

**PRELIMINARY INVENTORY**  
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**GEORGE ALLEN SHEPARDSON DIARIES**

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**Introduction**

Approximately 4 cubic feet (65 volumes)

The George Allen Shepardson Diaries contain sixty-five annual diaries written by George Shepardson between the years of 1887 – 1952, during his time living and working in the Greater St. Louis metropolitan area and Illinois. Notable topics within the diaries include teaching in the rural Midwest and at St. Louis boarding schools; work at Cupples Station for the Missouri Pacific Railroad; the St. Louis Streetcar strike of 1900, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition of 1904 (St. Louis World's Fair); and the World Wars. The diaries are arranged chronologically by date. The diary for the year 1892 is not included.

George A. Shepardson was born in Paxton, Illinois on August 19, 1870, to George J. Shepardson and Frances M. Hill. In 1901 he married Edith Marion Schell, and together they had three children: George, Frances and Rosina. Throughout his career, George Shepardson taught at Paxton School, Illinois, Alton Illinois, Manual Training School in St. Louis, and Old Orchard School in Webster Groves, Missouri. He also worked as at Cupples Station in St. Louis for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company between 1897-1899. He died in 1952 in St. Louis, Missouri.

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