



J. Milton Shockley Collection (R0643)

Collection Number: R0643

Collection Title: J. Milton Shockley Collection

Dates: circa 1940-1959

Creator: Shockley, J. Milton

Abstract: The J. Milton Shockley Collection contains photocopies of “What They Said,” a compilation of stories and anecdotes regarding residents of Maries County, Missouri, by Dr. J. Milton Shockley, a local historian and past president of the Maries County Historical Society.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

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

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Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] *J. Milton Shockley Collection* (R0643); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Rolla].

Donor Information: This collection was donated to the University of Missouri by the Old Jail Museum, Vienna, Missouri on May 15, 1987 (Accession No. RA0377).

Other Finding Aid: An item level index of the names included in “What They Said” is available in the collections administration folder.

Processed by: Processed by John F. Bradbury, October 1, 1998. Revised by Aaron Schmidt, May 2020.

Biographical Note:

James Milton Shockley was descended from a prominent pioneer family of Gasconade and Maries counties in Missouri. An attorney, he was also keenly interested in local history. As president of the Maries County Historical Society, he was instrumental in the publication of Everett M. King's *History of Maries County* (Cape Girardeau, MO: Ramfre Press, 1963), the manuscript of which had been completed, but never published by the author.

Shockley was born on March 13, 1880 in Vienna, Missouri to Thomas and Sarah *McGee* Shockley. He married Beulah Seay in 1913 and together they had one child. Shockley worked as a lawyer in Jefferson City from 1933 thru the 1950s. He died in 1960 and is buried in Radar Cemetery in Vienna, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

"What They Said" is a collection of anecdotes regarding some early residents of Maries County and Vienna, the county seat, with emphasis on their "rare wit and their manner of expression." The work is not dated, but seems to have been compiled in the 1940s or 1950s.

Container List:

Box 001 f. 1 "What They Said," Maries County, Missouri, circa 1940-1959

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