Henry Lamm Papers  
(C0128)

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**Collection Title:** Henry Lamm Papers

**Dates:** 1904-1916

**Creator:** Lamm, Henry, 1846-1926

**Abstract:** Letters of congratulation on election as justice of the Missouri Supreme Court, 1904, and Republican nomination for governor, 1916; articles; addresses; and reminiscences entitled *Flatsam, Jetsam, and Ligan*, stories involving a number of Missouri law cases.

**Collection Size:** 0.7 cubic feet  
(46 folders)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Henry Lamm was born in Ohio on December 3, 1846, to William Lamm and Catherine Zuver Lamm. He attended Western College in Iowa and graduated from Michigan State University in 1869, after which he moved to Sedalia, Missouri, to teach. He was admitted to the Missouri Bar in 1871 and served as Sedalia Circuit Clerk from 1871 until 1874, when he set up a law practice in Sedalia. Lamm was elected to the Missouri Supreme Court in 1904 and then became the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court in 1912. He served on the bench for ten years. In 1915 he was elected president of the Missouri Bar Association and in 1916 he was the Republican nominee for governor and lost to Frederick Gardner.

Lamm married Grace Adelia Rose on June 18, 1874, in East Saginaw, Michigan, daughter of D.F. & Mary A. (Foster) Rose. They became the parents of six children: Nettie R., Philip F., George D., Henry, Donald S., and Robinson Foster.

Henry Lamm died on May 23, 1926.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

Personal Papers

Scope and Content Note:

Personal Papers

This series includes reminiscences of being a judge, letters, speeches and articles.

Container List:

f. 1-2 Flatsam, Jetsam, and Ligan. This two volume work is a witty though sympathetically human account of both the famous and insignificant every day incidents recalled by Lamm over the many years of his court experience and practice of law and close contact with the members of the bar in the state of Missouri (especially in Pettis County). Most of these reminiscences concern court cases in which he participated or had close contact. A few tales antedating his own experience were passed on to him from older colleagues. His tales, however, usually follow the story both in and out of the court room. The incidents roughly cover a period from 1850-1900.

f. 3-18 State Supreme Court Judgeship, 9 November-31 December 1904. Letters of congratulation received by Lamm upon his election to Judge of the Missouri Supreme Court. These are from family, political friends, and many lawyers all over the U. S. Republicans wrote they were glad Missouri was "saved." Letter from John Davison Lawson appointing Lamm a delegate to the American Bar Association. A memorial and "A Farewell to Barrister Lamm" from the Pettis County Bar after his thirty years of service.
Republican Nominee for Governor of Missouri, 23 July-18 August 1916. Letters of congratulation received by Lamm upon his nomination as Republican candidate for Governor of Missouri. The letters come from all over the country, although the majority are from Missouri. They are written by family, friends, political leaders, and lawyers. Some of the letters contain information on the primary election returns, advice on campaign strategy, and a possible party platform for the gubernatorial race.

Speeches and Articles, 1906-1916. Article from Chicago Herald, June 6, 1915, describing a mule controversy--Lyman vs. Dale. Speeches: "The Road Up" to graduates of Kansas City Law School; in memoriam of Judge Leroy B. Valliant at Missouri Bar Association; in memoriam of Peter Hurst Sangree to Pettis Bar; "The Bench and the Press," to Missouri Bar Association, gubernatorial campaign speeches. Article of Pettis County history describing Boonville, Missouri: price of products and animals, roads and highways, pioneer houses, cooking vessels, furniture, farming implements, oats, and wheat, churches and schools, mills built on creeks, sketches of settlers and immigrants into Lake Creek township, and attitudes of the Civil War.

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