Chariton River Blockhouse Photograph (C0789)

Collection Number: C0789

Collection Title: Chariton River Blockhouse Photograph

Dates: n.d.

Creator: Gardner, J.C., 1843-1932

Abstract: Photograph of blockhouse guarding the Chariton River, Macon County, on Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic feet
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

During the Civil War, the Union army was using the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad for the movement of troops. Confederate and Confederate sympathizers had started burning railroad bridges, so blockhouses were built, and men were stationed in them to keep watch over the
railroad bridges. In October of 1899 burned down when a fire started from sparks of a passing train.

The photographer, J.C. Gardner was born March 1843 in Pennsylvania. His mother is unknown, and his father was Ephraim Gardner. By 1870 he had married Elizabeth Spivey and moved to West Virginia, where he was a photographer. By 1880 the family had moved to Brookfield, where J.C. Gardner spent most of the rest of his life. They had children Mary, Jessie, Albert, Earl, and Paul. He died August 14, 1932.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

Photograph

**Scope and Content Note:**

**Photograph**

Photograph of blockhouse guarding the Chariton River, Macon County, on Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad.

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