



James E. Lowry Papers (SP0149)

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Dates: 1847-1991

Creator: Lowry, James Edgar, 1898-1984

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Collection Size: 0.2 cubic foot
(10 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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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).

Custodial History: The collection was originally donated to the Ozarks Genealogical Society in Springfield, Missouri, in 1991. After the organization closed in 2024, all manuscript collections were transferred to the State Historical Society of Missouri-Springfield Research Center.

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Historical Note:

James Edgar Lowry was born June 23, 1898, in Springfield, Missouri to Pryor Bell and Laura Vergie Ryan Lowry. He relocated to Ventura County, California where he worked at Nauman Ranch in Oxnard, California before he was drafted for World War II on February 15, 1942. On March 24, 1954, he married his wife, Vanda Sundberg, and became a farmhand at Fren Frock Co. in Oxnard. He later retired from the same company and passed on June 1, 1984, in Ventura County. James Edgar Lowry is buried in Ivy Lawn Memorial Park in Ventura County, California.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into 1 series and 2 subseries:

Genealogical Research

Lowry

Ryan

Scope and Content Note:

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Container List:

Genealogical Research

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