



**Philip Shelley Brown Papers  
(K0130)**

**Collection Number:** K0130

**Collection Title:** Philip Shelley Brown Papers

**Dates:** 1903-1905

**Creator:** Brown, Philip Shelley

**Abstract:** This collection consists of a correspondence book containing letterpress copies of correspondence written by Philip Shelley Brown from 1903 to 1905. Most of the letters concern his Kansas City, Missouri, law practice.

**Collection Size:** 0.2 cubic foot  
(1 folder)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

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**Donor Information:** The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by the University of Missouri-Kansas City General Library on August 14, 1980 (Accession No. KA0032).

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**Historical Note:**

Philip Shelley Brown was born on October 14, 1833, and raised in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. He attended public schools, and then the Hollidaysburg Academy, in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in 1855. Brown then journeyed west, settling in Davenport, Iowa, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar.

In late 1857 or early 1858, Brown moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where he continued to practice law. At various times he was associated in partnership with other lawyers including, Ermine Case, E.M. Wright, Leonard Daniels, Benjamin H. Chapman, John T. Hardin, and his son, William H. Brown.

Philip Shelley Brown was a civic-minded individual. He was a founder and incorporator of the Kansas City Law Library, a member of the City Council from 1864 to 1866, and a chief organizer and member of the Board of Directors for the Kansas City, Galveston, and Lake Superior Railroad. Brown is also credited as a major participant and force in obtaining the Kansas City Bridge (the Hannibal Bridge) for Kansas City in the 1860s.

Brown died in Kansas City on December 10, 1921, at the age of 88 after practicing law for nearly 65 years.

**Arrangement:**

This collection has been arranged into one folder.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection consists of a book containing letterpress copies of correspondence written by Philip Shelley Brown from 1903 to 1905. Most of the letters concern his Kansas City, Missouri, law practice. The book is indexed by the names of correspondents.

**Container List:**

f. 1                      Letterpress book, 1903-1905

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