



Murphy Family Papers (SP0129)

Collection Number: SP0129

Collection Title: Murphy Family Papers

Dates: 1885-1918, 2002

Creator: Murphy family

Abstract: The Murphy Family Papers contain materials related to the Murphy family of Greene County, Missouri, including genealogical research and photocopies of the family scrapbook.

Collection Size: 0.05 cubic foot
(2 folders)

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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Historical Note:

Mariah “Maria” Louisa Powell was born September 4, 1842, in South Carolina to General Joseph Powell and Mary Jane Massey. Her and her family were pioneer settlers of Springfield, Greene County, Missouri, moving there following the United States’ conflict with Native Americans. Her father, General Powell, was famous for his involvement in both the “Sarcoxic War” against the Osage and the “Sac Fox Indian campaign” in 1844 before he passed in 1847. Maria’s mother quickly passed just one year later, leaving her to be raised by relatives, including her aunt Nancy Margaret Massey. She married Dr. Pinkney Murphy, a pioneer physician of Greene County, Missouri, in 1860 and had four children: W. A. C. “Clyde” Murphy in 1860, Lula Murphy in 1863, Mary Elizabeth “Mamie” Murphy in 1865, and Perry Powell Murphy in 1872. Her husband, Dr. Murphy, passed away in 1872, and her daughter, Lula, later passed in 1890. She married Harry L. White in about 1898 before he passed in 1905. Maria passed in 1918 in Springfield, Missouri, and is buried in Hazelwood Cemetery, also located in Springfield, alongside Dr. Pinkney Murphy.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into two folders.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains materials related to the Murphy family, including genealogical research and photocopies of the family scrapbook. The genealogical research includes mapped family trees, copies of photographs of the family, and copies of correspondence believed to be written by Robert Murphy from 1917 to 1918. The collection also includes newspaper clippings related to the family and photocopies of a piece written by Mariah “Maria” Louisa Powell Murphy White titled “Home Life in Old Times.” The scrapbook includes newspaper clippings, dating from 1885 to 1916, which detail parts of the family, including marriages, deaths, funerals, and histories. It is unclear when the photocopies were made and by who. This series is arranged by subject, and the materials have been kept in original order.

Container List:

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| Box 001 | f. 1 | Genealogical research, 1917-1918, 2002 |
| | f. 2 | Scrapbook photocopies, 1885-1916 |

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| Index Terms | Folder | Image |
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| Murphy family | 1-2 | Yes |
| Murphy, Dr. Nathan Pinkney, 1831-1872 | 1 | |
| Murphy, Lula, 1863-1890 | 1 | Yes |
| Murphy, Mariah "Maria" Louisa Powell White, 1842-1918 | 1-2 | Yes |
| Murphy, Mary Elizabeth "Mamie," 1865-1952 | 1 | Yes |
| Murphy, Robert | 1 | |
| Murphy, W. A. C. "Clyde," 1860-1929 | 1 | Yes |
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