

R Gill, Charles (1869-1962), Papers, 1891-1973
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INTRODUCTION

The collection of Charles Gill contains diaries, writings, travelogues, magazine/newspaper articles, letters, expense records, photographs/post-cards, and many miscellaneous articles written or collected by Charles Gill.

DONOR INFORMATION

The collection was donated to the University of Missouri by the Missouri State Archive via Lynn Morrow on 20 September 2004 (Accession No. 1067).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Charles Gill was born to Joseph and Martha Ann Gill July 8, 1869. He lived as a farmer, newspaper writer, and amateur photographer, travelling often and keeping diaries or taking pictures. In June of 1917, he married Myrtle Belle Hayes and they had one son before later divorcing. In his travels, Charles went to such events as the World's Columbian Exposition, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and the San Francisco World's Fair. He traveled all over the United States keeping diaries and later writing logs detailing his trips. Occasionally, Charles would work at factories, hospitals, or other small jobs while travelling in order to cover expenses. Later in life, he spent much of his time reading, writing, attending church services, and visiting with friends and family. Charles passed away on July 15, 1962 and was buried in Salem, Missouri.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Roll 1 contains diaries dated from February 1891 to August 1959. Within these writings, Charles Gill writes about daily life in Dent County and his travels to many events, regions, and photograph locations. Also in Roll 1, is a compilation from "The Youth's Companion," an essay titled "Happiness," and notebooks containing short stories, histories, and health.

Roll 2 continues with Charles' writings, beginning with travelogues and newspaper and magazine articles. There are several letters of correspondence to and from Charles to various people including family. Roll 2 contains Charles' expense book dating from 1889-1936 (there are noticeable gaps in expenses). Also included, are a number of postcards and photographs with the roll ending with a fair amount of miscellaneous clippings, notes, photos, and advertisements.

FOLDER LIST

Roll 1	Writings
Roll 2	Writings Cont., Correspondence, Expense Book, Photos, Miscellaneous.

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