



Creager Family Papers (R1501)

Collection Number: R1501

Collection Title: Creager Family Papers

Dates: 1871-1938

Creator: Creager family

Abstract: The Creager Family Papers contain personal documents of the Creager family of Shannon County, Missouri. These materials include photographs, land records, wills, and tax and insurance information.

Collection Size: 0.25 cubic foot
(6 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center - Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Arlie Gillespie on September 22, 2006 (Accession No. RA1297).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Creager Family Papers can be found in the following collections:

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Historical Note:

Thomas Henry Creager was born in Indiana in 1837. He married Sarah Elizabeth LaRue in 1836. Together they had nine children: Margaret, Alvin, Arthur, John W., Rebecca, Mary Bell, James P., and Thomas C. Their first three children died young. Thomas H. served in the 150th Illinois Infantry from February 1865 to January 1866. He died on May 21, 1879, in Shannon County, Missouri, months before the birth of his youngest son Thomas C.

John W. Creager was born, in 1868, while his family was in Kansas. He was the executor of his mother's will. John returned to Kansas after the death of his mother in 1921, and grew wheat. He married Ada Belle Buffington on January 21, 1900, and together they had seven children: Beulah, Mabel, Walter E., Paul E., Leonard, Ruth, and Herman. John Creager died in 1953. Walter E. married Mildred Gardner in June 1928. Together the couple had a daughter, Arlie Belle. She was born August 22, 1931, in the greater Kansas City, Missouri, area. She married Walter F. Gillespie on August 21, 1954.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following three series:

Creager Family
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Photographs

Scope and Content Note:

Creager Family

This series contains materials related to the family of Thomas and Sarah Creager. Included are land records, tax information, Sarah's last will and testament, and insurance policies on homes, businesses, and crops. This series is arranged chronologically.

Shannon County

This series consists of materials pertaining to land records in Shannon County, Missouri. This series is arranged chronologically.

Photographs

This series contains images of the Creager and Boone families in Kansas City, Missouri, during the early 1930s.

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