



Arch Talcott Hollenbeck Papers (R1414)

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Collection Title: Arch Talcott Hollenbeck Papers

Dates: 1894-1939

Creator: Hollenbeck, Arch Talcott

Abstract: The Arch Talcott Hollenbeck Papers include the personal and business correspondence and papers of Archie Hollenbeck who served as the Howell County postmaster during the early 20th century. He was appointed chairman of the Missouri Prison Board in 1921 and lived in Jefferson City during his appointment before returning to West Plains, Missouri.

Collection Size: 0.5 cubic foot
(28 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Arch Talcott Hollenbeck was born on September 30, 1868, in Pacific, Missouri, to Dr. Arch Gillis and Amelia (Talcott) Hollenbeck. Arch Hollenbeck attended school in Springfield, Missouri before moving to Howell County with the rest of his family. He married Geneva C. Hanon on October 28, 1893, in Howell County, Missouri. Together they had two daughters, Gladys and Dorys.

Hollenbeck served in the Missouri National Guard as a captain of Company K, 2nd Infantry. He was appointed postmaster in Howell County in 1910, and was active in local Republican politics. In 1920, he became the owner and editor for the *West Plains Journal*, which he ran until 1942. Governor Arthur Hyde appointed Hollenbeck as Chairman of the State Prison Board for Missouri in December 1921. Hollenbeck and his family moved to Jefferson City during his appointment before returning to West Plains where he once again became postmaster and resumed editing the newspaper. He served two terms as Howell County recorder of deeds. Hollenbeck died in 1954, at the age of 86 in West Plains.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 4 series:

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Business Records
Personal Records
Photographs

Scope and Content Note:

Correspondence

This series contains Arch Hollenbeck's correspondence relating to his appointment as postmaster, editing of the *West Plains Journal*, appointment to Chairman of the Prison Board, and his work for the Republican Party. There is also correspondence between him and Jay Torrey, who he served with in the Missouri National Guard.

Business Records

This series consists of materials pertaining to the business of Drew-Stiff Lumber Company of Willow Springs, Missouri, the *West Plains Journal* that Hollenbeck owned and edited for many years, and material dealing with his work as the chairman of the Board of Penal Institutions of Missouri.

Personal Records

This series contains materials related to Hollenbeck's involvement in a various organizations and committees including his engagement with the Republican Party, the American Peace Congress,

the National Farmers' Association, and the Missouri State Immigration Society. Also included, are Arch Hollenbeck's personal papers including some of his financial records, obituaries of family members and friends. Included in folder 20 are the deeds of land transfer for the Hanon family, including those of Geneva Hollenbeck's father and siblings, in Christian County, Illinois.

Photographs

This series contains images of Arch T. Hollenbeck's family, including his wife Geneva and their daughters Dorys and Gladys. Also included are images of the Missouri State Penitentiary most likely taken during Hollenbeck's appointment as the Chairmen of the Prison Board in the early 1920s. The photographs include images of the exterior of the prison buildings and a series of photographs with a band.

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