

C Robnson, Harry B., Collection, 1890-1984  
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#### INTRODUCTION

The collection of Harry B. Robnson contains a mix of materials concerning Columbia and mid-Missouri. Robnson focused on collecting diaries and account records of Columbia locals, dating primarily from 1905 to 1953.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

The collection was donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Harry B. Robnson on 13 August 1974 (Accession No. 1090). An addition was made on 18 June 18 1976 by Harry B. Robnson (Accession No. 2007). An addition was also made on 5 December 5 1991 by Harry B. Robnson (Accession No. 2923).

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Diaries included in this collection were penned by Mrs. R.S. Caldwell, D.P. Copher, and Lutie Ethel Burton. Mrs. Caldwell lived in Columbia, Missouri, and was born in 1897. D.P. Copher was born around 1862 and was a Boone County resident who lived close to Rocheport. He dealt in horses and lumber. Lutie Ethel Burton was born in 1882 and lived in Columbia proper. She was married to Nicholas William Burton.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The materials collected by Harry B. Robnson focus mostly on the mid-Missouri and Columbia, Missouri, area. The unpublished manuscript on Columbia history is somewhat suspect, as some details and dates are conflicting, edited, or redacted. However, the history does relate interesting early Columbia proper history. The collection contains journals, accounts, and minutes dating from 1905 to 1953. The diaries are especially relevant to daily life and domestic management in the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s. The collection also contains a brief correspondence between science author Charles Deppe and his cousin.

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