



Lawrence Berry Papers (K1428)

Collection Number: K1428

Collection Title: Lawrence Berry Papers

Dates: 1832-1936

Creator: Berry, Lawrence

Abstract: The Lawrence Berry Papers contain a collection of documents, correspondence, and photographs that belonged to Lawrence Berry and his family.

Collection Size: 1.1 cubic feet
(26 folders, 477 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-Kansas City](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Historical Note:

Lawrence Berry lived and worked in Kansas City, Missouri during the late 19th the early 20th centuries. Berry was most likely involved in the agricultural and land ownership community. He was a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America union. Berry and

his wife Dora had a son, George, and a daughter, Ruth. This collection reveals his close relationship with his immediate family members, such as his sister Susie, as well as his extended family. It appears that the Berry family had relatives in Germany they were still contact with as well.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 5 series:

Lawrence Berry Papers
Photographs
Westport High School Herald Yearbooks
The Panama Pacific International Exposition
Abstract of Title
Oversize Photograph

Scope and Content Note:**Lawrence Berry Papers**

This series contains materials related to the personal documents of Lawrence Berry and other members of his family. This includes financial papers such as tax documents and bills, agricultural contracts, and personal correspondence that includes letters from his sister Susie. Also included are work-related documents such as Berry's union membership card. There is a folder dedicated to the entire Berry family and their papers and correspondence. This includes financial papers, letters, and postcards. Postcards without correspondence have been separated into another folder.

Photographs

This series consists of photographs pertaining to Lawrence Berry's family, most of which are likely photographs of his grandchildren and relatives. The photos of Berry's family have been separated into identified and unidentified groupings. Other photos have been separated into identified and unidentified groups of landscapes, exteriors, and street scenes. Additionally, photos taken of Christmas decorations have been separated out. There are paper photos and cabinet cards. Many of the photographs in this series are undated.

Westport Highschool Herald Yearbooks

This series contains yearbooks from Westport High School featuring the Berry family. There are five yearbooks, one from 1918 and the others from 1921-1924. George Berry is listed as one of the writers for the 1918 yearbook, while the other yearbooks seem to all belong to Lawrence Berry's daughter Ruth.

The Panama Pacific International Exposition

This series contains the 1915 edition of the Panama Pacific International Exposition, which features a catalogue of assorted and labeled scenic views.

Abstract of Title

The series contains an abstract of title, warranty, and deed that was signed by Lawrence Berry.

Oversize Photograph

This series contains one oversize photograph of a large group gathered at Fairmount Park in Kansas City for the Prudential Picnic in 1926.

Container List:

f. 1-6	Lawrence Berry Papers
Box 001	f. 1 Financial Papers, 1890-1931
	f. 2 Contracts, 1921-1924
	f. 3 Correspondence, 1896-1900
	f. 4 Work Documents, 1900
	f. 5 Berry Family Papers and Correspondence, no date
	f. 6 Unlabeled Postcards, no date
f. 7-19	Photographs
	f. 7-15 Unidentified, no date
	f. 16 Identified, 1925-1961
	f. 17 Landscapes, Exteriors, and Street Scenes, Unidentified, no date
	f. 18 Landscapes, Exteriors, and Street Scenes, Identified, 1929
	f. 19 Christmas, no date
f. 20-24	Westport High School Herald Yearbooks, 1918, 1921-1924
f. 25	The Panama Pacific International Exposition, 1915
f. 26	Abstract of Title, 1915
f. 27	Oversize Photograph, 1926

Index:

Index Term	Folder	Image
Advertising, Political	5	Yes
Berry, Dora	3, 10	
Berry, George	16	
Berry, Lawrence	1-5, 26	
Berry, Ruth	5, 21-24	Yes
Berry, Susie	5	
By-laws	2	
Correspondence	3, 5	
Finance	1, 5	
Germany	16, 19	Yes
Hairgrove, Dorothy	16	Yes
Labor union locals	4	
Land tenure	1, 25	
Nature photography	17-18	Yes
Panama-Pacific International Exposition (1915 : San Francisco, Calif.)	25	Yes

Index Term	Folder	Image
Photographs	7-18, 27	Yes
Postcards	5-6	Yes
Yearbooks	20-24	Yes