Edward M. Shepard Papers
(SP0172)

Collection Number: SP0172

Collection Title: Edward M. Shepard Papers

Dates: 1901-1905, 2002

Creator: Shepard, Dr. Edward Martin, 1854-1934

Abstract: The Edward M. Shepard Papers contains the personal papers of Dr. Edward M. Shepard, including his workmen's passes for different local attractions, his member's certificate for the St. Francis River Improvement Association, and his research on Springfield history. The papers date from 1901 to 1905 and 2002, and feature different parts of the Ozarks region.

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic foot
(2 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. 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:

Dr. Edward Martin Shepard was born May 15, 1854, in West Winsted, Connecticut to Samuel and Mary Isabella Dennis Shepard. In 1860, his family moved to Norfolk, Connecticut, where his father entered into the mercantile business. On June 28, 1881, he married Harriette Elma Ohlen in Madison, New Jersey, and they had two children born of the union: Isabel Violet Shepard in 1888 and Edward Martin Shepard, Jr., in 1889. By the early 1900s, he and his family had relocated to Greene County, Missouri, where he worked as a teacher and received passes for him and his family to attend local attractions. He was also a member of the Missouri Bureau of Mines and Geology since its founding in 1893 and was a prominent scientist, historian, and professor within the Springfield area. He worked specifically as a petroleum and mining geologist while also completing local histories and research. Dr. Edward Martin Shepard passed on April 28, 1934, and is buried in Maple Park Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into 2 folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The Edward M. Shepard Papers contains the personal papers of Dr. Edward M. Shepard, including his workmen's passes for different local attractions, his member's certificate for the St. Francis River Improvement Association, and his research on Springfield history. The papers date from 1901 to 1905 and 2002 and feature different parts of the Ozarks region. The workmen's weekly passes, provided under his employer the Missouri Commission, include admission to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, Missouri, also known as the St. Louis 1904 World's Fair. The passes allowed for admission to the Mines and Metallurgy Building specifically. Other passes include entry to Doling Park in Springfield. The collection also contains his member's certificate for the St. Francis River Improvement Association which certified that he was a member in good standing through 1905.

The collection contains references to Edward Shepard's research on Springfield history, including the Shepard family, Native American tribes in the Springfield region, and the St. Louis-San Francisco "Frisco" Railroad. Accompanying the research documents is a letter dated 2002 from Betty Ammerman explaining that the references to Edward's research were likely either written by his daughter, Isabel Violet Shepard, or his wife, Harriette Shepard. The research specifically mentions the first Native American tribes inhabiting the Missouri region, including the Osage and Shawnee tribes, as well as George Catlin, the well-known artist and painter of

Native Americans. It also mentions the general customs of the tribes, such as their dress, habits, and overall looks. The collection has been arranged by subject and then in chronological order.

Container List:

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	f. 2	Springfield history, 2002, no date

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