



Counts Family Papers (CG0002)

Collection Number: CG0002

Collection Title: Counts Family Papers

Dates: 1797-1926, 1954

Creator: Counts, Eugene Alva, 1930-

Abstract: The Counts Family Papers contain Bible records, tintypes, correspondence, and a family history book of the family that lived in Sainte Genevieve County, Missouri.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic feet
(6 folders, 1 oversize)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Cape Girardeau](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at capegirardeau@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The Counts Family Papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Eugene A. Counts on September 17, 2018 (Accession No. CGA0008).

Related Materials: Beaty, Hilde W. *The Counts Family of Missouri*. Detroit, MI. 1983.

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Historical Note:

Aaron and Rutha Hammer Counts moved from Tennessee to Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri, in the 1830s-1840s. The Counts had 10 children. Their son, George M. Counts was born in 1835.

A farmer, by profession, he married Molly Orleans Clay on July 21, 1855. The couple had three sons: Joel H., Julian W., and Charles. Julian was born in 1870 and earned his diploma from the St. Louis Watchmaking School in 1891. He passed away in 1896 and is buried in Mayberry Cemetery in Avon, Missouri.

Gilbert Edward Counts was educated in Esther, Missouri, before traveling to Spokane University in Oregon, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1918. He went on to earn a Master's degree from the State Agricultural School of Colorado in 1923. He then pursued preaching and obtained his license as a minister Disciples of Christ and Church of Christ in 1926. Counts died on November 15, 1965, in DeLand, Florida. He is buried in Dutch Tract Cemetery in North Pleasureville, Kentucky.

Arrangement: This collection has been arranged into one series. The collection has been kept in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The Counts Family Papers include correspondence, tintypes, Bible records, and diplomas of Julian W. Counts, Gilbert Edward Counts, and other Counts family members from 1797-1954. Of interest are the tintypes of Julian W. Counts, George W. Beard, Ellen Murray, and other unidentified individuals.

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1	Counts' family tintypes, 1884-1893, no date
	f. 2	Julian W. Counts correspondence, 1891-1892
	f. 3	Letters to Gilbert Edward Counts, 1913, 1954
	f. 4	Assorted letters written or received by Counts' family members, 1878, 1888, no date
	f. 5	Counts family Bible records and Bethel Baptist Association minutes, 1797-1905
	f. 6	Oversize folder with diplomas (Gilbert and Julian) and minister licenses (Gilbert), 1891-1926

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