



James Franklin Davidson Papers (C0089)

Collection Number: C0089

Collection Title: James Franklin Davidson Papers

Dates: 1868-1917

Creator: Davidson, James Franklin, 1839-1922

Abstract: The diaries and miscellaneous papers of a lawyer and farmer who lived in Chicago, Illinois, and Hannibal, Missouri.

Collection Size: 0.4 cubic feet
(17 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

James Franklin Davidson was born in Illinois on August 2, 1839, to Caleb and Martha Davidson. He married Mary Helm and they lived in Hannibal, Missouri. Their children were John and Mary Aileen. Davidson was a farmer, in addition to being a Missouri Republican legislator for Marion County from 1890-1894 and in 1902. He died on February 6, 1922.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Diaries
Miscellaneous

Scope and Content Note:

The Davidson Papers are divided into two series: **Diaries** and **Miscellaneous**. The diaries consist of fifteen volumes written by Davidson from 1869 to 1917. The volumes contain day by day accounts of the life of James Davidson and his family while living in Chicago, Illinois, and Hannibal, Missouri, with references to court cases, politics, local and national events, recreation, and weather. Researchers should note the gaps in the volumes from 1870 to 1872, 1875 to 1876, and 1879 to 1903.

The **Miscellaneous** series includes correspondence, train schedules, and receipts. The correspondence consists of copies of letters written by Davidson to William Jennings Bryan and Senator James A. Reed.

Container List:

- f. 1-15 Diaries, 1869-1917
- f. 16 Correspondence, 1868-1913
- f. 17 Miscellaneous

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