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Biographical Notes:

Richard Berea Marks (March 27, 1932-December 15, 2015) grew up in Dunbar, West Virginia. A United States Army Veteran, he attended the University of Charleston, Marshall University, and George Washington University, he went on to become an employee for both the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the National Security Agency (NSA), retiring in 1989. He authored seven books and more than 300 articles related to genealogy and history.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of two series, with Series I containing material related to genealogy and Series II containing professional papers relevant to Richard Marks’ career at the NSA and CIA. The bulk of the collection consists of Mr. Marks' genealogical research on his family, including publications, family trees, forms, and other research tools. Professional papers include a Turkish-American Association exhibit of stamps between 1961-1965, as well as clippings, white papers, pamphlets, and booklets related to foreign policy and intelligence issues primarily about the U.S.S.R., but also including major powers in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.

Related Collections: Related collections include accession 0828, also donated by Richard Marks.
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