



Barnes Family Photograph Collection (SP0124)

Collection Number: SP0124

Collection Title: Barnes Family Photograph Collection

Dates: 1879, no date

Creator: Barnes family

Abstract: The Barnes Family Photograph Collection contains five photographs of the Barnes family of Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic foot
(1 folder, 5 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.

Restrictions on Use: Materials in this collection are in the public domain.

Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Barnes Family Photograph Collection* (SP0124); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Springfield].

Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by the Ozarks Genealogical Society on October 2, 2024 (Accession No. SPA0143).

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Historical Note:

George William Barnes was born June 15, 1849, to Robert and Mary Barnes, and moved to Springfield, Missouri at a young age. He married Kathryn Dowdle Wunder, who was born in 1854, and nine children were born of the union: Porter Ewing in 1874, Mary Louise Barnes Thompson in 1876, Robert in 1878, an unknown infant in 1881, Fannie Belle in 1882, Edith Ola in 1887, George Beverly in 1890, Guy Wilbur in 1892, and Alice Irene in 1898. George lived in Springfield most of his life, was employed as a house mover before being crushed and partially injured by the fall of a printing press in 1895. He also operated his own house moving company, named George W. Barnes & Sons Contracting Company, in which they moved buildings and structures such as the Missouri Pacific passenger station in 1907. George passed in 1908, preceding his spouse who passed in 1921, and is buried in Hazelwood Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri beside both of his parents, his wife, and all nine children.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains five photographs of George and Kathryn Barnes' children. There is one photograph, dated 1879, of Porter Ewing Barnes, one of Mary Barnes, one of Leila Barnes, and two of Edith Ola Barnes. Two of these photographs, one of Leila and one of Ola, are made out to their grandmother and include the ages of the girls when the photos were taken. The photographs of Porter and Mary were both taken at studios in Springfield, Missouri. The photographs are arranged chronologically.

Container List:

Box 001 f. 1 Photographs, 1879, no date

Index:

| Index Terms | Folder | Image |
|---|--------|-------|
| Barnes family | 1 | Yes |
| Barnes, Edith Ola "Ola," 1887-1978 | 1 | Yes |
| Barnes, Leila, 1884-1951 | 1 | Yes |
| Barnes, Porter Ewing, 1874-1948 | 1 | Yes |
| Greene County (Mo.) | 1 | Yes |
| Springfield (Mo.) | 1 | Yes |
| Thompson, Mary Louise Barnes, 1876-1939 | 1 | Yes |