

K Perry C. Phillips (1862-1923) Papers, 1882-1909
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INTRODUCTION

The papers of Perry C. Phillips contain photographs, a diary, and an autograph book in addition to materials related to Phillips professional life as an attorney and president of Inola Oil and Gas Company.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Mrs. Alfred E. Barnes on October 1, 1981 (Accession No. KA0015). Additions were made on July 14, 1982 (Accession No. KA0156) and on August 16, 1982 (KA0163).

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Perry C. Phillips was born February 16, 1882, to John Phillips and Lallie Robinson in Gibson County, Indiana. He was raised in Princeton, Indiana, and attended school in Oberlin, Ohio. He came to Kansas City around 1889 to practice law. In that year his office was located in the Humboldt Building, and he lived at 910 Oak Street. He also maintained an office for a time in the Whitney Building, 718 Delaware Street in Kansas City, Missouri. Phillips served as private secretary to Mayor Webster Davis during his term of office, 1894-1896. He was also president of the Inola Oil and Gas Company in the early part of the twentieth century. Phillips was still a practicing attorney in 1909. He died at the home of his sister in Princeton, Indiana, on May 20, 1923.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers have been arranged into the following three series:

Photographs

This series contains several undated portraits of Phillips; a group photo with identified people from a school club, "Our Club," in Oberlin, Ohio, in 1884, where Phillips served as treasurer; Phillips with two other men sitting at a card table; several people with Phillips standing outside a shop where his office sign is visible; and three images of Phillips sitting in his office – one with another man at 208 Hall Building, on June 10, 1909; one identifying Phillips as private secretary to Mayor Davis, 1894-1896; and one with a female secretary taking dictation.

Booklets

This series includes a small autograph book from 1882 containing signatures and comments from classmates, as well as a tuition certificate from Northern Indiana Normal School, a good conduct award, program of studies, and a piece of writing by Perry. Phillips's diary, for 1889, includes references to his business activities, church and social appointments, and quotes from his readings. Also included is a business card for Perry C. Phillips, Attorney and Counselor at Law, and a list of courts and judges for that time. A court docket booklet lists case numbers, party names, and attorneys for April 1898.

Inola Oil and Gas Company

This series includes a letter from D. Koenig, president of Inola State Bank, to Chas. Kingsolver in Kansas City, Missouri, regarding the Inola Oil and Gas Company. Minutes from the Inola Oil and Gas Company in 1904, where Phillips was president, were removed from their original notebook.

The collection is arranged by type of materials, and then chronologically when possible.

PREFERRED CITATION:

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LOCATION NOTE

The collection is stored offsite and will need to be retrieved before viewing.

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Photographs

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