



Opie Read Papers (C0395)

Collection Number: C0395

Collection Title: Opie Read Papers

Dates: n.d.

Creator: Read, Opie, 1852-1939

Abstract: Two manuscripts, a contract, and a newspaper obituary of Opie Read, humorist and novelist. One manuscript is a four act play, “Young Abraham,” based on the romance of Abraham Lincoln and Ann Rutledge. The other manuscript is a short story. Both were written by Read.

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic feet
(5 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

Opie Read was born on December 22, 1852, in Nashville, Tennessee, the youngest of ten children of Guilford and Elizabeth Wallace Read. In 1881 he married Ada Benham and they had three sons and three daughters. He was the founder of *The Arkansas Traveler*, a humorous paper and author of fifty-two books. He was known for his humor and storytelling, particularly about his boyhood days growing up on his father's plantation. Read died on November 2, 1939.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

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Scope and Content Note:

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