



Regenhardt Family Papers (CG0036)

Collection Number: CG0036

Collection Title: Regenhardt Family Papers

Dates: 1809-1980

Creator: Lewis family

Abstract: The Regenhardt Family Papers include Civil War muster rolls of the 56th Enrolled Missouri Militia, McNeely family Bible records, Regenhardt Construction Company papers related to the building of Academic Hall on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University, and postcards of Academic Hall.

Collection Size: 1.2 cubic feet
(11 folders, 2 oversized volumes)

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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Historical Note:

Christian Wilhelm (William) Regenhardt was born on February 20, 1828, in Germany. He immigrated to the United States on the *Bremer Bark Edmund* to New Orleans on March 20, 1848, and settled in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Prior to the outbreak of the Civil War, Regenhardt worked as a stonemason. When war broke out, he immediately enlisted in Company C of the Missouri Home Guard on June 27, 1861, with the rank of corporal. He served for three months before being discharged. He later served as captain of Company B, 56th Enrolled Missouri Militia for a month in 1862 and 1863 before being discharged a month later both times. He later served as captain of Company B, 39th Missouri Home Guard in 1867.

After the war, he operated a quarry on the banks of the Mississippi River where Thebes sandstone is prevalent. His son, Edward, was president of Regenhardt and Maule when they won the bid to construct Academic Hall on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University for \$174,840. Construction began in September 1903 and the grand opening was held on January 24, 1906.

Regenhardt was married twice. He first married Johanna Mohnkopf on September 1, 1853, in Cape Girardeau. She died in 1876. The couple had ten children: William, August, Anna, Mina, Emil, Ernest, Frederick, Henry, Edward F., and Johanna. His second marriage was to Louise Mear on April 20, 1879.

William Regenhardt died on April 7, 1903. He is buried in New Lorimer Cemetery in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged in eleven folders.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains William Regenhardt's Civil War muster rolls for Company B, 56th Enrolled Missouri Militia and Company B, 39th Missouri Home Guard and his commission in 1867. The collection also includes correspondence (including Louis Houck and Representative Wilson Cramer), contracts, and financial information relating to the construction of Academic Hall on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University. The firm Regenhardt and Maule won the construction bid. Additionally, there are postcards of Academic Hall, Science Hall (now Carnahan Hall), fairgrounds, and President Howard Taft's visit to Cape Girardeau on October 26, 1909. Along with the Taft postcard is a Presidential flotilla program that includes names of the ships and dignitaries aboard the vessels. The collection also includes newspaper clippings, immigration papers, a eulogy to William Regenhardt in 1903, and deeds for members of the Regenhardt and Lewis families.

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