Phillips Family Papers  
(R0169)

**Collection Number:** R0169

**Collection Title:** Phillips Family Papers

**Dates:** 1863-1935

**Creator:** Phillips, Vinita

**Abstract:** The Phillips Family Papers contain photocopies of miscellaneous personal papers of the Phillips family of New Madrid County, Missouri. Included are the inventory and sales records of the estate of Shapley R. Phillips and a letter from Robert E. Lee concerning the attendance of Murray Phillips at Washington College in Lexington, Virginia.

**Collection Size:** 0.01 cubic foot  
(1 folder)

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

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

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**Donor Information:** The papers were loaned for photocopying to the University of Missouri by Vinita Phillips on June 14, 1983 (Accession No. RA0180).

Biographical Note:

The Phillips family was prominent in southeastern Missouri during the nineteenth century. Shapley Phillips born in 1802, was a native of Louisville, Kentucky, and came to Missouri as a young man. Devoting himself to agriculture, he became one of the wealthiest men in the area, at one time owning nearly 10,000 acres of land and three hundred slaves. Shapley’s son, Amos R. Phillips, was also a prominent resident of New Madrid County. Amos represented the county in the Missouri state legislature at the time of his death in 1873. Murray Phillips, the youngest son of Shapley, was born in New Madrid County in 1847. He attended Christian Brothers College in Saint Louis, Missouri, and then matriculated at Washington College in Lexington, Virginia. He assumed control of his father’s estate in 1869, and later took charge of those of his brother and uncle. Combined the estates included approximately 15,000 acres of excellent farmland.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains photocopies of miscellaneous personal papers of the Phillips family of New Madrid County, Missouri. Included are the inventory and sales records of the estate of Shapley R. Phillips and a letter from Robert E. Lee concerning the attendance of Murray Phillips at Washington College in Lexington, Virginia. There is also an unsigned letter to J. V. Conran asking for assistance with a land dispute in 1935.

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