



Robinson Family Papers (SP0110)

Collection Number: SP0110

Collection Title: Robinson Family Papers

Dates: 1864-1935

Creator: Robinson family

Abstract: The Robinson Family Papers contains correspondence, photographs, and personal papers belonging to the Robinson family of Missouri and Indiana. The collection also contains land deeds from Taney County, Missouri.

Collection Size: 0.5 cubic foot
(5 folders, 12 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research but may be stored offsite. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at springfield@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Robinson Family Papers can be found in the following collections:

[Enos Stanley Notebook](#) (C3546)

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Historical Note:

Samuel S. Robinson was born on August 16, 1937, in Chester County, Pennsylvania, to Joseph Robinson and Jane Mahafy. In 1860, he lived with the Lamb family of Perry County, Ohio, as a day laborer before enlisting in the Union Army in 1861. After the war, he married Priscilla Robinson, and the couple had five children: Ida, Flora, Nellie, William, and Mae. Samuel S. Robinson died on May 13, 1925, in Mount Vernon, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his wife, Priscilla, who died on March 25, 1917.

Mae Robinson was born March 5, 1885, to Samuel and Priscilla Robinson. She married Albert Reel in St. Louis, Missouri, on July 30, 1909. The couple lived in Taney County, Missouri, where Albert worked as a realtor from 1943 to 1956, before moving to Republic, Missouri. The couple later moved to Warsaw, Missouri. Mae Reel died on December 5, 1980; she was preceded in death by her husband Albert who died on April 13, 1965. The couple are buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Republic.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into 5 folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The Robinson Family Papers contain correspondence, photographs, and personal papers belonging to the Robinson family of Missouri and Indiana. The correspondence folder contains postcards between the Robinson siblings, including Mae and Albert Reel. This folder also includes letters from the Harrow Relief Society offering condolences to the Robinson family after Samuel S. Robinson's death. The photographs include images of Samuel S. Robinson, Mae and Albert Reel, the Lamb family, and three unidentified Union soldiers. The collection also contains Samuel S. Robinson's pension records and a birthday card book addressed to Priscilla Robinson. In addition, there are two Taney County, Missouri, land deeds belonging to Malinda Cook in 1859, and Enos Stanley in 1873, for Section 20 & 21, Township 24, and Range 18. This collection is arranged by subject and then chronologically.

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1	Birthday card book, 1914
	f. 2	Correspondence, 1920-1935
	f. 3	Photographs, 1864-1911, no date
	f. 4	Samuel S. Robinson pension records, 1864-1925
	f. 5	Taney County land deeds, 1859, 1873

Index:

Index Terms	Folder	Image
Alton (Ill.)	4	
Cook, Malinda Roark Bunch, 1804-1883	5	
Harrow Relief Corps	2	

Index Terms	Folder	Image
Jefferson City (Mo.)	2	Yes
Lamb family	3	Yes
Mount Vernon (Ind.)	2	Yes
Patterson family	3	Yes
Poetry	1	
Reel, Albert Perry, 1891-1965	1-3	Yes
Reel, Mae Robinson, 1885-1980	1-3	Yes
Robinson family	1-4	Yes
Robinson, Priscilla, 1847-1917	1-2	
Robinson, Samuel S., 1837-1925	2-4	Yes
Soldiers	3-4	Yes
Stanley, Enos, 1828-1898	5	
Taney County (Mo.)	5	
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865	3-4	