



Weiss Family Papers (CG0048)

Collection Number: CG0048

Collection Title: Weiss Family Papers

Dates: 1906-1919

Creator: Weiss Family

Abstract: The Weiss Family Papers contains ten postcards of the 1906 Cape Girardeau, Missouri, centennial and fourteen postcards of correspondence between Clara Weiss Masters and Wilson Masters from 1909 to 1919.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic feet
(2 folders)

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:

Wilson Harry Masters was born on February 16, 1892, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, a son of David C. Masters and Mathilda Meyer. He earned his A.B. degree from Southeast Missouri State

College (now Southeast Missouri State University) and later earned his Master's degree at the University of Chicago. When World War I broke out, Masters enlisted on November 13, 1917, and served aboard Hospital Evacuation No. 7 from December 11, 1917 to April 1919, when his unit was returned to the United States on the ship *Pretonia* in April 1919.

After the war, he married Clara Ester Erley on December 24, 1921, in Cape Girardeau. The newly weds resided in Cape Girardeau for several years, with Wilson taught mathematics (and possibly social studies) at Central High School in Cape Girardeau for several years. Masters moved his young family, which included a son, William and daughter, Agnes, to Gary, Indiana by 1930. There he taught at Horace Mann High School from 1928 to 1941, later he transferred and taught social studies at Lew Wallace High School the remainder of his life. The Wilson and his wife Clara lived in Gary, Indiana for the remainder of their life. Wilson died of leukemia on March 11, 1959.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into a single folder.

Scope and Content Note:

The Weiss Family Papers includes postcards from the Cape Girardeau centennial celebration in October 1906 and between members of the Weiss and Masters family. The correspondents are Lulu Masters Weiss, Charles W. Weiss, The images on the correspondence postcards includes depictions of buildings in Cape Girardeau (railway depot, steamer *Cape Girardeau*, Broadway Street, Excelsior Company Music Store and Mississippi River), Jackson (skyline, county courthouse), Festus (Main Street residence and various buildings), Blodgett (public school building), and Farmington (St. Francois Hotel) from 1909-1919.

Container List:

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	f. 2	Weiss and Masters family and friends' postcard correspondence, 1909-1912, 1917-1919

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