

**Thelma J. Grammer Papers**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Thelma J. Grammer Papers

**Span Dates:** 1926-1943

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1930-1931)

**ID No.:** MSS80616

**Creator:** Grammer, Thelma J. (Thelma Juanita)

**Extent:** 100 items

**Extent:** 1 container

**Extent:** 0.4 linear feet

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm90080616>

**Summary:** Temporary resident in the Soviet Union. Correspondence, diary, scrapbook of photographs and postcards, passport and government document, newspaper clippings, and printed matter documenting Grammer's experiences, 1930-1931, in the Soviet Union.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Grammer, Earl.

Grammer, Thelma J. (Thelma Juanita)

### Subjects

Americans--Soviet Union.

Oil industry workers--Soviet Union.

### Titles

*Thelma Juanita Grammer papers*

## Provenance

The papers of Thelma Juanita Grammer, temporary resident in the Soviet Union, were given by Grammer to the Library of Congress in 1990.

## Processing History

The papers of Thelma J. Grammer were arranged and described in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

## Transfers

Sound recordings have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of the Thelma J. Grammer Papers.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Thelma J. Grammer is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Thelma J. Grammer are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Thelma J. Grammer Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The Thelma Juanita Grammer Papers span the years 1926-1943, with the bulk of the material dated 1930-1931. The collection includes correspondence, a diary, a scrapbook of photographs and postcards, a passport and government document, and clippings and printed matter documenting Grammer's experiences in the Soviet Union, 1930-1931, while accompanying her husband, Earl Grammer, an oil industry welder, as he worked on a one-year contract with the Soviet government in Baku and Grozny. Clippings from the *Kansas City Star* record Grammer's accounts of life in the Soviet Union as told to reporters and in public speaking engagements, along with a challenge by the Kansas City Friends of Soviet Russia to debate her negative assessment. Interviews in 1990 by Charles Timberlake, professor of Russian history at the University of Missouri, Columbia, were recorded on audiocassette tapes to augment the brief and sometimes cryptic diary entries and to identify the photographs and postcards in the scrapbook. These tapes have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division, where they are identified as part of these papers.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

## Container List

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
BOX 1	Diary, 1931, 1937, 1943
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1926-1931, undated (4 folders)
BOX 1	Newspaper clippings and printed matter, 1931, undated
BOX 1	Passport, Earl and Thelma Grammer, and Soviet document, 1931
BOX 1	Scrapbook, 1930-1931, undated