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Uriah Spray Epperson (1861-1927) Papers

1882-1930

Nine folders

Financial records, insurance policies, news clippings, photographs and other miscellaneous items relating to the personal finances and interests of Epperson, a prominent businessman and civic leader in Kansas City, MO, and his family.

BIOGRAPHY:

Uriah Spray Epperson was born near Indianapolis, Indiana on December 22, 1861. The Epperson family came to Kansas City in 1868. Epperson began working at the Fowler Packing Company in 1890 and stayed with the company for 22 years, the last ten as general manager. In 1902 he organized and operated the Elevator Underwriters, a fire inter-insurance exchange for grain and grain elevators, and in January, 1905, organized and became manager of the Lumbermen's Underwriting Alliance. Later he also incorporated the Epperson Land & Investment Company.

Epperson took an active part in promoting and improving Kansas City, with his involvement in many political, social and industrial developments. After his death in 1927, his wife, Elizabeth Weaver Epperson, continued to take an active role in the cultural development of Kansas City.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION:

The papers contain financial records, insurance policies, news clippings, photographs and other miscellaneous items relating to the personal finances and interests of Epperson and his family.

INVENTORY:

- Folder 1. Insurance Policies, 1882-1891
- Folder 2. Financial Records: Invoice & Receipts, 1882-1888
- Folder 3. Financial Records: Bank Drafts, 1888-1890
- Folder 4. Financial Records: Payment Books, 1889-1890
- Folder 5. Music Programs, 1924, 1929-1931
- Folder 6. News clips, 1928-1930
- Folder 7. Photographs:
U.S. Epperson; Epperson Memorial Library Plaque with
Signatures of Philharmonic Orchestra members; T.W. Johnston,
Jr.; Unknown
- Folder 8. Stationery
- Folder 9. Miscellaneous
calling cards; article of agreement; correspondence December 26,
1928; etc.
- Folder 10. Two Sepia photographs (8x10) of Epperson and his office staff.
Mounted on board to measure 103/4 x 133/4. (Oversized)