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**R1302 Smith, Lillian Applegate
Applegate-Smith family papers, ca. 1873-1992
Thirty folders (one cubic foot)**

PROVENANCE

Stephen R. Smith donated the Applegate-Smith family papers on 2 July 2010, SHSMO accession RA1584.

DESCRIPTION

These are papers of the Applegate and Smith families of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri. Both families had deep roots in southeastern Missouri through Applegate, Ranney, and Sikes ancestors. The families were united in 1905 with the marriage of Handy L. Smith and Lillian Applegate Smith.

The Applegate-Smith family papers consist of family correspondence, land and business papers, miscellaneous items, and selected photographs from family albums. The principals are Reese Gaddis Applegate (1844-1934) and Amelia Ranney (1854-1899), married at Sikeston in 1874; their children, J. Reese Applegate (1878-1922) and Lillian Applegate (1882-1940); and Handy L. Smith (1878-1968), a Sikeston dentist, who married Lillian Applegate in 1905. Most of the letters are addressed to Lillian Applegate Smith by correspondents including her father, family and friends. Topics mostly concern family matters and local news. There are several letters by J. Reese Applegate, who was deaf, written while he attended the Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton in 1889, and letters from Lillian Applegate, written while she attended Central Female Academy in Lexington, Missouri in 1898-1899. There are also letters from Lillian's former classmates at Lexington, and by her son, Handy Linn Smith, a student at Kemper Military Academy in Boonville and, later, the University of Missouri. Lillian was active in church activities, women's social groups and charitable organizations in Sikeston, all of which are reflected in the papers.

Business papers in the collection include a forensic audit of the Citizens Bank of Sikeston after a case of embezzlement (1925). There are also plats and surveys of various land parcels in New Madrid, Scott and Stoddard counties, and reports from the Sikeston Credit Bureau (1952-1953). Miscellaneous items in the family papers include records of Scott County School Sub-District No. 2 (Sikeston, Mo.), 1875-1882, of which Reese G. Applegate was secretary. Ephemeral items of local history include programs for the Cotton Carnival and Bootheel Rodeo, 1963-1992.

The collection includes seventy-three photographs selected and scanned from family albums. The views include studio portraits of Reese G. Applegate, Lillian Applegate Smith, and Handy L. Smith, as well as portraits of C. R. Watson, a teacher at Fulton, and "Prof. Henry," of the Bellevue Collegiate Institute in Caledonia (later removed to Fredericktown), all circa 1900. There are also several portraits of J. Reese Applegate's fellow students at the Missouri School for the Deaf and a portrait of Applegate as lieutenant of the "Silent Cadets" at Fulton. There are also several portraits of Handy Linn Smith's fellow cadets at

Kemper Military School. Other images show various views of Sikeston including residences of the Applegates and Smiths, the Applegate Building, floods, an elementary school class (1890), and family vacations at Schumer Springs (Perry County) and Valley Inn Resort (Ironton) in Missouri, circa 1900s-1930s.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

These are the papers of the Applegate and Smith families of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri. The collection consists of family correspondence, miscellaneous business papers, ephemeral items of historical interest, and selected photographs from family albums.

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INVENTORY

Folders: 1-17 Correspondence, ca. 1873-1937

- F. 01: Correspondence, undated
- F. 02: Correspondence, 1873-1880
- F. 03: Correspondence, 1882-1889
- F. 04: Correspondence, 1890-1898
- F. 05: Correspondence, 1899
- F. 06: Correspondence, 1903-1904
- F. 07: Correspondence, 1905
- F. 08: Correspondence, 1906-1910
- F. 09: Correspondence, 1911-1920
- F. 10: Correspondence, 1924-1927
- F. 11: Correspondence, 1928-1937
- F. 12: Calling cards, n.d.
- F. 13: Invitations, thank-you notes, etc., ca. 1920s
- F. 14: Sympathy cards, n.d.
- F. 15: Church items, 1899-ca. 1910s

Folders 16-26 Business and land papers, ca. 1911-1953

- F. 16: Citizens Bank of Sikeston, forensic audit by Emmet Watson & Company, 1925
- F. 17: Bank of Sikeston, condensed official statements, 1934-1940
- F. 18: Sikeston Credit Bureau, credit reports, 1952-1953
- F. 19: Plat showing Subdivision of Lot No. 1 of Lillian A. Smith Addition, City of Sikeston, 1941
- F. 20: Memorandum of Title, Scott County (Mo.), Lot 6, Block 9, City of Sikeston, 1911
- F. 21: Abstract of Title, Scott County (Mo.), lots in Block 5, City of Sikeston
- F. 22: Abstract of Title, New Madrid County (Mo.), S15, T22N, R13E
- F. 23: Abstract of Title, New Madrid County (Mo.), S26, T24N, R13E
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Folders 27-30 Miscellaneous items pertaining to Sikeston and Scott County history, 1875-1992

- F. 27: Scott County School Sub-District No. 2, record book, 1875-1882
- F. 28: *Cotton Carnival*, program, 1963
Cotton Carnival, program, 1990
- F. 29: Miscellaneous printed material:
 - First United Methodist Church (Sikeston, Mo.), 125th anniversary calendar, 1992
 - Sikeston Centennial, 1860-1960*
 - Sikeston Junior High School, dedication program, 1974
 - Sikeston Jaycee Bootheel Rodeo, program, 1992
- F. 30: Selected photographs scanned from family albums

OVERSIZE ITEMS

- Map of Part Townships 27 and 28 in Range 15 and Part Township 27 Range 16, n.d.
[the map is undated but shows the 1820 and 1831 channels of the Mississippi River, as well as Wilburns Island, shown as "Welbourn"]
- Map of Scott County, Missouri, n.d.

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