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Edward M. Stayton was educated in rural grade and high schools of Independence, Missouri, and at the University of Missouri where he specialized in civil engineering and military science and tactics. He was engaged in the location and construction of railways and after World War I became consulting engineer for Clay County, Missouri, and several adjacent counties. He has had a long active career in military affairs and retired as a Major General in 1938. He was commander of the American Legion of Missouri in 1926-1927.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

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Scope and Content Note:

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