Des Moines. Guy was born October 28, 1879 in Iowa to William Monroe Brunk (died 1934) and Mary Vesta Stockhau Brunk (died 1936) and attended Drake University and the Drake Medical School in 1896-1897 and 1900. He also received a D.O. from the Dr. SSSCO in 1900. Guy B. Brunk died September 1, 1951. He is buried in Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines.

Delia Still Brunk was elected to the board of trustees at Drake University, 1920-1923. She was the first woman to hold this position. Later in life (1958) she took a world tour that included Lebanon, Jordan, United Arab Republic, Pakistan, India, Hong Kong, Japan, Philippines, and Thailand. Delia died April 13, 1962.
Delia and Guy had two sons. William Summerfield Brunk was born April 9, 1907 in Des Moines. He graduated from Drake University in 1928 and married Charlotte Marie Dickson (born April 15, 1908) on July 6, 1929. He taught at the high school in Creston, Iowa, 1928-1931 and in the Philippines, 1931-1935. After 1935 William Summerfield Brunk was the manager of a paper products company in Manila. William Summerfield Brunk died March 25, 1968. Guy George Brunk was born December 2, 1910 in Des Moines. He graduated from Drake University with an A.B. in 1933 and from Iowa State University with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1934. Guy G. Brunk married Sidney May Himes (January 17, 1912 – January 1, 2001) on November 20, 1937. Guy G. Brunk died December 3, 1996 and is buried in Glendale Cemetery with the rest of the Brunk family members.

Description of Series
I. STILL FAMILY (1850-2002), .5 lin. ft.
Documents relating to family genealogical history, correspondence, and legal documents relating to Summerfield S. Still and family. Also includes documents relating to the educational enterprises of S.S. Still.
Series arranged chronologically.

II. LONGFELLOW FAMILY (1925-1962), 1 inch
Documents relating to family genealogical history and correspondence relating to Ella D. Still and family.
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III. BRUNK FAMILY (1868-1996), 1 folder
Documents relating to Delia Still Brunk and family.
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