



Bobbit-Denny Papers (CG0088)

Collection Number: CG0088

Collection Title: Bobbit-Denny Papers

Dates: 1882-1935, no date

Creator: Ida (Bobbit) Denny, 1880-1935

Abstract: This collection consists of papers relating to the teaching career of Ida (Bobbit) Denny, several family photographs with her parents and siblings, and printed genealogy sheets for the Bobbit and Denny families.

Collection Size: 0.03 cubic feet
(3 folders, 3 photographs)

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-Cape Girardeau](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at capegirardeau@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Patrick Wayne Denny on January 27, 2026 (Accession No. CGA0082).

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Historical Note:

Ida Caroline Bobbit was born to George W. Bobbit and his wife Nancy Rebecca (Lewis) Bobbit on March 7, 1880, the second oldest of seven children. She grew up in Dexter and Bloomfield, and in 1899 received a special teacher's certificate for teaching in the public schools of Missouri. Her first contract was dated one day later that same year; she was hired to teach in School District No. 7 in Stoddard County, Missouri, for \$30 a month. In 1906 she married Robert J. Denny, and together they had three sons. She passed away in 1935 and is buried in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into a single series by content type.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists of three folders. The first folder contains materials related to Ida Bobbit-Denny's teaching career, including her teaching certificate, a teaching contract, and a letter of introduction from Hunter S. Green, the school commissioner for Stoddard County. This folder also includes a newspaper blurb announcing Ida Bobbit's marriage to Robert J. Denny, and a receipt from the undertakers for Ida's funeral in 1935.

The second folder contains photographs of members of the Bobbit family. Of interest to researchers is the tintype portrait of Ida as a very young child, ca. 1882 or 1883, along with two sisters and her parents. There is also a printed reproduction of a photograph taken from a family genealogy website, showing the extended Bobbit family some time in the early 1900s. There is a faded portrait of G. W. Bobbit's family outside of their home in 1895, and a portrait of Ida Bobbit, ca. early 1900s.

The third folder contains two printouts from a family genealogy website. The first set of printouts lists names of the Bobbit family of Stoddard County (Mo.). The second set of printouts lists descendants of James William Denny, who immigrated from Ireland or Scotland to Kentucky sometime before 1797.

Container List:

- f. 1 Ida (Bobbit) Denny papers, 1899-1935
- f. 2 Bobbit family photos, 1898, n.d.
- f. 3 Bobbit/Denny family printed genealogy sheets, n.d.

Index:

Index Terms	Folder	Image
Aslin, Mayme (Bobbit), 1891-1985	2-3	Yes
Bobbit, G. W. (George Washington), 1851-1934	2-3	Yes
Bobbit, James Edward, 1884-1966	2-3	Yes
Bobbit, Nancy Rebecca (Lewis), 1854-1931	2-3	Yes

Index Terms	Folder	Image
Cope, Hazel Luna (Bobbit), 1898-1990	2-3	Yes
Denny, Ida (Bobbit), 1880-1935	1-3	Yes
Denny, James Donald, 1911-1998	2-3	Yes
Denny, Robert Jackson, 1880-1964	2-3	Yes
McNeil, Emma Elizabeth (Bobbit), 1877-1971	2-3	Yes
Teachers' contracts	1	No
Vaughn, Mary Alice (Bobbit), 1882-1981	2-3	Yes