



D. D. Howard Papers (SP0128)

Collection Number: SP0128

Collection Title: D. D. Howard Papers

Dates: 1914

Creator: Howard, Daniel Douglas "D. D.," 1862-1938

Abstract: The D. D. Howard Papers contains the *White River Leader* newspaper story of Daniel Douglas "D. D." Howard from January 2, 1914, which recounts his time as a boy throughout the 1870s in Taney County, Missouri. It also contains undated papers, including a statement of account from Marionville, Missouri and journal entries detailing a trip through Lincoln, Nebraska and up into Spokane, Washington.

Collection Size: 0.05 cubic foot
(3 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Daniel Douglas “D.D.” Howard was born October 16, 1862, in Marshfield, Webster County, Missouri to parents Isaac Whipple and Esther Emmiline Hampton Howard. In 1869, his father settled the family a few miles west of Forsyth, Taney County, Missouri, and built a log house. Daniel experienced his youth here, planting and harvesting crops, taking care of livestock, attending a one-room schoolhouse, hunting, and fishing. Following the lawlessness and bandit murders of 1886 in Taney County, Missouri, Daniel was sworn in as a company captain of the Bald Knobbers, a vigilante group led by Nathaniel “Nat” Kinney from 1883 to 1891, who carried out their own forms of justice against “immoral” behaviors in Taney, Christian, and Douglas counties. Daniel was a close friend of Kinney and remained a part of the group until it was disbanded.

In 1880, he married Elizabeth Rebecca Compton, and they had five children: Lester Howard in 1882, Mary Minnie Howard in 1883, Era Esther Howard Holt in 1885, Clara Emma Howard in 1888, and Grover Drummond. Around the 1890s, Daniel departed from Taney County and moved to Marionville, Lawrence County, Missouri, where he became a real estate dealer for the Springfield, Missouri, area. Elizabeth passed in 1909 and is buried in the Marionville IOOF Cemetery. Sometime after this, he relocated to Springfield, where he passed in 1938. He is also buried in the Marionville IOOF Cemetery, alongside his wife and two of his daughters.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains materials related to Daniel Douglas “D. D.” Howard, including his personal account published in the *White River Leader* January 2, 1914. The collection also includes a statement of account from a general merchandise store in Marionville, Missouri, and three pages of a journal entry, undated, which details a trip through Lincoln, Nebraska and Spokane, Washington. The 1914 newspaper details how his life was in Taney County, Missouri in the mid to late 1800s, specifically pioneer and farming life as a young boy. It includes details on his father, who settled the family in the area, his work as a boy on the farm, the one-room schoolhouse he attended, and some stories from his adolescence. Also included is a transcribed, typed version of the newspaper story. This series is arranged in its original order.

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1	<i>White River Leader</i> newspaper, 1914
	f. 2	Journal entries, no date

f. 3 Statement of account, no date

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