



**Lalla R. Kern Diary
(S0149)**

Collection Number: S0149

Collection Title: Lalla R. Kern Diary

Dates: 1904

Creator: Kern, Lalla R.

Abstract: Photocopies of a diary of Lalla R. Kern documenting her eight visits to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in May and June of 1904 in St. Louis, Missouri. Kern provides descriptions of exhibits, buildings, and grounds.

Collection Size: .1 cubic foot
(1 volume, 48 pages photocopied)

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, St. Louis](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at stlouis@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The diary was loaned to the University of Missouri for photocopying by Helen Burgess on November 15, 1982 (Accession No. A-2495).

Existence and Location of Originals: The location of the original diary is unknown.

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition can be found in the following collections:

Louisiana Purchase Exposition Collection (C4123)
St. Louis Louisiana Purchase Exposition Record Book (C1128)
World's Fair Portfolio (S1119)

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Historical Note:

On April 30, 1904, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, commonly known as the 1904 World's Fair, opened to the public. Located in Forest Park, the exposition consisted of 1,500 buildings dedicated to featuring human advances in science, agriculture, and the arts. Over the next seven months, an estimated 20 million people visited the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, visiting exhibits representing nearly 50 foreign countries, as well as state and territories in the United States, until the exposition's closing on December 4, 1904.

Arrangement:

The photocopies of the diary are housed in one folder and arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note:

A 48-page photocopied diary of Lalla R. Kern, documenting her visits to the Louisiana Purchase Exhibition in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1904. Kern recounts her visits to the Palace of Education and Economics, where she observed the St. Louis schools exhibit; her travels through the Pike, a mile-long arcade that featured "Hagenbeck's Animal Show and the Chinese Village;" the wonderment she experienced examining the fish from different parts of the world in the Palace of Forestry, Fish, and Game; and her negative experience at the Nicaragua building.

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