



Glenn Family Papers (C0107)

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Abstract: The personal and business papers of John H. Glenn and his sons Addison N. Glenn and Robert C. Glenn include account books of the Mound City, Missouri, general merchandise, furniture, and drug stores run by John and Robert Glenn and the farm implement store managed by Addison Glenn for the McKeelson & Rinker Company in Falls City, Nebraska. The collection also includes correspondence between family members, wedding invitations, the Glenn's' lending library circulation records, and a minute book for the Mound City G.A.R. post.

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Historical Note:

John H. Glenn was born in Gallia County, Ohio, on May 23, 1818. He married Jane Dupre and in 1860 they moved their family to Holt County, Missouri, where he opened Glenn Mercantile. He was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives as a republican in 1868 and served for two years. He died in 1900.

One of his sons, George P., became an educator and moved to Jacksonville, Florida. Another son, Addison N., was born in 1839 and moved to Falls City, Nebraska, after the Civil War. There he managed a farm implement store for McKeelson & Rinker Company of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

A third son, Robert C., went into business with his father. He eventually took over the enterprise and expanded it to include a furniture store, clothing store, and drug store. He married Belle Mitchell in 1877. Belle's sister Elizabeth married John Ulysses Crosen, an educator in northern Missouri. The papers contain correspondence between the two families.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following three series:

Business Records
Civic Affairs
Personal Papers

Scope and Content Note:**Business Records**

This series contains account books, legal records, tax records, correspondence, advertising, and invoices which describe the Glenn's' dealings with wholesalers, manufacturers, and bankers throughout the Midwest and the East Coast. However, the bulk of their business was done in St. Joseph, Missouri. The series consists of many volumes, including, two ledgers containing library circulation records and numerous daybooks, account ledgers, and sales journals detailing the Glenn's' daily business operations. Another volume contains invoices pasted over the leaves of an 1853 geography textbook. The records are arranged by type of material.

Civic Affairs

The Civic Affairs series contains records of the Glenn's' donations of money and materials for the new Presbyterian Church in Mound City and records concerning Addison Glenn's' association with the Mound City Grand Army of the Republic post and Robert Glenn's' affiliation with the Odd Fellows lodge. These records are arranged by topic.

Personal Papers

This series contains correspondence, invitations and announcements, a diary, two photographs, and miscellaneous items belonging to various members of the Glenn family. Most of the records

in this series consist of correspondence written from 1871 through 1930 between Belle Glenn and her sister Elizabeth's family and between Robert Glenn and his brother George. This series also includes a diary written by Bella Mitchell in the year prior to her marriage to Robert Glenn. There are numerous invitations and announcements, which would be interesting to those examining the rituals involved in wedding and graduation ceremonies during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. This series is arranged by type of material.

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